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Newsletter 19



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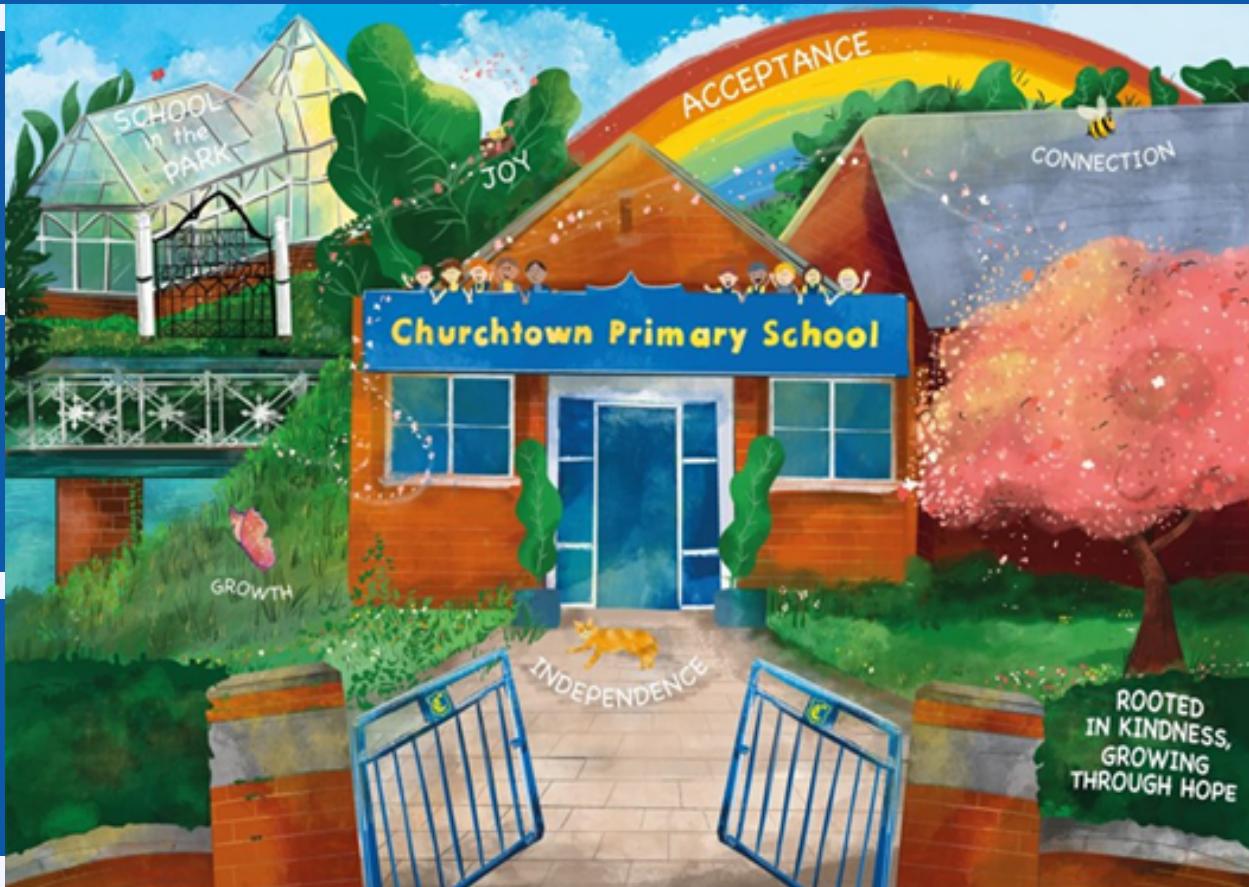


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A message from the Headteacher:

Bookings for our Butterflies Holiday Club for the upcoming half-term and Easter holidays are now open on Arbor. Each child received a flyer about it in their book bags this week, please do sign up if you are interested. We are delighted to be able to offer a fun, engaging programme to keep the children entertained during the holidays. Please note that we can only open the Holiday Club if minimum numbers are met, so early bookings are greatly appreciated.

Next week, we are very much looking forward to National Storytelling Week. We will be celebrating our love of stories with a special visit from author and illustrator Sean Perkins, who will be delivering storytelling sessions across the school. This promises to be an inspiring experience for our children and a wonderful way to spark their creativity and imagination.

