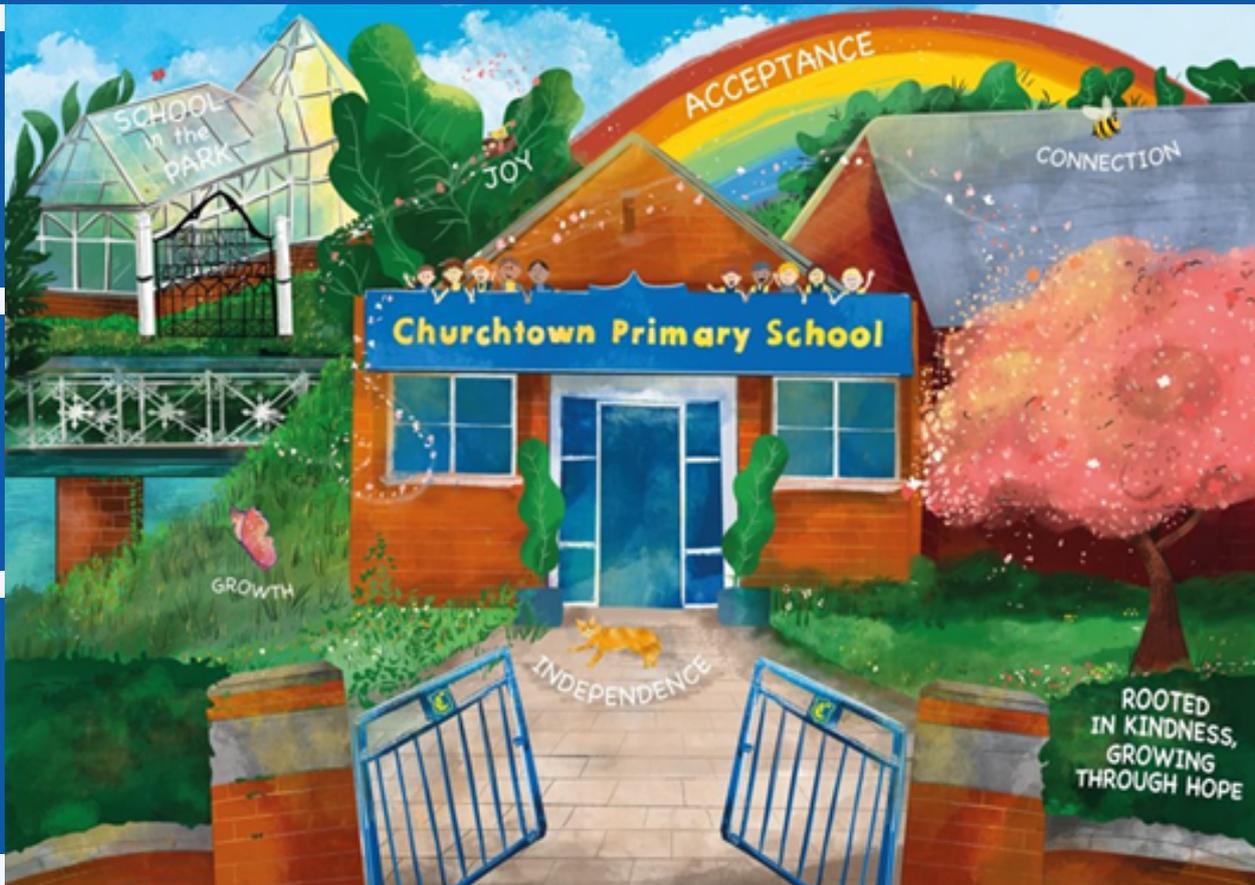


Friday 6th March 2026

Churchtown Chatter

Newsletter 23



Joy



Acceptance



Connection



Independence



Growth

A message from the Headteacher:

It has been a wonderful week in school, with a real highlight being our World Book Day celebrations. The effort that went into the costumes was fantastic, and it was lovely to see the children so excited to share their favourite characters and stories. Throughout the day, classes took part in a range of reading activities, celebrating the joy of books and storytelling across the whole school. Thank you to families for helping to make the day such a success.

Thank you also to everyone who has completed our parental questionnaire so far. We really value your feedback, as it helps us reflect on what we are doing well and where we can continue to improve. If you have not yet had the chance to complete it, the questionnaire will remain open until Friday 13th March, and we would really appreciate you taking a few minutes to share your views.

