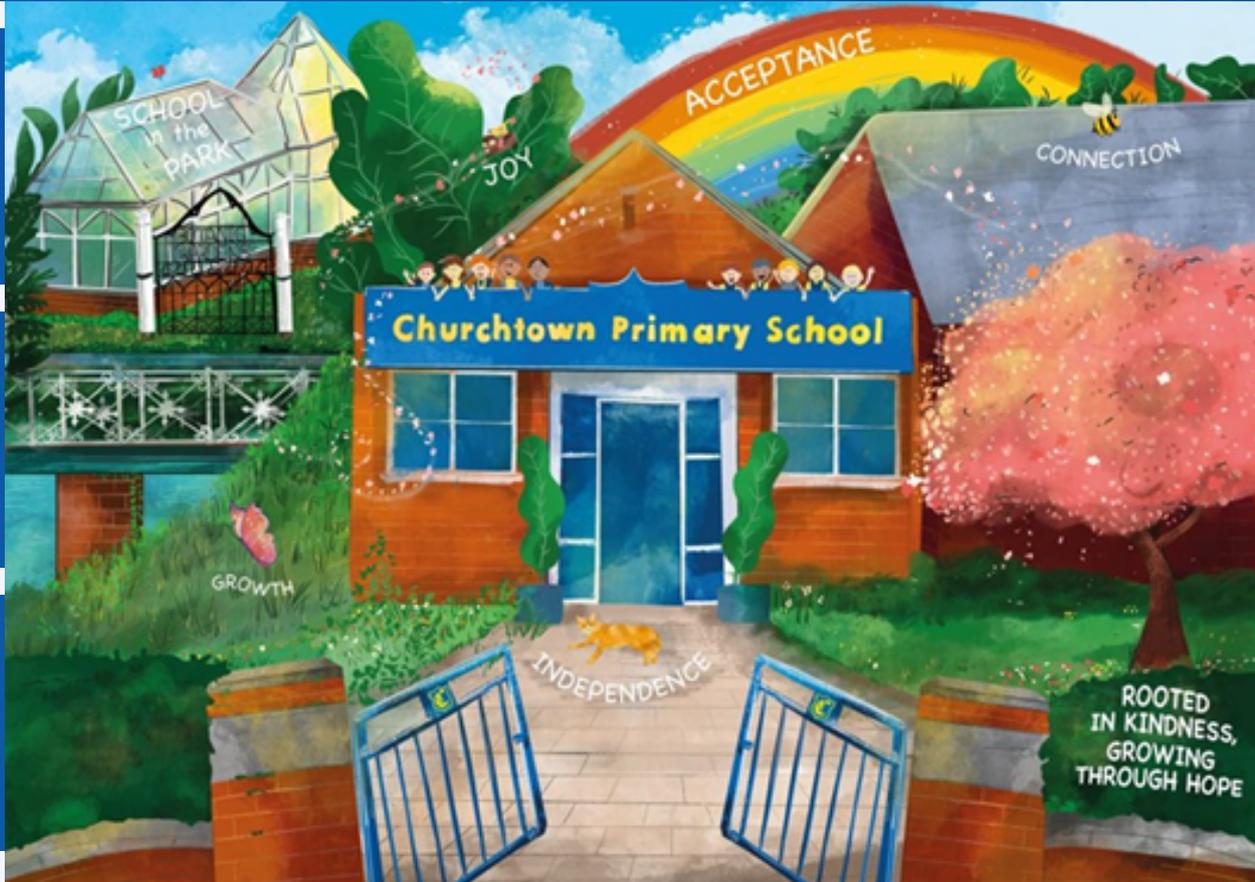


Friday 13th March 2026

# Churchtown Chatter

Newsletter 24



Joy



Acceptance



Connection



Independence



Growth

## A message from the Headteacher:

It has been another busy and positive week in school.

A big thank you to our PTA for organising the Mother's and Special Persons Gift Sale. The event was a great success, and we hope all the special people receiving their gifts enjoy them this weekend.

We are also delighted to share that we have received a very generous £3,000 donation from the Southport Lions Club to support the development of our school library. We are incredibly grateful for their support, which will help us continue to develop an inspiring reading space for our children.

We are also very proud that Churchtown Primary School has been recognised with the Youth Sport Trust Inspiring Play Award, celebrating our commitment to encouraging active, inclusive play for all children.

You can read more about this achievement in the newsletter.

A reminder that bookings for our Easter Holiday Club are open until next Friday (20th). If you would like your child to attend, please ensure you book in advance, as the club will only run if we have sufficient numbers.

Finally, we are looking forward to our Easter discos taking place next week. These are always a fun event for the children, and further details can be found below!

