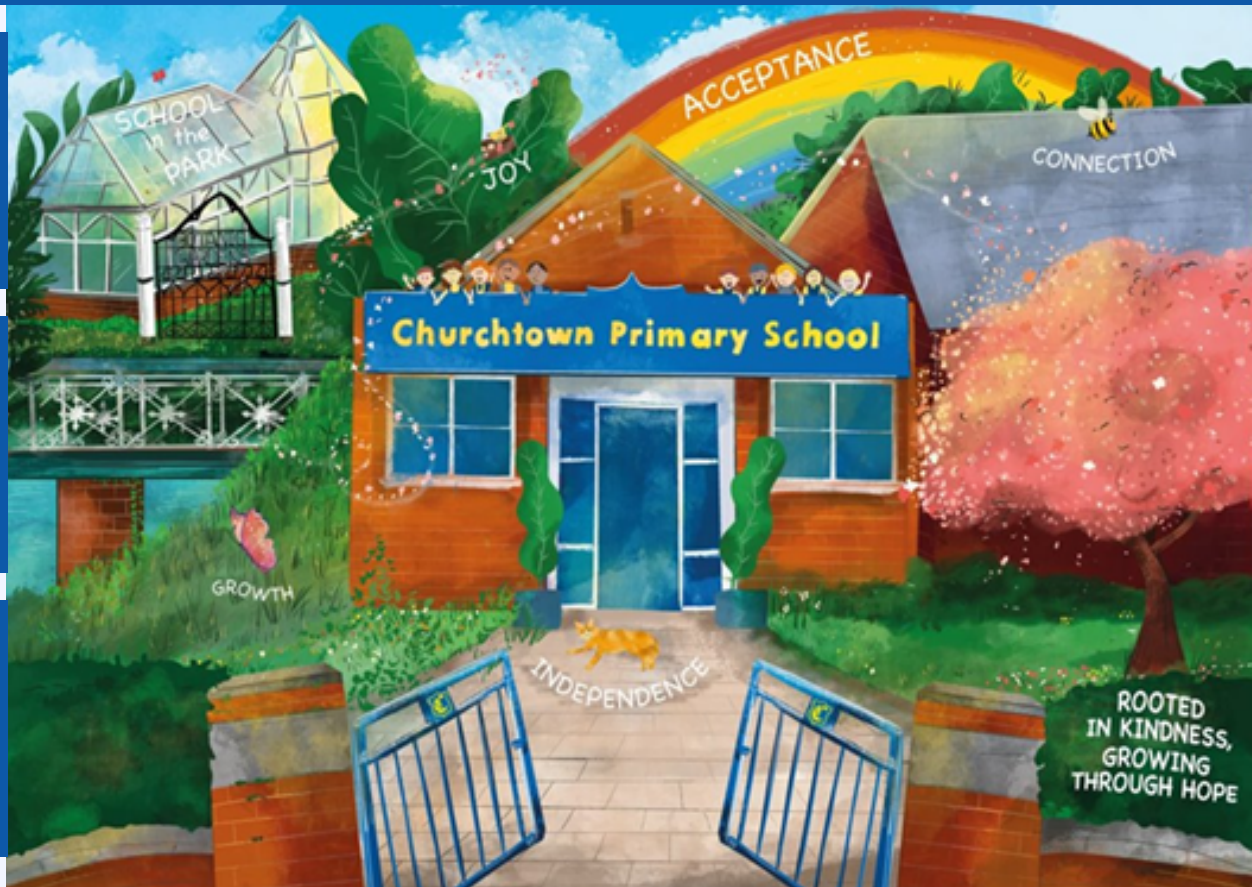


Friday 26th June 2026

Churchtown Chatter

Newsletter 36



Joy



Acceptance



Connection



Independence



Growth

A message from the Headteacher:

Despite the extremely hot weather this week, it has been another lovely week at Churchtown. I would like to say a huge well done to all of the children, who have adapted brilliantly. They have continued to work hard, shown great resilience and made the most of the week while helping us to stay safe in the heat.

