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Newsletter 20



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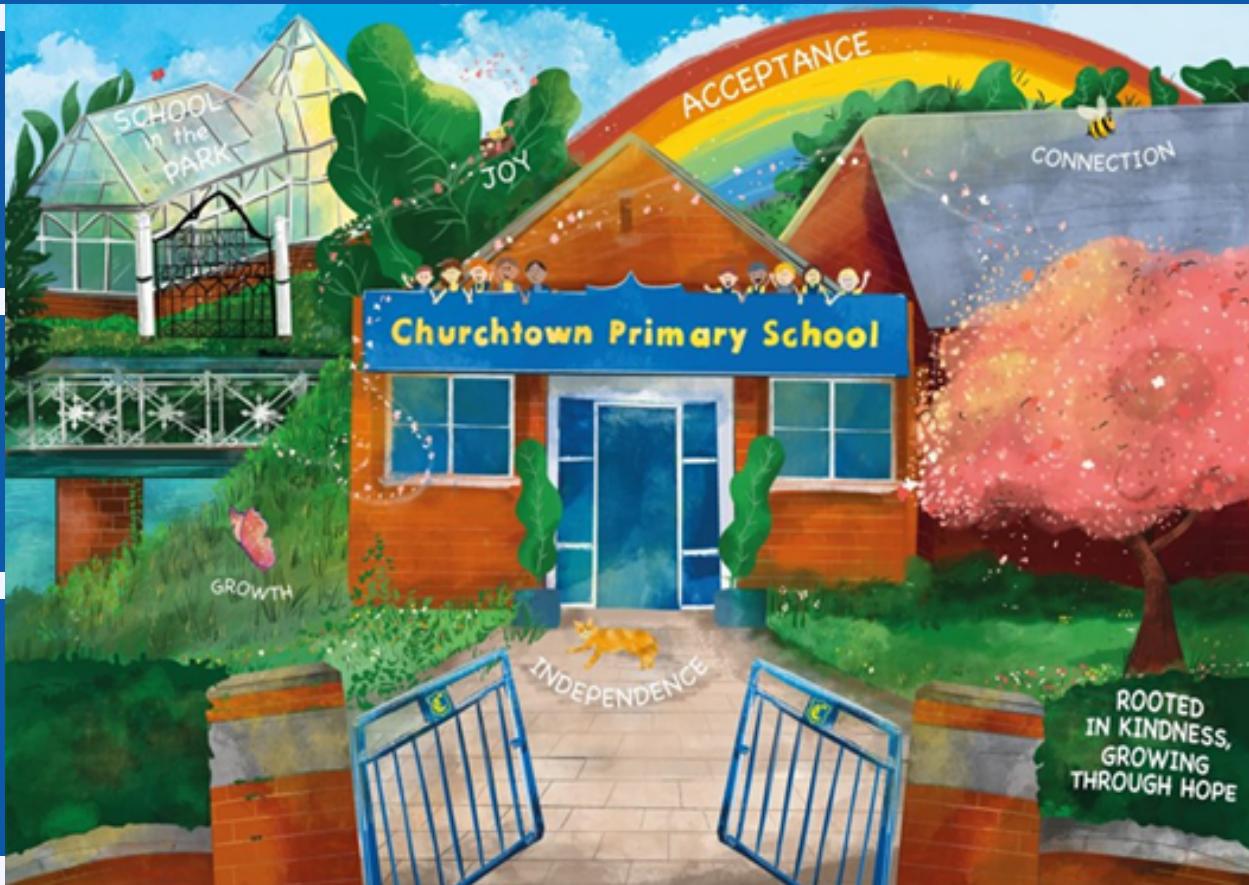


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A message from the Headteacher:

We have had a wonderful week in school celebrating National Storytelling Week. The children thoroughly enjoyed our visit from author and illustrator Sean Perkins, whose storytelling sessions were truly inspiring. It was fantastic to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic, and the sessions really brought stories to life across the school.

A reminder that Parents' Evening appointment slots are now available to book via Arbor. Thank you to those who have already secured a time; we look forward to welcoming you into school later this month.