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

### Contact:

01704 508500

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Churchtown  
Primary School

# Attendance

*This week's attendance champions are:*

## **Willow**

*for 100% attendance!*



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

## **Year 2**

*Well done everybody!*

**COMIC  
RELIEF**

**Next Friday (20<sup>th</sup> March) we will be supporting  
Comic Relief with a mufti day!**

**Children are welcome to wear their own clothes  
along with red noses or red accessories to show  
their support.**

**We are asking for a voluntary donation of £1.**

**Please note that red hair spray and face paint are  
not permitted.**

Book NOW  
Via Arbor!

HURCHTOWN  
**Butterflies**  
WRAPAROUND CARE

Bookings will  
now close  
on  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup>  
March

## 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

## Easter Disco Info

This is a reminder about our Easter Spring Discos taking place on  
Thursday 19th March.

Years 3 & 4: 3:30pm – 4:30pm & Years 5 & 6: 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Price: £3.50 per child

Payment should ideally be made in advance via Arbor. If this is not  
possible, children can bring the £3.50 in an envelope on the day.

Year 3 & 4 children may bring their disco clothes to school in a bag  
to change before the disco.

Access for drop off & collection will be via the Dining Hall gate.

Year 4 children will exit through the Year 4 door.

Year 3 children will exit through the MUGA door.

Year 5: Enter and leave through the Year 4 door.

Year 6: Enter and leave through the MUGA door.



# **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**

# Football at Churchtown



10 children from Year 5 proudly represented the school in a Year 5 football tournament at Liverpool Academy. After seven games, they finished the morning unbeaten and achieved an incredible seven clean sheets!

The boys demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout the tournament and supported one another brilliantly in each match. They represented the school with great teamwork, determination and positive attitudes!



Well done to the Year 2 children who took part in the Year 2 Aspire Football Competition in association with Everton FC. They won 2, drew 1 and lost 1, taking them through to the semi finals!

They were excellent representative of our school and worked well as a team, supporting each other throughout the afternoon.

**Absolute superstars!!**



# Athletics Team



Last Friday afternoon, our Year 5 and 6 athletics team proudly represented the school at the Southport School Games indoor tournament. The children took part in a range of events including sprint and obstacle races, relays, as well as jumping and throwing challenges. If there had been a prize for the loudest cheering and best team support, it would certainly have gone to us! The team showed fantastic behaviour, great sportsmanship and supported one another throughout the afternoon. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and we are incredibly proud of them.

**Easter**  
**TENNIS CAMPS**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April  
& Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April

**9am - 2pm each day**

Open to children from age **4-15** years old!

**£30** per day or **£70** for 3 days

Venue: North Meols Tennis Club Mill Lane Crescent - Churchtown

Contact Danny on **07900998754**  
For more info or to book your child's place!

Coaches from North Meols Tennis Club will also be delivering sessions in school during the summer term as part of the PE curriculum during the school day.





**THANK YOU  
SO MUCH!**



**A huge thankyou to Southport Lions Club for their incredible generosity. They visited school last week to present some of our Reading Champions with and an incredible £3000 donation and two huge boxes of books!**

**Their support will help us stock our library with wonderful new books and give our pupils even more opportunities to discover the joy of reading.**

**From all of our staff and children, thank you for helping to inspire the next generation of readers!**



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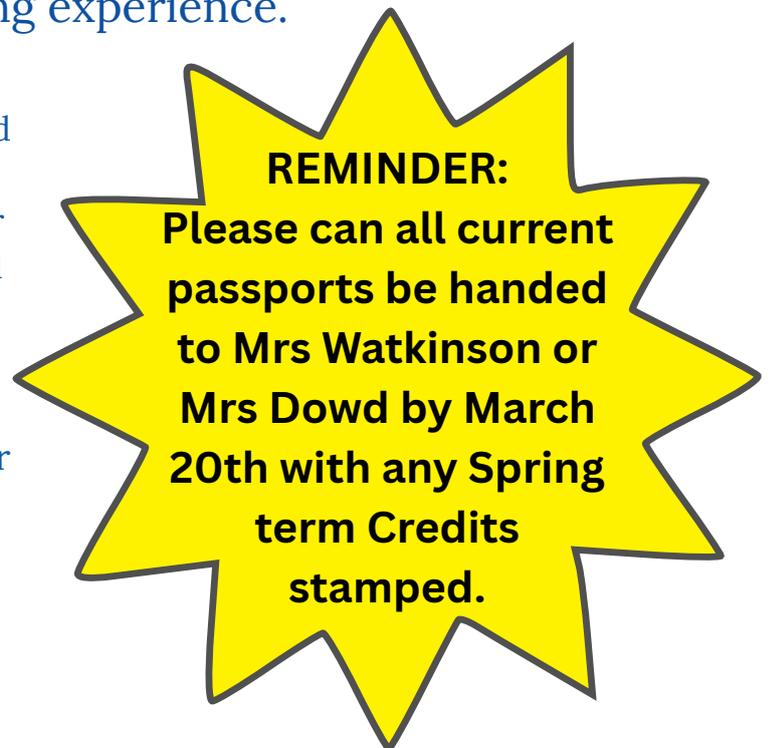
U N I V E R S I T Y

The Children's University offers a fantastic opportunity for children to earn credits toward a recognised qualification whilst enjoying a wide range of extracurricular activities. If your child participates in clubs either within school or outside where learning takes place, they may be eligible to receive credits.

