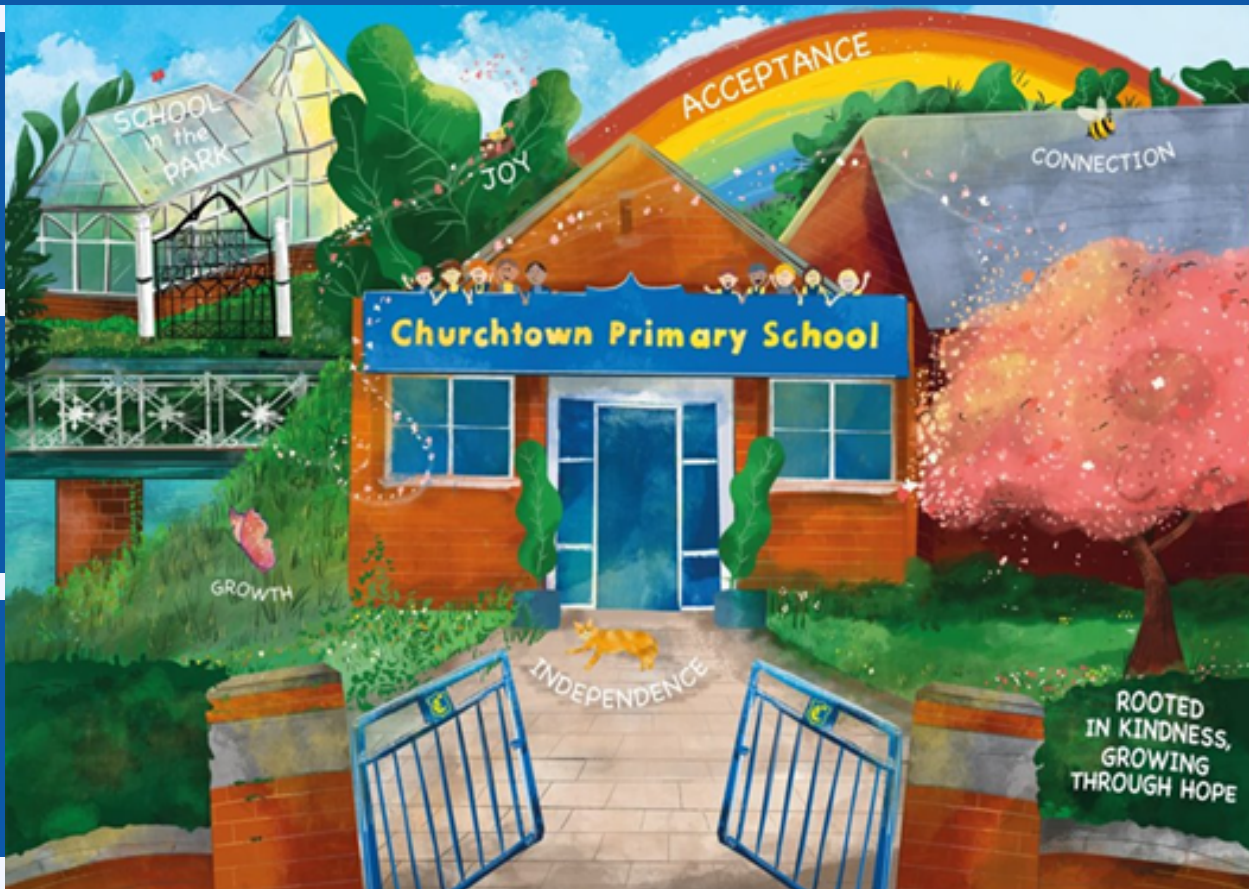


Friday 20th March 2026

Churchtown Chatter

Newsletter 25



Joy



Acceptance



Connection



Independence



Growth

A message from the Headteacher:

It has been a great week in school, with lots of exciting activities taking place.

Our school discos were a real success, with the children having lots of fun and enjoying themselves. Thank you to everyone who helped to organise and support these events.

We have also had some fantastic educational visits this week, including trips to Martin Mere Wetland Centre and Windmill Farm. The children had a wonderful time and were excellent representatives of our school throughout.

It has also been Science Week, and it has been wonderful to see all year groups taking part in a range of engaging and hands-on activities. The enthusiasm and curiosity shown by the children has been fantastic, please see further details and photos later in the newsletter.

As we look ahead to next week, our final week before the Easter holidays, there is still plenty to look forward to, including more educational visits, our Eco Toy Sale, and our Easter assemblies in church.

Have a great weekend, from Mrs Payne.

Contact:

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Churchtown
Primary School

Attendance

This week's attendance champions are:

Aspen

for 100% attendance!



The year group with the highest attendance this week is:

Years 1 & 6!

Well done everybody!



Eco Toy Sale Reminder

A reminder that the Eco Club toy sale is next week (Thursday 26th March) on the playground after school, please bring in your toys to donate by Tuesday 24th March.



REMINDER:
SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1:30PM ON FRIDAY 27TH MARCH FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS GATES WILL OPEN AT 1:20PM

Science Week 2026 – Theme: Curiosity

This week, we celebrated Science Week 2026 with a whole-school focus on curiosity.