Children have been told their new classes for next year today and you will find all of the information on the page below. Then, you will find information about the members of our teaching staff who will be leaving us at the end of the school year. While we are sad to say goodbye, I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for everything they have contributed to Churchtown during their time with us. They have each played an important role in the life of our school, and I know you will join me in wishing them every success and happiness for the future.

Looking ahead, we are very excited for our Summer Fair next week. This is always one of the highlights of the school calendar and promises to be a fantastic afternoon for our whole school community. There will be plenty to enjoy, including stalls, games, a BBQ, ice cream, and of course the ever-popular Soak the Teacher!

We hope to see lots of families there supporting the event and helping us make it another great success. Please see further information below regarding timings and cake donations for the cake sale.

Have a great weekend, from Mrs Payne.

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Primary School

CLASS INFORMATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

Leadership:

Headteacher – Jinnie Payne

Deputy Headteacher – Michelle Ward

Assistant Headteacher (EYFS/KS1) – Mr Dowd

Assistant Headteacher (KS2) – Mrs Purdy

SENCO – Mrs Bowen (Maternity cover for Mrs Tudor)

Nursery: Snowdrops	Miss Andrews (Room Leader) Miss Kerr (Deputy Room Leader)
	Miss Walker Miss Taylor Miss Hart Miss Mawdsley Miss Barron

Nursery: Buttercups	Mrs Shawcroft (Nursery Class Teacher)
	Miss Cornish (TA) Miss Marrin (TA)
Phase Leader: Mrs Mallett	

Reception	Mrs Mallett Sunflowers	Miss Wilson Tulips	Mrs O'Grady & Mrs Langley Bluebells
	Mrs Andrew (TA)	Mrs Rigby (TA)	Mrs Steele (TA)
Phase Leader: Mrs Mallett			

Year 1	Mrs Dowd Squirrels	Mrs Crookes Hedgehogs	Mrs Coysh Rabbits
	Old Class: Tulips	Old Class: Sunflowers	Old Class: Bluebells
Phase Leader: Mrs Dowd	Miss Rimmer (TA) & Mrs Gavan (TA)		

Year 2 Phase Leader: Mrs Dowd	Mrs Stalker <i>Robins</i>	Mrs Bowers (4 days) Mr Dowd (1 day) <i>Owls</i>	Ms Staples <i>Swans</i>
	Old Class: Hedgehogs	Old Class: Squirrels	Old Class: Rabbits
	Mrs Beigan (TA), Mrs McDonald (TA), Mrs Barbe (TA), Mrs Lomax (TA) & Mrs Ahmed (TA)		

Year 3 Phase Leader: Mrs Purdy	Miss Morris (3 days) Mrs Purdy (2 days) <i>Oak</i>	Cassie Thornley <i>Fir</i>
	Mrs Straw (TA) & Miss Wareing	

Year 4 Phase Leader: Mr Bowen	Miss Suffell <i>Pine</i>	Mrs Williams (Mon/Tue/Wed) Mrs Carroll (Thu/Fri) <i>Birch</i>	Mrs Howard (4 days) <i>Willow</i>
	Old Class: Elm	Old Class: Oak	Old Class: Fir
	Mrs Lamb (TA), Mrs Partington (TA), Mrs Munro (TA), Mrs Barlow (TA) and Mrs Barbe (TA)		

Year 5 Phase Leader: Mr Bowen	Mr Bowen <i>Alder</i>	Miss Wynne <i>Juniper</i>	Miss Doran <i>Larch</i>
	Old Class: Pine	Old Class: Willow	Old Class: Birch
	Miss Williamson (TA) & Miss Francis (TA)		

Year 6 Phase Leader: Mr Bowen	Mrs Collins <i>Aspen</i>	Mrs Bluck <i>Cedar</i>	Miss Hart <i>Sycamore</i>
	Old Class: Alder	Old Class: Juniper	Old Class: Larch
	Mrs Anderson (TA), Mrs Aspinall (TA) & Mrs Parkes (TA)		

Teachers: Mrs Hopkins (Maternity leave)

Flourish: Mrs Bowen (Class Teacher) & Miss Francis (TA)

Pastoral Team: Mrs Sutton, Miss Simms, Mr Bateman, Mrs Welsh, Mrs Patten

Cover Supervisors: Miss Wray, Mrs Hipwell, Mrs Talbot-Landers,
Mrs Doyle (Maternity leave)

Music: Mrs Hibbert



Goodbye for now!



