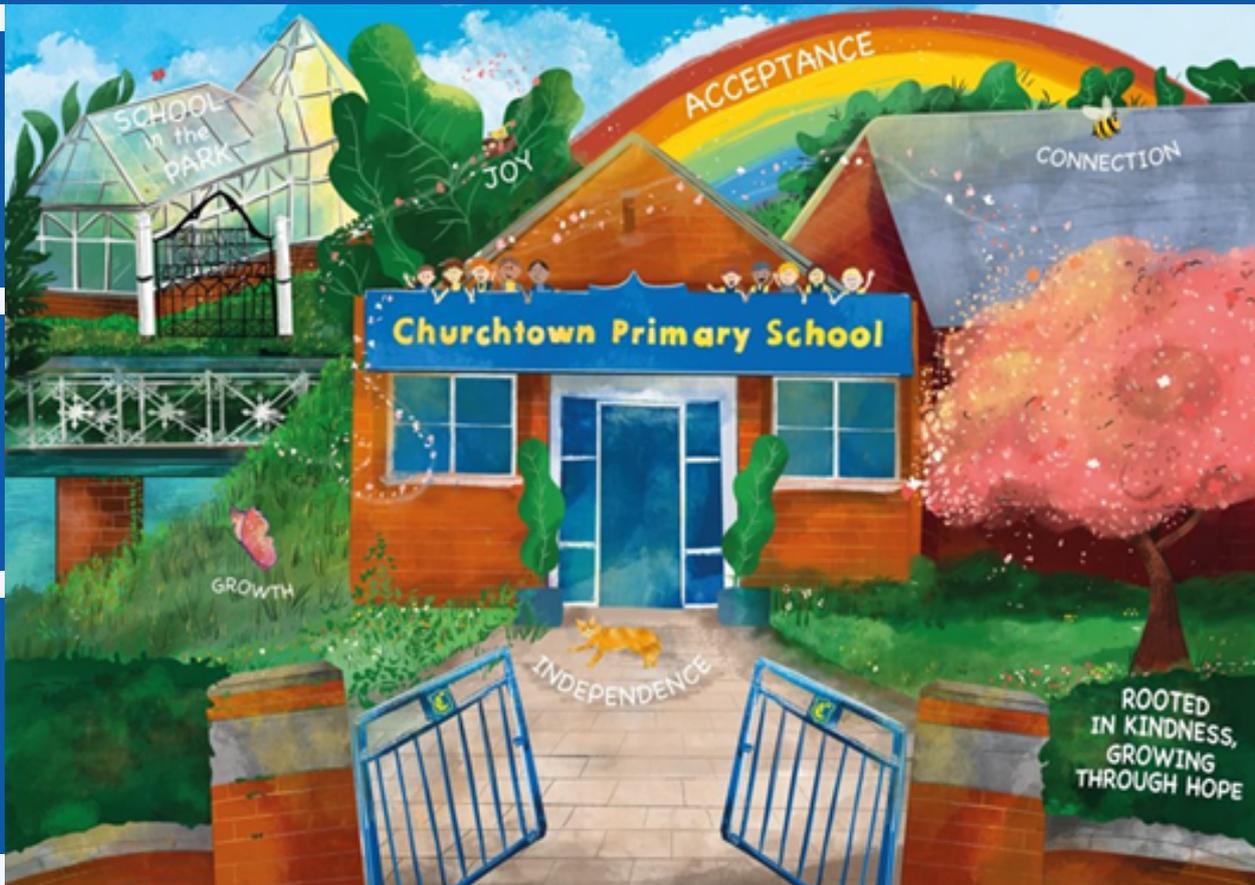


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A message from the Headteacher:

It has been a lovely first week back after the half term break, and the children have quickly settled back into their routines with enthusiasm and focus.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended Parents' Evening this week. It was a pleasure to welcome you into school and share the fantastic progress the children are making. We greatly value these opportunities to meet with you and appreciate your continued support.

A reminder that next Thursday (5th) is World Book Day. We are looking forward to celebrating a love of reading across the school, and children are invited to come dressed up or in pyjamas for a cosy reading day. We can't wait to see all of the creative costumes and share in a day filled with stories and reading.

Have a great weekend, from Mrs Payne.

Attendance



This week's attendance champions are:

Sycamore

for 100% attendance!



The year group with the highest attendance this week is:

Year 3!

Well done everybody!



Parent Questionnaire

A big thank you to all parents and carers who attended Parents' Evening appointments. It was wonderful to see so many of you in school, sharing in your children's progress and celebrating their achievements with us.

We are now inviting you to complete our Parent Questionnaire to share your views about the school and your child's experience with us. Your feedback is extremely important. It helps us reflect on what we are doing well and identify where we can continue to improve. We greatly value your perspective and encourage all parents and carers to take part.



Please use the relevant link below:

[Snowdrops & Buttercups](#)
[Reception to Year 6](#)



We would be grateful if you could complete the questionnaire by **Friday 13th March**.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

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:



Happy Retirement Mrs Peet!

After more than 30 wonderful years of service, we are both proud and a little sad to announce that Mrs Peet is hanging up her apron and retiring.

For generations of children, Mrs Peet has been a friendly, familiar face in our school hall. Day after day, year after year, she has welcomed pupils with a warm smile, a kind word and a steady presence that has meant more than she will ever truly know.

Mrs Peet has been part of our school community for over three decades – long enough to have looked after children who have since grown up and now send their own children here. That is a truly special legacy. Few people can say they have supported not just one generation, but two, helping to create happy memories along the way.

On behalf of the entire school community – past and present – we would like to say a heartfelt thank you. Thank you for the early mornings, the busy lunchtimes, the laughter, the care and the countless plates served with love. Thank you for being such an important part of our school.