Children can accumulate credits from Reception to Year 6. Those who collect over 30 credits between Reception and Year 2, and over 90 credits from Year 3 to Year 6, will be invited to attend a graduation ceremony at Edge Hill University—a truly memorable and rewarding experience.

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**To collect credits for activities outside of school, your child will need a black CU passport, which can be stamped by approved providers.**

**Passports are available via the Arbor school shop for £3.95 and are collected three times a year for credit counting. Please note that participation in school-based clubs is automatically recorded and credited for all children.**

If you have any further questions, please contact the school office.



# YOUTH SPORT TRUST | CONFERENCE AWARDS 2026



**WINNER**

We are thrilled to announce that Churchtown Primary School has won the Youth Sport Trust ‘Inspiring Play Award’. This award recognises schools that champion the power of unstructured, student-led play. In 2024, our school community united to turn grief into hope. Through student-led fundraising events, danceathons, colour runs, bake sales, and the multi-school “Churchtown Relay” over £380,000 was raised to create a new inclusive playground. Designed with pupil input, this space will provide generations of children with the freedom to play, explore, and connect, honouring Alice and Bebe’s memory while nurturing creativity, resilience, and wellbeing.



## SCHOOL CLUBS

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

# Design a Wildlife Eco Garden

We would like to invite all Churchtown pupils to participate in an exciting and creative challenge! Children are invited to design a sustainability garden that includes plants to attract bees and butterflies, as well as features that encourage other wildlife such as birds, hedgehogs and bats.

The parameters for the planting garden design are as follows:  
**16.5m x 5m in a semi-circular shape.**

Please note that the deadline for submitting entries is  
**Friday 16th April 2026.**

The Eco Committee will choose one winner from each year group, and from these entries an overall winning design will be selected.

We believe this is a wonderful opportunity for children to learn about biodiversity and the important role living things play in our ecosystem, while developing their creativity and design skills.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

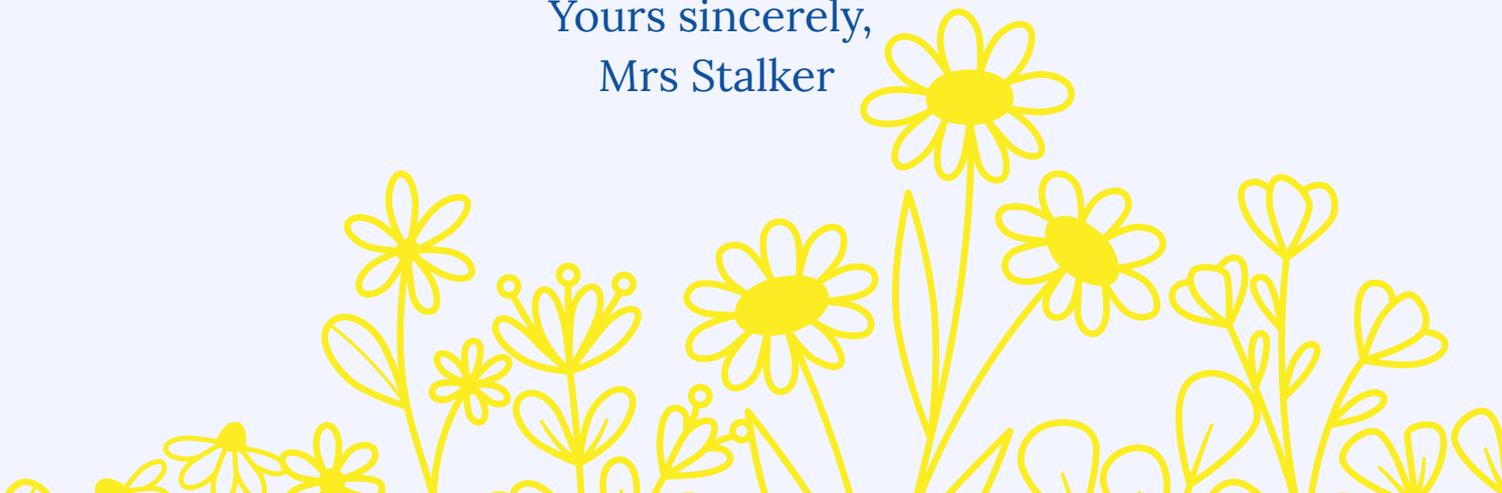
If your child is interested in taking part in this fantastic event, please complete the form below. Your child will then be given a design sheet on which to draw their ideas.