Mrs Tudor

Today marks Mrs Tudor's last day in school before she begins her maternity leave. We are delighted for her and her family as they prepare to welcome their new arrival.

As Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Tudor plays a hugely important role in our school, and while we will miss seeing her each day, we know she has some very exciting times ahead. We wish her all the very best and look forward to hearing her wonderful news and welcoming her back.



Mrs Hopkins

Mrs Hopkins will also shortly begin her maternity leave as she prepares to welcome a new addition to her family. We are thrilled for her and wish her every happiness during this special time. We know the children and staff will enjoy hearing updates as she embarks on this exciting new chapter, and we look forward to welcoming her back the time comes.





As we near the end of the school year, we would like to say a huge thank you to several members of teaching staff who will be leaving Churchtown.

Mr Miller

After several successful years as Assistant Headteacher, Mr Miller will be leaving Churchtown to explore opportunities in other sectors. Throughout his time here, he has made a tremendous contribution to school life and has supported countless pupils, families and staff. We thank him for everything he has done and wish him every success for the future.



Mr Cocks

After many years of service at Churchtown, Mr Cocks will be leaving us this summer. His commitment and contribution to our school community have had a lasting impact, and he will be greatly missed. We thank him for all he has done and wish him every success as he begins an exciting new venture with his own business, The Maples Celebrancy and becoming a celebrant himself.



Miss Keeley

Miss Keeley will be moving on to a new role at another school in the Trust as Deputy SENCo and Lead Teacher for SEND Provision. We are incredibly grateful for her dedication and the support she has provided to our pupils and families. We wish her every success in her new position.



Mrs Watkinson

Mrs Watkinson will be joining Trinity St Peter's to teach Year 3. We would like to thank her for everything she has done during her time at Churchtown, particularly her fantastic contribution to music and the many opportunities she has provided for our children. We wish her all the very best in her new role.



Miss Miller

A huge thank you to Miss Miller, who has been an outstanding MFL Lead this year. Her enthusiasm, expertise and commitment to Spanish have helped inspire a love of language learning across the school. We are grateful for all her hard work and wish her every success in the future.



We thank all of our departing teaching staff for the difference they have made to Churchtown and wish them happiness and success in their next adventures.

**** MINIMUM BOOKING NUMBERS MUST BE REACHED IN ORDER FOR THE CLUB TO GO AHEAD.****



**** BOOKINGS CLOSE ON FRIDAY THE 3RD OF JULY ****

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

Butterflies Summer Holiday Club OPEN from Monday the 20th of July to Friday the 28th of August
CLOSED ON THE 29TH OF AUGUST, 1ST & 2ND OF SEPTEMBER

OPEN 7.30AM TO 5.30PM

BUTTERCUPS TO YEAR 6

£30 PER DAY

PLEASE BRING A PACKED LUNCH

SNACKS PROVIDED

SUMMER

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

WE'RE EXCITED TO RUN THE HOLIDAY CLUB AND CREATE A FUN, SAFE, AND ENGAGING EXPERIENCE FOR THE CHILDREN. HOWEVER, MINIMUM BOOKING NUMBERS MUST BE REACHED IN ORDER FOR THE CLUB TO GO AHEAD.

Attendance

This week's Attendance Champions are:

Sycamore

for 99% attendance!

The Year Group with the highest attendance this week is:

Year 6

Well done everybody!





