

Friday 23rd January 2026

# Churchtown Chatter

Newsletter 18



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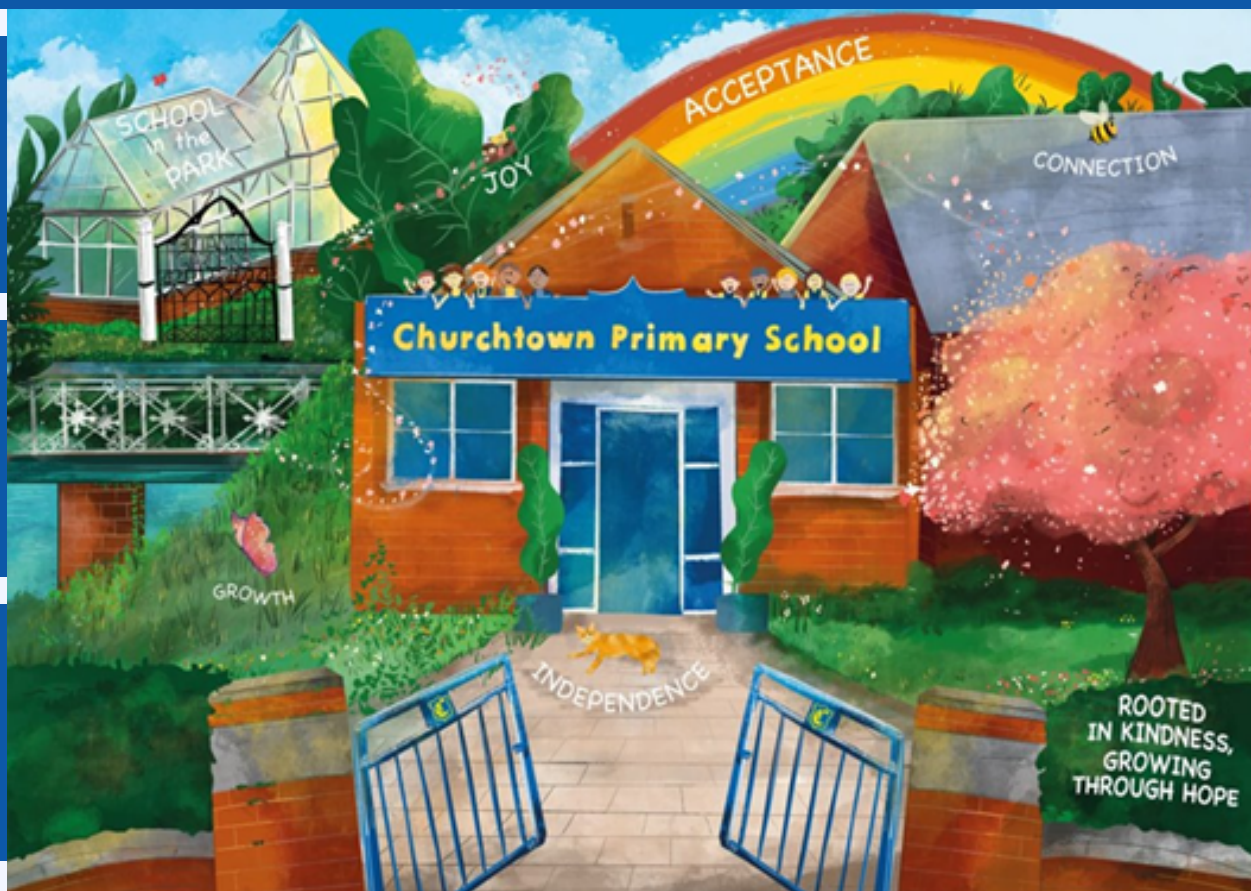
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## A message from the Headteacher:

It was lovely to welcome so many parents and carers to our recent KS2 SATs information meeting. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend; we hope you found the session helpful and reassuring as we approach this important time for the children. For those who were unable to join us, please do see the information below in the newsletter, including details about the SATs revision book bundle that is available.

Looking ahead, we are pleased to share that our Nursery open day is coming up soon. This is a great opportunity for families to see our Nursery in action and find out more about what we offer. If you know someone who may be interested, please encourage them to book on to secure a place.

We are also delighted that our baby and toddler group will be reopening on Monday 26th. This group has always been an important part of our wider school community, and we look forward to welcoming families back.