There are also lots of exciting PTA events coming up over the next few weeks. Please take a look at the posters included in this newsletter for full details. Next Friday we will be holding our Mother's and Special Person Gift Sale, which is always a lovely opportunity for children to choose a small gift for someone special. The Easter Raffle is also currently underway, with the chance to win one of two Easter hampers. Thank you, as always, to our PTA for organising these events and to our families for their continued support.

Have a great weekend, from Mrs Payne.

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Attendance



This week's attendance champions are:

Owls

for their improved attendance (99%)



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.



Please can all passports be handed in to
Mrs Watkinson KS2 or Mrs Dowd KS1/EYFS
with any Spring term credits stamped
by **Friday March 20th 2026.**

Any questions about the Children's University please contact the school office.

Year 5 & 6 – Relationships, Health and Sex Education (RHSE)

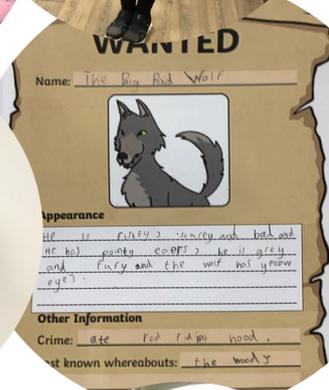
As shared in the letter sent home, during the week beginning Monday 16th March, Year 5 and 6 pupils will take part in lessons on Relationships, Health and Sex Education (RHSE). The sessions will cover puberty, personal hygiene, emotions, and healthy relationships, delivered in a sensitive and age-appropriate way. Some lessons are part of the statutory Science curriculum, while others form part of PSHE, from which parents can choose to withdraw their child by contacting the class teacher by Friday 14th March.

Parents are invited to a Zoom meeting at 4:45pm on Thursday 12th March to view the materials and ask questions. The RSE policy is available on the school website under Policies & Reports → Policies → RSE.

WORLD BOOK DAY

5 MARCH 2026

We had an amazing World Book Day celebration this week! Children and staff came in wearing fantastic costumes and cosy pyjamas, which made the day extra special and full of excitement. Throughout the day, the children enjoyed a range of great reading activities that helped bring stories to life and encouraged a love of books. It was wonderful to see so much creativity and enthusiasm from everyone. We truly appreciate the effort that went into all the outfits and the spirit of the day. A huge thank you to everyone for taking part and we're also proud to share that we achieved an incredible 99% attendance on the day!



TRAFFIC & ROAD SAFETY REMINDER

WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND ALL PARENTS AND CARERS TO PLEASE DRIVE AT THE SPEED LIMIT WHEN APPROACHING SUNNY ROAD.

WE CONTINUE TO EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTIES AT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP TIMES, INCLUDING:

INAPPROPRIATE PARKING

BLOCKING RESIDENTS' DRIVEWAYS

USING THE DROP-OFF POINT AS A PARKING SPACE

THESE ISSUES CREATE SAFETY CONCERNS FOR OUR CHILDREN AND INCONVENIENCE FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

WE KINDLY ASK EVERYONE TO BE MINDFUL, SHOW CONSIDERATION, AND USE THE DROP-OFF AREA AS INTENDED.

WE HAVE ASKED SEFTON COUNCIL TRAFFIC OFFICERS TO INCREASE THEIR PRESENCE IN THE AREA TO HELP SUPPORT SAFER PARKING AND DRIVING AROUND THE SCHOOL.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IN HELPING US KEEP OUR CHILDREN AND COMMUNITY SAFE.

THANK YOU

YEAR 6 LEAVERS HOODIES



Front/top left logo on hoodie
(2026)



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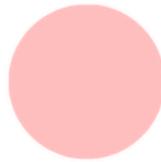
ORDER DEADLINE: Friday the 13th of March