We began with an inspiring assembly, encouraging all children to ask questions, explore ideas, and think like scientists. Throughout the week, pupils developed their working scientifically enquiry skills, helping to build a strong foundation for science learning across the year.

In Reception, the children carried out an exciting investigation by planting grass seeds. They explored what plants need to grow by setting up four different conditions based on water and sunlight, and are now eagerly observing the results.

Year 1 explored animal diets in a fun and engaging way by investigating different types of animal poo. Using their curiosity, they identified whether animals were carnivores, herbivores, or omnivores.

Year 2 investigated a variety of seeds, asking thoughtful questions such as: Do small seeds grow into small plants? Does the colour of a seed matter? They explored these ideas through careful observation and discussion.

Year 3 took part in a Children's University Masterclass, Moon Movie Mission, where they investigated different reflective materials and how they can be used.

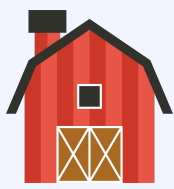
Year 4 enjoyed a Children's University Masterclass, Marvellous Medicines, learning about how medicines work and the science behind them.

Year 5 visited Stanley High School for STEM days, taking part in a range of exciting, hands-on science, technology, engineering, and maths activities.

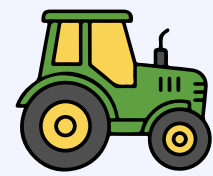
Year 6 carried out a practical experiment creating rockets using Alka-Seltzer, vitamin C tablets, and water, exploring chemical reactions in a fun and memorable way.

It has been an amazing week filled with curiosity, investigation, and excitement. The children thoroughly enjoyed their experiences and demonstrated fantastic enthusiasm for science!





Reception Visit to Windmill Farm



Reception had a wonderful trip out at Windmill Animal Farm this week, linking to our topic of growing and Spring. We were so lucky to feed the lambs, goats, alpacas and llamas and meet other animals such as a tortoise, snake, bearded dragon and gecko. The children were impeccably behaved with wonderful manners and it was a truly gorgeous day out.



Book Club Celebration

Children from across Southport came together to celebrate the end of their book club intervention. The children have been reading the story 'The Monster Crisp Guzzler' by Malorie Blackman. In today's session, we created our own characters e.g. The Unicorn Chocolate Muncher and then made story boards for our own story. Well-done to all.



Mrs Payne

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GET TO KNOW JINNIE PAYNE

"I FEEL INCREDIBLY PRIVILEGED TO BE RUNNING THE LONDON MARATHON FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW. AS HEADTEACHER OF CHURCHTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SOUTHPORT, LAST YEAR I RAN TO RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR PLAYGROUND FOLLOWING THE TRAGIC EVENTS AT A LOCAL DANCE SCHOOL IN SUMMER 2024, WHERE WE LOST TWO PUPILS AND MANY MORE WERE AFFECTED. ALONGSIDE ME WAS SERGIO, ALICE'S DAD, WHO ALSO RAN IN HER MEMORY.

TOGETHER, WE RAISED AN AMAZING AMOUNT AND NOW HAVE BEAUTIFUL PLAYGROUNDS AS A LASTING LEGACY TO ALICE. THIS YEAR WILL BE MY FINAL MARATHON. ALTHOUGH MY PLACE IS FOR CHURCHTOWN PRIMARY, I'M RUNNING IN SUPPORT OF ALICE'S WONDERDANCE - A CAUSE SO CLOSE TO MY HEART.

ALICE, THIS IS FOR YOU. YOU CARRIED ME LAST YEAR, AND I KNOW YOU'LL BE WITH ME EVERY STEP AGAIN. IF YOU'RE ABLE TO, PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING ❤️ "

APPROVED

Our Marathon Stars

We are incredibly proud to celebrate two of our wonderful staff members who are taking on exciting marathon challenges this year.

Mrs Payne will be running the London Marathon for the second time—an amazing achievement! She is raising funds for Alice's WonderDance, a charity spreading hope, joy and inclusivity through dance. If you are able to support her, we know she would be very grateful.

[Donate here](#)

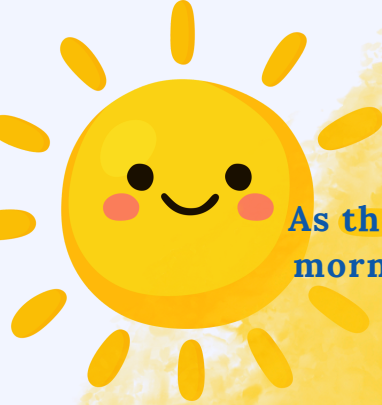
Mrs Bowers is preparing for her very first marathon in Manchester—what a fantastic milestone! She is running in support of Sergio's fundraising page and would greatly appreciate any donations or encouragement from our school community.

[Donate here](#)



Mrs Bowers





Summer Uniform

As the days grow warmer and we look ahead to brighter, sunnier mornings, as a reminder that Summer uniform may be worn after the Easter holidays.