Please also keep an eye out around school for posters advertising some exciting PTA events coming up this Spring. Thank you for your continued support.

**Have a great weekend, from Mrs Payne**

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Primary School

# Attendance



*This week's attendance champions are:*

## **Aspen!**

*for having 99% attendance!*



*The year group with the highest attendance this week is:*

## **Year 4**

*Well done everybody!*



## ☀ Baby & Toddler Group is Back! ☀

We're delighted to announce that our Baby and Toddler Group returns on Monday 26th January.

🕒 Time: From 8:45am

📍 Sign-in: Via the main office (no need to book)

💷 Cost: £1 contribution

The group is open to all Churchtown families and families from the local community – everyone is very welcome!

We look forward to seeing you there.



# Nursery Tours- Come & Explore!



It's the nursery tour you've been waiting for!  
**Churchtown Nursery Open Morning- Come and Explore!**  
We're delighted to invite prospective parents and little ones to our Nursery Open Morning – the perfect chance to see our setting come to life!

Visit our Snowdrops Room for 2-year-olds

Explore our Buttercups Room for 3-4-year-olds

Tour our dedicated Early Years building in real time

Meet our wonderful team and current pupils

Discover our excellent outdoor facilities



Date: Wednesday 4th March



Time: 9:30am – 10:30am

We'd love to welcome you, answer your questions, and help you see if our nursery is the right fit for your child



Book your place via the links below:

[4th March](#)





# Smarties/Jelly Tots Challenge



Our PTA would like to give you a you a yummy treat,  
so we're sending home these colourful sweets to eat!

Keep the tub, don't throw it away,  
do tasks and good deeds to earn your pay.  
So come on Churchtown, answer our call,  
so we can raise money for the good of our school!

## 1<sup>st</sup> Prize

VIP Splash World  
Pass  
(for a family of 5)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize

£20 voucher  
for RS Fine  
Chocolate

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

£15 voucher  
for Vue  
Cinema

### **Parents/Guardians:**

Each child from reception to year 6 will receive a tube of Smarties and children in Nursery will receive a tub of Jelly Tots. Then over the February half term, the children should be encouraged to complete activities to earn 20p pieces or mixed coins to fill up their tubes/tubs! And when the tube is brought back to school, they'll be entered into a raffle to earn a prize!

Tubes/tubs will be sent home on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Tubes/tubs must be returned to class no later that Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February





# Year 6 KS2 SATs: parent/guardian meeting.

Thank you to those who were able to attend the KS2 SATs meeting on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>.

We understand that, due to a range of commitments, some families may not have been able to attend.

As such, the PowerPoint and parent/guardian information booklet have been shared via Arbor & also uploaded to the Year 6 page on our school's website (link below).

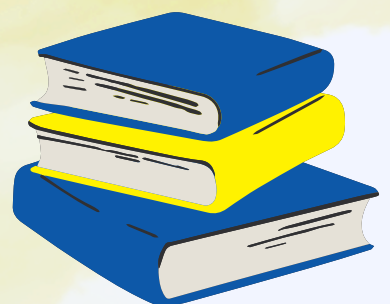
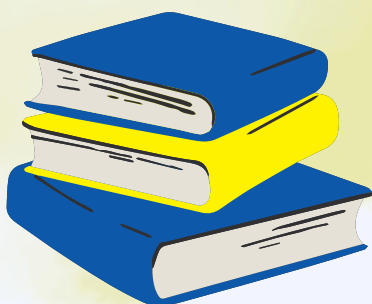
<https://www.churchtown.org.uk/year-groups/year-6>

A number of families have enquired about the best resources available to support children at home in preparation for the assessments. As a reminder, our school has the opportunity to order a discounted book bundle that may be of great benefit to our Year 6 students.

The four-book bundle includes the CGP KS2 SATs English Revision Guide and Question Book, as well as the CGP KS2 SATs Maths Revision Guide and Question Book. These resources are well-regarded and provide comprehensive support in preparation for the end of KS2 assessments.

The total cost for the book bundle is £11.80 which is a significant saving compared to the recommended retail price of £27. Should you wish to take advantage of this offer, please ensure that payment is made via Arbor by Friday 30th January.

If there are any questions or further support is needed, please do not hesitate to contact the school office ([office@churchtown.org.uk](mailto:office@churchtown.org.uk) or tel 01704 508 500).