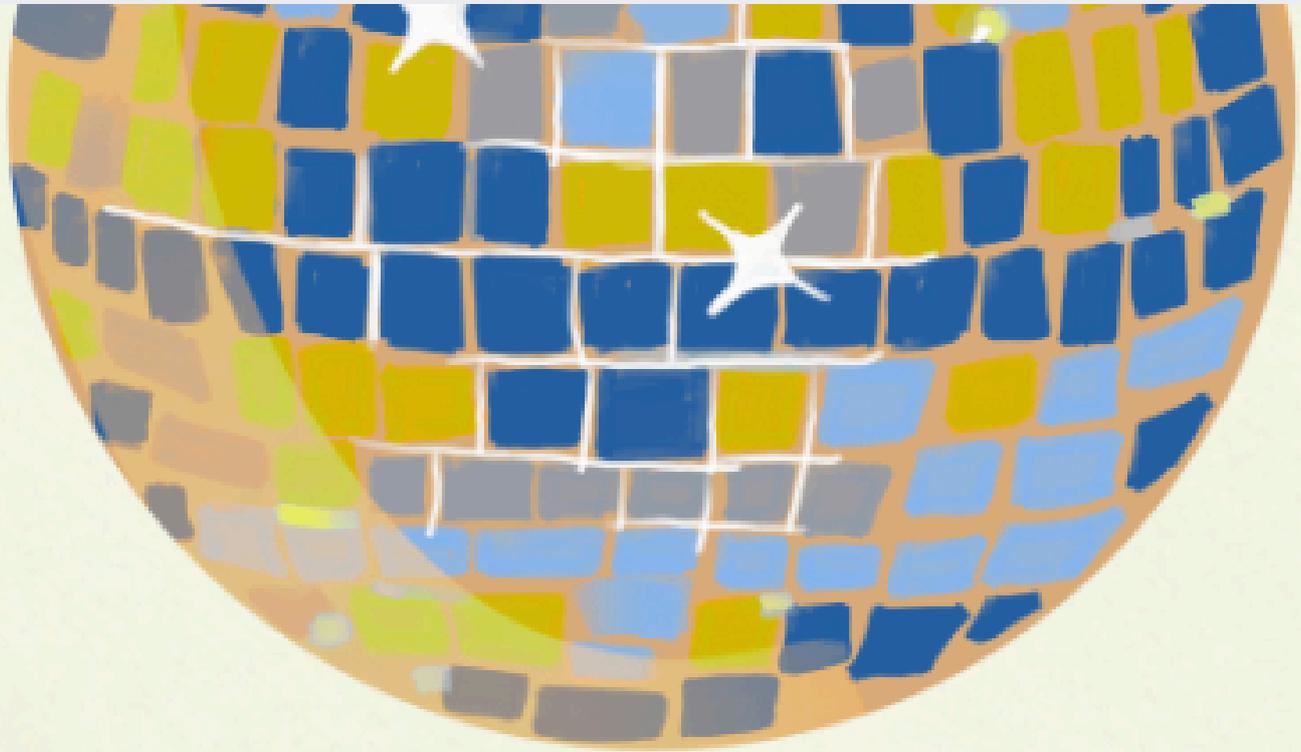
Orders will be placed before Easter so that the children have the opportunity to wear their hoodies as part of their school uniform after the May half-term.

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.

A payment of £24.00 is to be made via the School Shop on Arbor.

Available Colours:





Year 1 Disco

MONDAY 23RD MARCH 2026

3:10 – 4:00

£3.50 – INCLUDES DRINKS, SWEETS AND A
'CREATE YOUR OWN' PARTY HAT.

PAY ON ARBOR

DISMISSAL THROUGH EYFS CLASSROOMS

BRING YOUR BEST PARTY CLOTHES!