As we head into the final week before half term, let's continue the excellent learning and positive attitudes we have seen this week. On Thursday 12th February, our School Council will be hosting a Cake & Craft Sale after school to raise funds for Alice's WonderDance, Bebe's Hive and Elsie's Story. This will be followed by our Love My Community Day on Friday 13th, where the whole school will come together to further support these charities and celebrate kindness and community spirit.

Have a great weekend, from Mrs Payne

Attendance



This week's attendance champions are:

Hedgehogs

for 100% attendance!



The year group with the highest attendance this week is:

Year 1

Well done everybody!



Parent's Evening- Wednesday 25 February 2026

Our Spring Term Parent's Evening will take place on Wednesday 25 February 2026 and will be held face to face in school.

Appointments are with your child's class teacher and will focus on academic progress and engagement in learning.

School will close at 2.00pm, with appointments starting from 2.30pm.

Appointment booking opened on Wednesday 4 February via Arbor and will close at 4.00pm on Tuesday 24 February.

A separate letter has been sent to parents with further information, including access arrangements, room locations, additional appointments and wraparound care. Please contact the school office if you require support with booking.



School Council

Cake & Craft Sale

The School Council are supporting our
Southport Learning Partnership Love My Community Day with a fundraiser.

Join us for a delicious and creative afternoon as our School Council hosts a
Cake & Craft Sale to raise funds for:

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

cupcake icon **What's on sale?**

Individual cakes & crafty makes including crochet items and bracelets

All items just 50p each!

person icon **When & Where**

Thursday 12th February After school 3:10-3:45

person icon **Old Hall**

cake icon **Cake Donations Needed!**

We'd love your help with cake donations:

Shop-bought or homemade cakes welcome

Shop-bought cakes must be left in original packaging

Homemade cakes must include a full list of ingredients

NO NUTS

All cakes must be individual portions

Please bring them in on Thursday (12th Feb) morning and give to your class
teacher.

cake icon **Buying a Cake:**

Nursery to Year 4: children must be with an adult to buy a cake

Years 5 & 6: children can independently buy a cake. We will use allergen
information already held on file

Butterflies Wraparound: Children will have their own cakes to buy in
Butterflies.

**Thank you for supporting our school community and these wonderful
causes. We can't wait to see you there!**

Love My Community-Mufti Day

Our school is part of the Southport Learning Partnership where we work together with other schools on joint projects. Love My Community is a special day in the school year where we join with other local schools to raise money for a charity chosen by the children of Southport.

This year the school council representatives from each school have chosen to support Alice's Wonderdance, Bebe's Hive and Elsie's Story.

These charities touch so many hearts in our community of Southport.

Alice's Wonderdance supports young dancers by removing financial and social barriers, providing resources such as shoes, funding for classes, and community dance opportunities.

Bebe's Hive is centred on healing, creativity, and connection for bereaved children and their families

Elsie's Story supports children and families through memory-making experiences, care grants, and community-led kindness.

On Friday 13th February children across all of our Southport schools will be wearing their own clothes to school for our Love Our Community Day in exchange for a £1 donation which will be split equally across the 3 charities.



Nursery Tour- 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



Local visit consent on Arbor

During the year there may be times when we would like to broaden the children's environmental experiences related to topic work by organising local visits e.g The local park, local shops, library, places of worship and swimming baths etc.

Please log into the Arbor App, view your consents and click on the Local Visit button to provide consent for your child/children.

**** I give permission for my child to leave the school premises, under supervision, in order to make occasional visits to the local environment**

Thank you



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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WORLD BOOK DAY

5 MARCH 2026

This year, each year group will be exploring a different traditional tale.

Throughout the day, children will dive into the story, get to know the characters, and take part in a variety of activities inspired by their tale.

Children will receive a World Book Day £1 token prior to Thursday 5th March which they can swap for any of the World Book Day £1 books or get £1 off a full price title any full price book or audiobook (as long as the book or audiobook costs at least £2.99) at participating booksellers. More information can be found on the small print on the tokens.

Children are invited to come dressed as a character from the story their class is studying, as a character from a different book, or even in their pyjamas for a cosy reading day!

Please note no face paint and or coloured hairspray.

Snowdrops: Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Buttercups: The Three Little Pigs

Reception: The Gingerbread Man

Year 1: Hansel and Gretel

Year 2 & Flourish: Little Red Riding Hood

Year 3: Jack and the Beanstalk

Year 4: Puss in Boots

Year 5: The Three Little Pigs (The Wolf's Perspective)

Year 6: Jack and the Beanstalk – Hero or Thief?