Mrs Peet, you will be greatly missed, we wish you a long, happy and well-deserved retirement.



*We will
miss!
you*

Join the Great British Spring Clean: 13th -29th March 2026



The nation's biggest mass-action environmental campaign with more than 400,000 volunteers clearing litter from our streets, parks and beaches.

Litter-picking is a great way to provide fresh air and exercise and contribute to the physical fitness and well-being of our young people. It also helps them to connect with nature and develop a sense of responsibility for their surroundings and community.

During this time, we will be teaching the children the importance of litter picking and its impact. We will be taking part in the RSPB Beach Clean (**Saturday 28th March**), Year 3 and 4 Eco Club will be doing a litter pick on the school grounds and families will be given the opportunity to participate by hiring school's equipment. Each family will be assigned two litter pickers and this will be on a first come, first serve basis (more information to follow).

If you do take part in your own events, as always, we want to know about it! Please send in pictures (these will be shared on social media).



Beach Clean

We would like to invite you to a Beach Clean on Saturday 28th March 2026 from 9.30am till around 11.00am.

We will be meeting at the RSPB car park (Marine Drive, opposite Marshside Road). The RSPB will be allowing us free parking to attend the beach clean. There may be limited car parking so it is suggested you car share with another family or get dropped off.

All equipment will be provided such as litter pickers, gloves and bin bags etc. so all you need is yourselves and suitable footwear and clothing.

If you are interest, please could you fill out this interest form (it is just for numbers only).

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfNp5vCgD0ZRhSdstgWgOcaHliDK_bLtQgyWXQWrYpn8rwagQ/viewform



Young Voices

After months of preparation, 64 children and 8 adults took part in the 30th anniversary of Young Voices and what an absolutely unforgettable experience it was for everyone.

The children were truly magnificent from start to finish, singing their hearts out with energy, passion and huge smiles on their faces. From the very first note to the final song, they gave it their all and made us incredibly proud.

Not only did they perform beautifully, but their behaviour throughout the event was impeccable. They represented Churchtown brilliantly- showing respect, enthusiasm and maturity.

A huge well done to every single child who took part. Your hard work, dedication and teamwork shone through. Thank you for making Young Voices 2026 such a special memory for us all. ❤️💛



School Games Gymnastics competition

We were delighted to spend such a lovely afternoon at Stanley on Thursday for the Year 3 and 4 School Games Gymnastics competition. Congratulations to our brilliant team, who handled a last-minute substitution with confidence and were crowned overall winners! They demonstrated excellent teamwork, precision and sportsmanship throughout.

A special mention goes to Oscar Howe, who sadly had to withdraw due to injury after working incredibly hard to learn all the routines in the lead-up to the event. Everyone at Churchtown Primary is extremely proud of your achievement.



Playground Leaders

Our Playground Leaders enjoyed a fantastic training day on the Friday before half term.

The day began with some theory work exploring what makes an effective leader, followed by a creative session where they designed their own playground games. They then had the opportunity to put their ideas into practice by leading activities with some of our Year 2 children.

They had a wonderful time, represented themselves brilliantly and truly demonstrated what valuable assets they are to our school community.



APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR
JUNIOR BAKE OFF

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

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APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15TH MARCH 2026



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.

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



Churchtown PTA

EASTER RAFFLE

Tickets £1.50
on sale 2nd March - 24th March

Available on Arbor or at the
Office.

Tickets drawn on 24th and
presented on 25th March

Win one of two Easter Hampers





Churchtown PTA

MOTHERS & SPECIAL OTHERS DAY



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).

Gits 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.



Churchtown PTA

EASTER DISCO



19th March

Years 3&4:
3:30 - 4:30pm

Years 5&6:
5:00-6:00pm

Tickets: £3.50, available on Arbor



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Local visit consent on Arbor

During the year there may be times when we would like to enrich the children's learning experiences related to curriculum 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.

Dates for your Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
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 5th March 2026	World Book Day (date correction)
Friday 6th March 2026	Y5&6 Sports Hall Athletics
9th- 13th March 2026	National Science Week
Tuesday 10th March 2026	PTA Meeting (7pm in The Lodge)
Wednesday 11 th March 2026	Year 5 Visit to Stanley- Joesph the Musical
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
Friday 20th March	SLP Book Club Y2 Celebration
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)

Dates for your Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Wednesday 25th March 2026	Swimming Gala
Tuesday 24 th March 2026	Year 5 'The Past Presents' Greek Day (in school)
Monday 23rd 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!
Wednesday 20th May 2026	KS2/KS3 SLP Book Club Celebration Event
Thursday 7 th May 2026	Buttercups Nursery Educational Visit to Martin Mere
Friday 8 th May 2026	Class Photographs
19th, 20th, 21st May 2026	Reception Screenings
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 1st September 2026	INSET Day
Wednesday 2nd September 2026	INSET Day
Thursday 3rd September 2026	Back to school, rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Friday 23rd October 2026	INSET Day
Monday 26th- Friday 30th October 2026	Half Term Week
Monday 2nd November 2026	Back to school, rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Friday 18th December 2026	End of Term- School closes at 1:30pm for Christmas Holidays
Monday 4th January 2027	INSET Day
Tuesday 5th January 2027	Back to school, rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Monday 15th- Friday 19th February 2027	Half Term Week
Thursday 25th March	End of Term for Easter Holidays
Friday 26th March- Friday 9th April 2027	Easter Holidays
Monday 12th April 2027	Back to school, rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Monday 3rd May 2027	Bank Holiday
Monday 31st May- Friday 4th 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