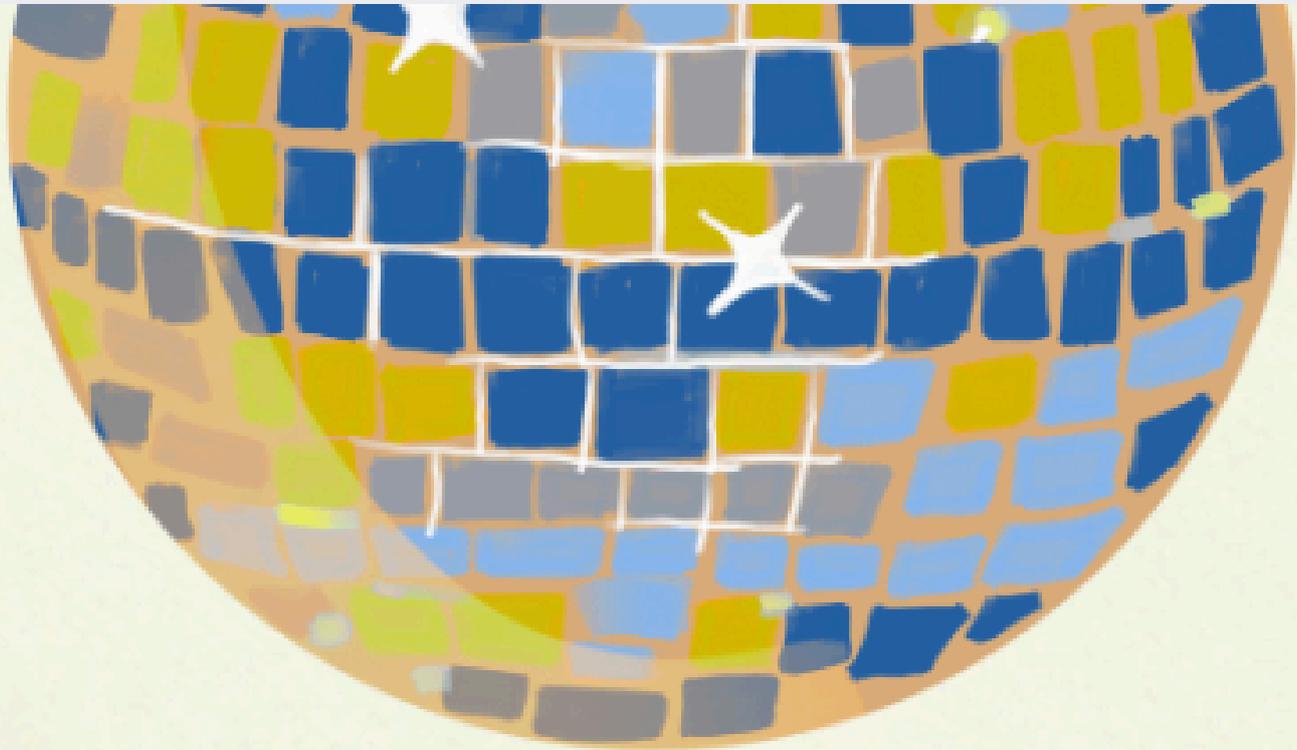
Form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdeFznDId86WIRlmO-upfz8r70ikdgxQeflleq5qpWqHPT-fQ/viewform?usp=header>

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing the imaginative designs created by our Churchtown children.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Stalker





# 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!



# ECO CLUB TOY SALE

Raising money for our wildlife garden!

**THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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).

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Churchtown PTA

# EASTER RAFFLE

Tickets £1.50  
on sale 2<sup>nd</sup> March - 24<sup>th</sup> March

Available on Arbor or at the  
Office.

Tickets drawn on 24<sup>th</sup> and  
presented on 25<sup>th</sup> March

Win one of two Easter Hampers





Churchtown PTA

# EASTER DISCO



19<sup>th</sup> March

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

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

Tickets: £3.50, available on Arbor

# 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 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Reception Educational Visit to Windmill Farm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	PTA Spring Discos Y3&4 3:30-4:30pm Y5&6 5-6pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	SLP Book Club Y2 Celebration
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Comic Relief (Mufti day, £1 Voluntary donation)
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 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026	Year 1 EFC Football
Monday 23rd March 2026	Year 1 Disco 3:10-4pm (bring party clothes to change into)
Wednesday 25th March 2026	Swimming Gala
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Eco Club Toy Sale (On the playground after school)
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!

# Dates for your Diary

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

<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>