Churchtown PTA

SUMMER Fair

2ND JULY
3-5:30PM

GAMES



HOOK A DUCK

SOAK THE TEACHER



BAT THE RAT



BRIC A BRAC



BBO



ICECREAM



CAKES



FACEPAINT
GLITTER
TATTOOS



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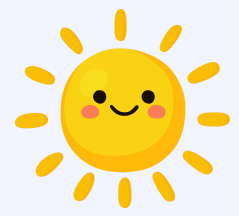


CASH
ONLY





Summer Fair Info



We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to our Summer Fair on Thursday 2nd July, with gates opening at 3:00pm and the event running until 5:30pm. There will be lots of fantastic stalls, a delicious BBQ, ice creams, face painting and the ever-popular Soak the Teacher! It promises to be a fun-filled afternoon for the whole family.

We will also be holding a cake sale in the Old Hall and would be very grateful for any donations. Please bring either shop-bought, pre-packaged cakes or homemade cakes with a full list of ingredients. Donations can be brought into school on Thursday morning. Thank you for your support – we look forward to seeing you there!

Casual Site Supervisor Required

Churchtown Primary School is looking for a friendly, reliable and practical person to join our team as a Casual Site Supervisor.

Duties will include:

Gate duties at the beginning and end of the school day

Carrying out minor repairs and maintenance

Helping to keep the school site safe, secure and well maintained

Applicants must be able to drive and be confident with basic DIY and maintenance tasks.

For an application form or further information, please contact the School Office at office@churchtown.org.uk.





Art & Film Club



Children from Years 5 and 6 have been working with Play on Productions to explore the exciting world of filmmaking and create their very own short films. Throughout the project, the children have enjoyed learning how to develop storyboards, follow scripts and film different scenes. They have embraced a variety of roles, both in front of and behind the camera, including actors, directors, camera operators and sound engineers. The experience has been a fantastic opportunity to develop creativity, teamwork and communication skills, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed every aspect of the filmmaking process.



Wally Cain Dance Festival

A huge congratulations to these incredible Year 5 children, who performed at the Atkinson Theatre on Thursday evening as part of the Wally Cain Dance Festival. They were true superstars on stage, performing their volcano-inspired dance routine with confidence and enthusiasm. We could not be prouder of them!



Wildlife Garden Competition

Well done to all the children who took part in our Wildlife Garden Competition! We were delighted to receive 40 creative and thoughtful entries, making it incredibly difficult to choose our winners. We were supported in our decision by a local gardener.

Congratulations to our runners-up: Millie (Year 1), Ivy (Year 2), Flori (Year 3) and Lily (Year 4).

A huge well done to our winners: Cosima (Year 5) and Amelia (Year 6). We are excited to follow the progress of these gardens as they develop over the next academic year.



E C O C L U B

BEACH CLEAN

Eco club would like to invite you to a Beach Clean with Green Sefton on Sunday 28th June 2026.

We will be meeting at Weld Road roundabout carpark at 10am – 12pm. Litterpickers, bags and hoops to hold them open will be provided though you may bring your own.

Please ensure you are wearing suitable outdoor clothing, gloves and sturdy footwear.

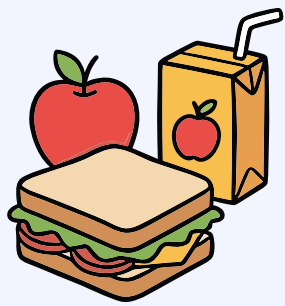
If you are interested, please can you complete the interest form. (This is just so we have an indication of how many will be attending).

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

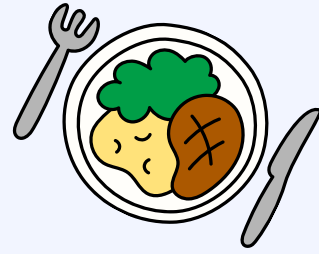
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Mrs Stalker & Miss Cornish





Free School Meals Check if Your Child is Eligible



From September 2026, the Government has expanded eligibility for benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM). All children in households receiving Universal Credit may now qualify, so families are encouraged to check their eligibility even if they have previously been told they do not qualify.

Registering for Free School Meals can provide valuable support, including free meals for eligible pupils and additional funding for the school through the Pupil Premium, which helps support children's education, wellbeing and wider opportunities.

Parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who already receive Universal Infant Free School Meals are also encouraged to apply if eligible, as this enables the school to access additional funding to support pupils.