Our Year 1 pupils also enjoyed a fantastic trip to 'Imagine That!' this week, the children's behaviour was exemplary throughout the visit. They represented our school beautifully and had lots of fun (see some pictures below).

Have a great weekend, from Mrs Payne

Attendance



This week's attendance champions are:

Fir

for improved attendance!



The year group with the highest attendance this week is:

Year 4



Well done everybody!

Would your child like to play the clarinet?

An exciting opportunity has arisen for two children from Years 4-6 to begin to learn to play the clarinet. They will be taught by an expert tutor from Sefton Music Service in school time. For more details please contact the school office



Nursery Tour- Come & Explore!

Now only
4
spaces
remaining!



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](#)

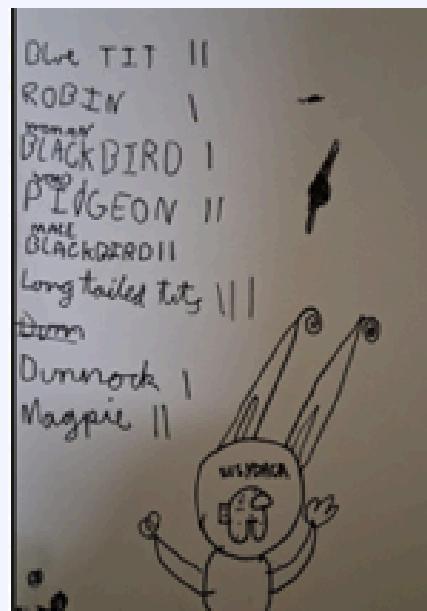


Imagine That!

Year 1 had a fantastic day at 'Imagine That!' exploring, playing and learning through hands-on activities. There were lots of smiles, teamwork and curious questions throughout the day, a wonderful trip enjoyed by all!



BIG Garden Birdwatch



A big well done to all the children who took part in the RSPB Big Bird Watch, 23rd – 25th January 2026.

We really enjoyed seeing how well you got on!

Don't forget about the RSPB Big School Bird Watch on Thursday 12th February 2026! See the next page for more information.



Big School Birdwatch



We would like to invite you and your child to take part in the Big Schools Bird Watch on Thursday 12th February 2026.

We will meet outside the front of the Botanic Garden's aviary at 3.40pm. The activity will last for approximately one hour. During this time, you and your child will be provided with a recording sheet and will observe and tally the number of each bird species visiting our local park. The results will then be submitted to the RSPB.

Every year, hundreds of thousands of people take part, helping to build a valuable picture of how garden birds are doing across the UK. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to engage with nature and contribute to an important national project.

As you will be attending with your child, you will be responsible for them throughout the activity. Please ensure that you bring any medication your child may need. A first aid kit will be available during the event. Toilets are also available in the park (20p).

We hope you are able to join us and support your child in this exciting learning experience.

If you wish to take part, please can you complete the interest Google form.
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YEAR 6 LEAVERS HOODIES



Front/top left logo on hoodie
(2026)



EXAMPLE

Once again, we will be providing 2026 leavers' hoodies for our Year 6 children. Samples will be available in school for pupils to try on, allowing them to choose their preferred colour and size.

Orders will be placed before Easter so that the children have the opportunity to wear their hoodies as part of their school uniform after the May half-term.

We would like all Year 6 children to have the opportunity to purchase and wear their leavers' hoodies both in and out of school. Following the positive feedback received last year regarding the quality and design, these hoodies make a lovely keepsake to remember their time in primary school.

Further communication & pricing information will be shared shortly

Available Colours:





Do you have a book toy that's ready for its next chapter?

In our school library, we're creating story baskets, each one with a favourite book and the matching toy, so children can bring stories to life through play.

Paddington, the Gruffalo, the Tiger Who Came to Tea, and many other story friends are all welcome!

If you have any story book toys that are gently used and ready for a new chapter, we'd love to give them a happy home in our library, where they'll be read with, played with, and loved again.

Please drop any toy donations to our school office.



Love My Community-Mufti Day

As part of the Southport Learning Partnership, we are proud to be taking part in our annual Love My Community day in 2026. This will take place on the last day before the February half term (Friday 13th February).

Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform (mufti) and bring a voluntary £1 donation. All money raised will go to a local charity chosen collectively by our Southport school's community.

Thank you to everyone who nominated charities this year.