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:



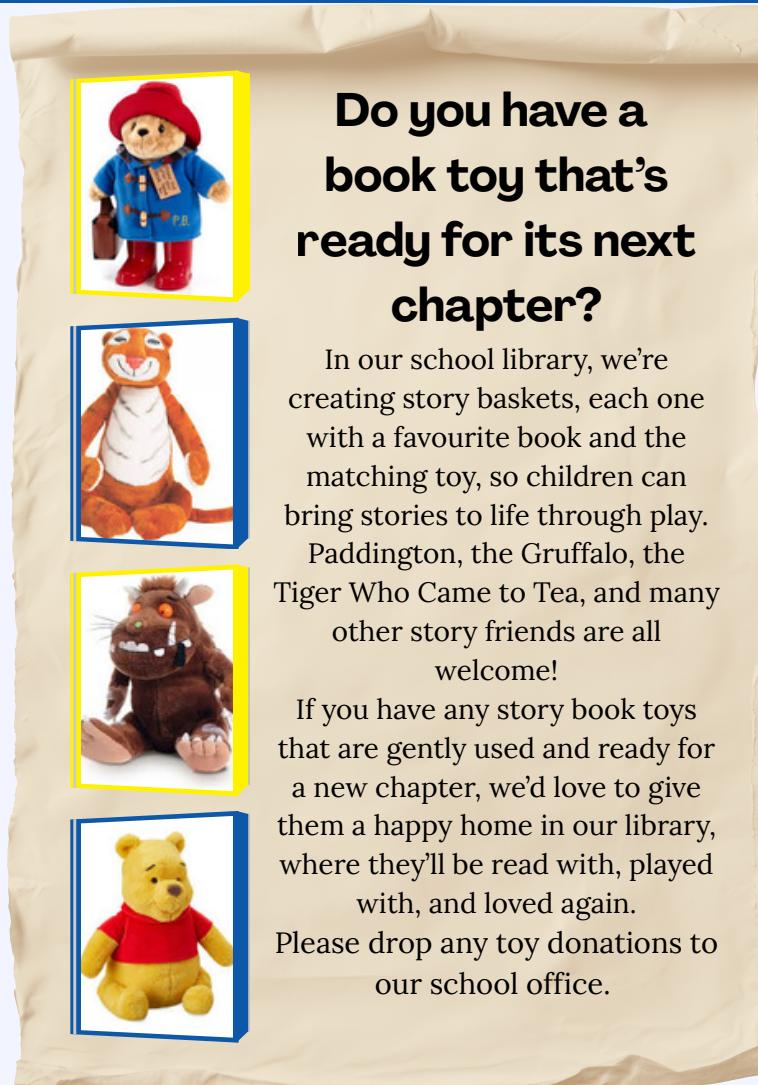


Next week is Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week 2026 (9-15 February).

This is a national event that shines a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health and wellbeing.

Throughout the week, our classes will be engaging in age-appropriate activities and discussions to help pupils explore their feelings, build resilience and learn how to support their own wellbeing. There are also lots of free resources, assemblies and activities available for families on the Children's Mental Health Week website:

www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk



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.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR
JUNIOR BAKE OFF

Aged between 9-15 and love to bake?
We'd love to hear from you!

WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK



APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15TH MARCH 2026

Book NOW
Via Arbor!



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

PTA Events



On Friday 13th March, the children will be given the opportunity to choose and purchase a small gift for the special person in their life (1 per child).

Gifts will cost £3.50 and must be paid for in cash on the day of sale.

This event will be organised and led by the PTA. Please send all money in a named envelope as classes will visit the sale at different times throughout the school day. Money can be handed to staff in the classroom on the morning of the sale for safe keeping.



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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



Dates for your Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
9th- 15th February 2026	Children's Mental Health Week 2026
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
Thursday 5 th March 2026	World Book Day (Date correction)
Friday 6 th March 2026	Y5&6 Sports Hall Athletics
9th- 13th March 2026	National Science Week

Dates for your Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
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 2026	Class Photographs
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

Any text in red is a new addition to the calendar



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