Children can wear:

Grey shorts with a yellow polo shirt (plain or with the school logo)

A yellow and white gingham dress

A grey skirt with a yellow polo shirt (plain or with the school logo), with white socks

The Churchtown Primary School V-neck jumper or cardigan can still be worn.

For Reception and Nursery:

Yellow polo shirt, plain or with school logo

Navy jogging bottoms

Navy jogging shorts



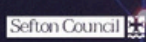
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AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ACTIVITY:

NETBALL

YEARS 4, 5 & 6

**ALL PLAYER
LEVELS
WELCOME!**

BEGINNING ON MONDAY THE 13TH OF APRIL
FOR 12 WEEKS
(LUNCHTIME CLUB ALSO ON A TUESDAY)

3.20PM - 4.20PM

Ready, Net, Go!

Please book and make payment via Arbor
(Closes on Monday the 23rd of March)



UK Health
Security
Agency

MENINGITIS + SEPTICAEMIA

Meningitis
now

Meningitis is a serious condition where the protective layers around the brain and spinal cord become inflamed. Septicaemia is when the bacteria enter the bloodstream to cause blood poisoning. They can happen to anyone, so it's important to know the symptoms and risks.

Early symptoms, such as fever, vomiting, aches, muscle pain, cold hands and feet and headaches, can look similar to common illnesses like colds or flu. But someone with meningitis or septicaemia will usually become seriously ill in a matter of hours. That's why it's crucial to keep checking on anyone who is unwell.

MENINGITIS SYMPTOMS?

- fever
- a very bad headache (this alone is not a reason to get medical help)
- vomiting
- stiff neck
- dislike of bright lights
- rash (DO NOT wait for a rash to appear before seeking medical advice)
- confusion, delirium
- severe sleepiness, losing consciousness
- fits

SEPTICAEMIA SYMPTOMS?

- fever and shivering
- severe pains and aches in limbs and joints
- vomiting
- very cold hands and feet
- pale or blotchy skin
- rapid breathing
- diarrhoea and stomach cramps
- red or purple 'bruised' or blotchy rash on skin that does not fade under pressure - do the glass test. On dark skin, check paler areas of the skin, such as the palms of the hands, soles of the feet, inside the mouth (roof), and the eyelids
- difficulty walking or standing
- severe sleepiness, losing consciousness

If you become worried about yourself, your child, or a friend, particularly if symptoms are getting worse, seek medical help urgently.

EARLY TREATMENT CAN BE LIFE-SAVING.



Join our Butterflies Holiday Club for days filled with fun, creativity, and laughter

Butterflies MAY HALF TERM Holiday Club OPEN from Tuesday the 26th of May to Friday the 29th of May
****CLOSED BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY (25th)****

Butterflies SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB OPEN from Monday the 20th of July to Friday the 28th of August



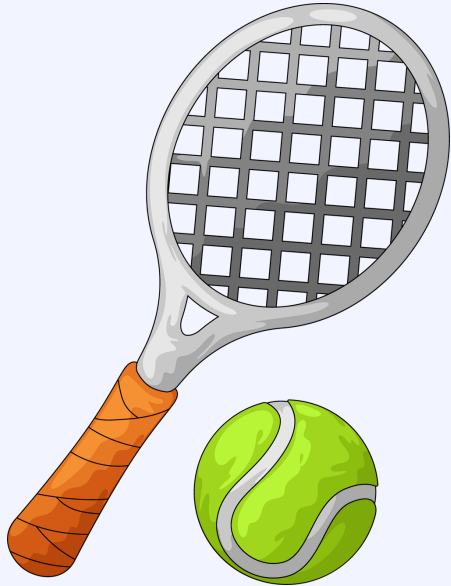
Please book your child's place and make payment via Arbor



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

Tennis Camps



Easter TENNIS CAMPS

Monday 30th March - Wednesday 1st April
& Tuesday 7th April - Thursday 9th 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!

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MULTI-SPORTS
ART & CRAFTS
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DATE & TIME
MONDAY 30TH
MARCH -
WEDNESDAY 1ST
APRIL

9AM-3PM
(8:30AM DROP OFF
AVAILABLE)

OPEN TO ALL ABILITIES
AGE 4-12 YEARS

**TO BOOK & FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT MEGAN TODAY**

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JUNIOR CLUB NIGHT

JOIN US EVERY
FRIDAY 5-6PM

FOR A TENNIS-FILLED EVENING
OF COURT TIME, ACTIVITIES &
REFRESHMENTS

MEMBERS: FREE
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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



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 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 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).

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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



Dates for your Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
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 3:10-4pm (bring party clothes to change into)
Wednesday 25th March 2026	Swimming Gala
Thursday 26 th March 2026	Eco Club Toy Sale (On the playground after school)
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 5 th May 2026	Y1 Rabbits Class Assembly
Wednesday 6 th May	Y1 Hedgehogs Class Assembly
Thursday 7 th 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

Dates for your Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Wednesday 20 th May 2026	KS2/KS3 SLP Book Club Celebration Event
Friday 22 nd May 2026	Y6 End of Year Celebration Trip
Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th May 2026	Half Term Week
Monday 29th June 2026	Y2 Educational Visit to Blackpool Zoo
Friday 3 rd 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 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