# **Traffic & Pick-Up Safety- Important Reminder**



**To help keep all of our pupils, families, and neighbours safe during drop-off and pick-up times, we kindly ask everyone to keep the following in mind:**

- **Walk where possible, even parking a little further away and walking helps reduce congestion around the school.**
- **Drivers must slow down on Sunny Road and St Cuthbert's Road. These are shared spaces with many children present.**
- **Be constantly alert for children and families crossing the road. Children may step out unexpectedly.**
- **Stopping or parking in unsafe or restricted areas is not acceptable, including blocking driveways or stopping where visibility is limited.**
- **Follow all road rules and signage at all times.**

**Failure to take care places children and families at risk. We ask all members of our school community to take responsibility and act with caution and respect.**

**Thank you for your cooperation and for helping make our school community a safer place for everyone.**

# **Eco Post: RSPB Birdwatch** **23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

On Monday 23rd January, during assembly, the children will be hearing all about the Big Garden Birdwatch. Every year, the RSPB ask the public to take part in the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Last year across the UK, over 590,000 people took part in Big Garden Birdwatch 2025, counting a whopping 9.1 million birds. With birds facing so many challenges, it's more important than ever to get involved in the Birdwatch. Every bird you do – or don't – count will give them a valuable insight into how garden birds are faring.

If you are interested in taking part, then please sign up to <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>

Mrs Stalker and Miss Cornish would love to hear about your findings! Please let us know by either telling us, or emailing the office with photographs & pictures etc.

Also, we will be taking part in the BIG SCHOOL Birdwatch (more information to follow).

**BIG**  
**Garden**  
**Birdwatch**






# FREE BIKE MARKING EVENT

With Merseyside Police

Protect your bike. Deter theft. Ride with peace of mind.

 Hesketh Park, Southport

 Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026

 09:00 – 11:00



## Why get your bike marked?

- ✓ Helps deter bike theft
- ✓ Makes stolen bikes easier to trace and return
- ✓ Quick, easy, and completely **FREE**



All ages welcome!

Just bring your bike along!

No booking required — Simply turn up and say hello to the team!

Let's keep Southport cycling safe!



Book NOW  
Via Arbor!



## Butterflies Spring Holiday Club

16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

7:30am~5:30pm

£30 per session ~ includes healthy snack, planned & free play activities including role play, arts & crafts, cookery, games, outdoor play ~ and much more!

Please provide a packed lunch

Please note: Butterflies Holiday Club will only operate if bookings exceed the minimum required number

Book NOW  
Via Arbor!



## Butterflies Easter Holiday Club

30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> March & 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026

7:30am~5:30pm

£30 per session ~ includes healthy snack, planned & free play activities including role play, arts & crafts, cookery, games, outdoor play ~ and much more!

Please provide a packed lunch

Please note: Butterflies Holiday Club will only operate if bookings exceed the minimum required number





# Mad Dogs & Crazy Pups!



A fantastic group of children and adults from the community will be taking part in the Mad Dog 10K and Crazy Pups Run in Southport on the 8<sup>th</sup> February, all in support of Alice's WonderDance.

The Crazy Pups will lead the way by running the 1K children's race, and there's already have a brilliant group of young runners signed up and ready to go, they are pictured below. They'll be followed by an amazing team of around 60 adults taking on the Mad Dog 10K.



Our Crazy Pups Team!

How You Can Help  
Any donations to support the runners  
and raise money for Alice's  
WonderDance would be hugely  
appreciated.  
Donate here:  
[www.justgiving.com/page/sarah-grahamlang-3](http://www.justgiving.com/page/sarah-grahamlang-3)

## Want to Get Involved?

If any children or adults would like to join the Mad Dog or Crazy Pups there's still time. [Sign up here!](#)

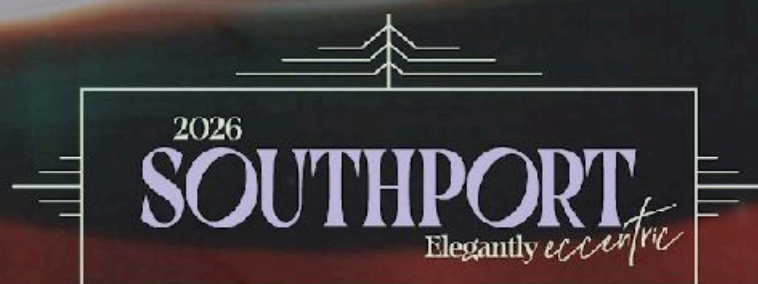
Please email Sarah Lang (parent) at **[sarah80graham@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sarah80graham@hotmail.co.uk)** to join the team raising money for Alice's Wonderdance.