The chosen charities for Love My Community 2026 are charities that are very dear to our hearts:

Alice's WonderDance
Elsie's Story
Bebe's Hive

We look forward to coming together to support these wonderful local causes and celebrate the importance of giving back to our community.



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!

1st Prize

VIP Splash World
Pass
(for a family of 5)

2nd Prize

£20 voucher
for RS Fine
Chocolate

3rd 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 13th February

Tubes/tubs must be returned to class no later than Friday 27th February



Book NOW
Via Arbor!



Butterflies Spring Holiday Club

16th, 17th, 18th, 19th & 20th 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

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Butterflies Easter Holiday Club

30th & 31st March & 1st, 2nd, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th 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 8th 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

Want to Get Involved?

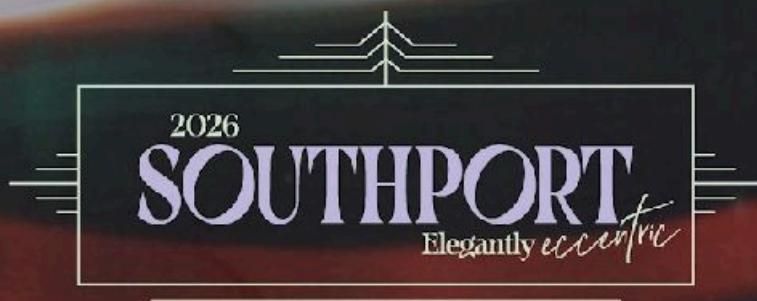
If any children or adults would like to join the Mad Dog or Crazy Pups there's still time. [Sign up here!](#)

Please email Sarah Lang (parent) at sarah80graham@hotmail.co.uk 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.

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Dates for your Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
2 nd - 6 th February 2026	National Storytelling Week
Monday 2 nd February 2026	Sean Perkins Author Visit (part of National Storytelling week)
Tuesday 10 th February 2026	Safer Internet Day 'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'
Wednesday 11 th February 2026	Meols Cop Dance Festival
Thursday 12 th February 2026	Meols Cop Dance Festival
Thursday 12 th February 2026	Big School Birdwatch (meet outside the front of the Botanic Garden's aviary at 3.40pm)
Thursday 12 th February 2026	Year 5 Alder- STEM Day at Stanley High School
Thursday 12 th February 2026	Flourish visit to Shrek the Musical at Greenbank
Friday 13 th February 2026	Love My Community Day (mufti day, £1 voluntary donation t)
Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th February 2026	Half Term Week
Wednesday 25 th February 2026	Parent's Evening (School closes at 2pm)
Thursday 26 th February 2026	Year 3&4 Gymnastics Competition
Tuesday 3 rd March 2026	Year 2 EFC Football
Tuesday 3 rd March 2026	Year 4 (Birch & Pine) Educational Visit to Liverpool World Museum
Thursday 5 th March 2026	World Book Day (Date correction)

Dates for your Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Thursday 5th March 2026	Year 4 (Willow) Educational Visit to Liverpool World Museum
Friday 6th March 2026	Y5&6 Sports Hall Athletics
9th- 13th March 2026	National Science Week
Monday 16th March 2026	Year 3 (Elm) Educational Visit to Martin Mere Wetland Settlers
Tuesday 17th March 2026	Year 3 (Fir) Educational Visit to Martin Mere Wetland Settlers
Wednesday 18 th March 2026	Reception Educational Visit to Windmill Farm
Monday 23 rd March 2026	Year 3 (Oak) Educational Visit to Martin Mere Wetland Settlers
Monday 23 rd March 2026	Year 5 'The Past Presents' Greek Day (In School)
Wednesday 25th March 2026	Swimming Gala
Tuesday 24 th March 2026	Year 5 'The Past Presents' Greek Day (In School)
Monday 23 rd March 2026	Year 1 EFC Football
Friday 27 th March 2026	School closes at 1:30pm for the Easter Holidays!
Monday 13 th April 2026	Back to school, rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Thursday 7 th May 2026	Buttercups Nursery Educational Visit to Martin Mere
Friday 8 th May	Class Photographs

Any text in red is a new addition to the calendar

Dates for your Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 25th- Friday 29th May 2026	Half Term Week
Friday 17th July 2026	End of Term- School closes at 1:30pm for Summer Holidays
Monday 20th 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

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