Please look out for more details coming through Arbor on when to book new clubs!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Starting Monday the 13th of April (12 weeks) Tennis with Megan Hyland ** Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 ** (20 children) **TO REBOOK ON ARBOR** 3.20pm - 4.20pm Playground/EYFS Hall EXIT: PLAYGROUND	Starting Tuesday the 14th of April (13 weeks) (WLSP) ATHLETICS ** Years 5 & 6 ** (20 Children) ** TO BOOK ON ARBOR 3.20pm - 4.20pm Playground EXIT: PLAYGROUND	Starting Wednesday the 15th of April (13 weeks) (WLSP) ATHLETICS **Years 3 & 4 ** (20 children) ** TO BOOK ON ARBOR 3.20pm - 4.20pm Playground/Old Hall EXIT: PLAYGROUND	Starting Thursday the 16th of April (13 weeks) (WLSP) FOOTBALL ** Year 1 & 2 ** (20 children) ** TO BOOK ON ARBOR 3.20pm - 4.20pm Playground/MUGA EXIT: PLAYGROUND
Starting Monday the 13th of April (12 weeks) Netball with Lynne Barnett **YEAR 4, 5 AND 6** (20 children) **TO REBOOK ON ARBOR 3.20pm - 4.20pm NETBALL COURT EXIT: PLAYGROUND	Starting Tuesday the 10th of March DRAMA Club **Year 6 ** (In preparation for the Year 6 Performance at the Atkinson) 3:20pm-4:20pm Old Hall EXIT: PLAYGROUND	Starting Wednesday the 15th of April (13 weeks) Cheerleading with Mrs Bartley **YEARS 2 - 4** (20 children) **TO REBOOK ON ARBOR 3.20pm - 4.20pm EYFS HALL EXIT: PLAYGROUND	Starting Thursday the 16th of April (10 weeks) Running Club with Mrs Bowers **Years 4.5 and 6 ** ** TO BOOK ON ARBOR 3.20pm - 4.20pm SCHOOL FIELD EXIT: PLAYGROUND
Starting Monday the 9th of March Wally Cain Dance Festival ** YEAR 5 ** All Registered 3:20pm-4:20pm Old Hall EXIT: PLAYGROUND	Starting Tuesday the 14th of April SPANISH Club ** YEAR 5 ** All Registered 3:20pm-4:20pm Rainbow Room EXIT: PLAYGROUND	Starting Wednesday the 15th of April (13 weeks) Performing Arts with Mrs Hibbert **YEARS 3,4, 5 and 6** (35 children) **TO REBOOK ON ARBOR 3.20pm - 4.20pm Music Room EXIT: MUGA DOOR	Starting Thursday the 23rd of April (4 weeks) Art & Film Club with Miss Hart **Years 5 & 6** ** TO BOOK ON ARBOR 3.20pm - 4.20pm EXIT: PLAYGROUND
Starting Monday the 13th of April (12 weeks) SUMMER SHOWCASE: Melody Makers with Mrs Watkinson **YEARS 1 to 6** ** TO BOOK ON ARBOR 3.20pm - 4.20pm OLD HALL			Starting Thursday the 16th of April (7 weeks) Dance Club with Mrs Hibbert **Reception Children** ** TO BOOK ON ARBOR 3.10pm - 4.00pm EYFS Hall

Smarties Challenge Raffle Winners

Thankyou to everybody who took part in the Smarties/Jelly Tots challenge!

Here are the winners of the raffle prizes:

1. Lily-Rae (Birch)
2. Louis (Oak)
3. Eleanor (Squirrels)





ECO CLUB TOY SALE

Raising money for our wildlife garden!

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH 2026
AFTER SCHOOL ON THE
PLAYGROUND

To make this happen, we are asking for donations of toys (in good condition) to be brought in by Tuesday 24th March 2026
(please drop the toys at the School office)

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





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





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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.



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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>
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
Thursday 12th March 2026	RSE Parent Zoom Call
Friday 13th March 2026	PTA Mothers & Special Person's Gift Sale
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
Thursday 19th March 2026	PTA Spring Discos Y3&4 3:30-4:30pm Y5&6 5-6pm
Friday 20 th March 2026	SLP Book Club Y2 Celebration
Friday 20th March 2026	Comic Relief
Monday 23rd March 2026	Year 3 (Oak) Educational Visit to Martin Mere Wetland Settlers
Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th March 2026	Year 5 'The Past Presents' Greek Day (in school)
Monday 23 rd March 2026	Year 1 EFC Football
Monday 23rd March 2026	Year 1 Disco
Wednesday 25th March 2026	Swimming Gala

Dates for your Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Thursday 26th March 2026	Eco Club Toy Sale
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!
Tuesday 5th May 2026	Y1 Rabbits Class Assembly
Wednesday 6th May	Y1 Hedgehogs Class Assembly
Thursday 7th May	Y1 Squirrels Class Assembly
Thursday 7 th May 2026	Buttercups Nursery Educational Visit to Martin Mere
Friday 8 th May 2026	Class Photographs
19 th , 20 th , 21 st May 2026	Reception Screenings
Wednesday 20 th May 2026	KS2/KS3 SLP Book Club Celebration Event
Friday 22nd May 2026	Y6 End of Year Celebration
Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th May 2026	Half Term Week
Friday 3rd July 2026	Y6 Performance at The Atkinson
Friday 17 th July 2026	End of Term- School closes at 1:30pm for Summer Holidays
Monday 20 th 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