Thank you for your support, encouragement and generosity as our runners take on this challenge for such an incredible charity.



AN IMMERSIVE LIGHT AND SOUND EXPERIENCE  
THAT WILL WRAP YOU IN A RAINBOW

# LIGHT PORT



14 - 16 FEBRUARY | 17.00 - 21.00 | FREE  
LORD STREET, SOUTHPORT  
[WWW.SOUTHPORT26.COM](http://WWW.SOUTHPORT26.COM)



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# Dates for your Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Tuesday 27th January 2026	Year 1- Imagine That! Educational Visit
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Year 3 Personal Best Festival
2 <sup>nd</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	National Storytelling Week
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2026	Sean Perkins Author Visit (part of National Storytelling week)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Safer Internet Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Love My Community Day (mufti day, £1 voluntary donation)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Half Term Week
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Parent's Evening
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Year 3&4 Gymnastics Competition
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026	Year 2 EFC Football
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026	Year 4 (Birch & Pine) Educational Visit to Liverpool World Museum
Wednesday 4th March 2026	World Book Day
Thursday 5th March 2026	Year 4 (Willow) Educational Visit to Liverpool World Museum
Friday 6th March 2026	Y5&6 Sports Hall Athletics

Any text in red is a new addition to the calendar

# Dates for your Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
9 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	National Science Week
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Year 3 (Elm) Educational Visit to Martin Mere Wetland Settlers
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Year 3 (Fir) Educational Visit to Martin Mere Wetland Settlers
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Reception Educational Visit to Windmill Farm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026	Year 3 (Oak) Educational Visit to Martin Mere Wetland Settlers
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026	Year 5 'The Past Presents' Greek Day (In School)
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Swimming Gala
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Year 5 'The Past Presents' Greek Day (In School)
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026	Year 1 EFC Football
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	School closes at 1:30pm for the Easter Holidays!
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Back to school, rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Buttercups Nursery Educational Visit to Martin Mere
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Photographs
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Half Term Week

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# Dates for your Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Friday 17th July 2026	End of Term- School closes at 1:30pm for Summer Holidays
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	INSET Day

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### Butterflies Holiday Club

Age: Nursery (Buttercups) – Y6

Time: 7.30-5.30 Location: Dining Hall

Entrance/Exit: Butterflies Door  
(previous F4K/BC entrance/exit)

Price: **£30.00**

Food: Snack provided school  
Packed lunch to be provided

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February 2025 – Half-Term Holiday

Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April 2026 – Easter Holiday

CLOSED – Friday 3rd & Monday 6th April 2026 (Good Friday and  
Easter Monday Bank Holidays)

CLOSED – Monday 4th May 2026 (Early May Bank Holiday)

CLOSED – Monday 25th May 2026 (Spring Bank Holiday)

Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th May 2026 – Half-Term Holiday

Monday 20th July 2026 – INSET Day

Tuesday 21st July to Friday 28th August 2026 – Summer Holidays

CLOSED – Monday 31st August 2026 (Summer Bank Holiday)

## Nursery Snowdrops (open 51 weeks of the year)- closure dates 2026



CLOSED – Friday 3rd & Monday 6th April 2026 (Good  
Friday and  
Easter Monday Bank Holidays)

CLOSED – Monday 4th May 2026 (Early May Bank  
Holiday)

CLOSED – Monday 25th May 2026 (Spring Bank  
Holiday)

CLOSED – Monday 31st August 2026 (Summer Bank  
Holiday)

# 2026/27 Term Dates

<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2026</b>	<b>Back to school, rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!</b>
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup>- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2026</b>	<b>Half Term Week</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2026</b>	<b>Back to school, rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!</b>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2026</b>	<b>End of Term- School closes at 1:30pm for Christmas Holidays</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2027</b>	<b>Back to school, rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!</b>
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup>- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2027</b>	<b>Half Term Week</b>
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>End of Term for Easter Holidays</b>
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2027</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2027</b>	<b>Back to school, rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!</b>
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2027</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2027</b>	<b>Half Term Week</b>
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2027</b>	<b>End of Term- School closes at 1:30pm for Summer Holidays</b>
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2027</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>