Families who think they may qualify should apply online using Sefton Council's application form:

[https://seftonself.achieveservice.com/service/Free School Meals Process](https://seftonself.achieveservice.com/service/Free_School_Meals_Process)

Further information about Free School Meals is available on the Sefton Council website:

<https://www.sefton.gov.uk/childrens-services/schools-and-learning/grants-and-funding/free-school-meals/>

Children who are already eligible do not need to reapply, as Sefton Council will automatically review eligibility before September. If you need any help completing an application or would like further information, please contact the school office.



OPEN WATER: DON'T TAKE THE RISK



Swimming in or playing near rivers and canals may seem like a great idea, particularly on a warm day, but it could all end in tragedy. **DON'T take the risk.**

THE WATER IS COLD...

...even on very warm days, rivers and canals contain water barely above 10 degrees. Sudden immersion can lead to cold water shock, which can cause gasping and intake of water.

This can be deadly in a matter of seconds.



DID YOU KNOW?

Even the narrowest of rivers can be considerably deep. Rivers are subject to strong flow and **hidden currents** which can trouble even the strongest of swimmers.

Remember, there are no lifeguards to help you at your local river, lake, canal or dam.



Rivers can be very difficult to climb out of, especially with steep or slimy banks. **Stay clear of rivers with steep or unguarded banks.**

WHAT LIES BENEATH?



The water is untreated and can make you ill.

Canals and rivers contain pollutants, sewage and often unseen underwater obstructions and snag hazards.

Debris under the water such as shopping trolleys, broken glass and cans can cause **injury** or **trap** you.



IN AN EMERGENCY...NEVER enter the water to try and help a person or animal. You could get into difficulty yourself. Instead, dial 999 and use any water rescue equipment that is available.

If you fall into the water unexpectedly, fight your instinct to thrash around. Instead, lean back, extend your arms and legs & float.



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www.merseyfire.gov.uk



Churchtown PTA

ICE LOLLY FRIDAYS ARE BACK!

The PTA will be selling ice pops on the
playground after school on the
following dates:

June 5th

June 12th

June 19th

June 26th

July 3rd

July 10th



50P
CASH ONLY



Churchtown PTA

SUMMER DISCO



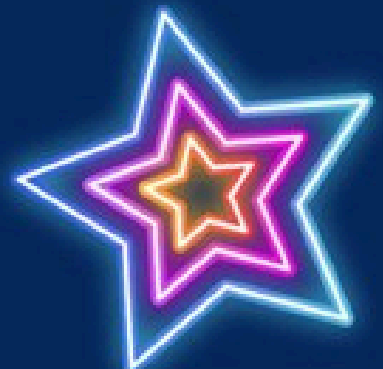
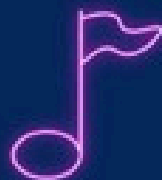
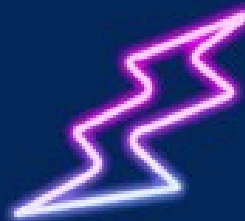
Thursday 9th July



Years 2 & 3: 3:30pm – 4:30pm



Years 4 & 5: 5pm – 6pm





SUMMER TENNIS CAMPS!

SERVE UP
SOME FUN
THIS SUMMER

3
WEEKS
OF CAMPS!



WEEK 1

Monday 20th –
Wednesday 22nd July

WEEK 2

Monday 27th –
Wednesday 29th July

WEEK 3

Tuesday 4th –
Thursday 6th August



CAMPS TIMES
9AM - 2PM



PRICES
£30
FOR A DAY
.....
£70
FOR 3 DAYS



AGES
4-16
YEARS OLD



FUN GAMES,
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MATCHES AND
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Sell your items
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Churchtown PTA

TABLETOP SALE

Have a clear out or pick up some bargains
and help raise money for Churchtown
Primary School



29
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St Cuthbert's Village Hall
10am - 3pm
To book a table:
churchtownpta2@gmail.com

£10
PER
TABLE

Tea & Coffee. Cakes. Tombola. Free Entry

Dates for your Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Sunday 28 th June 2026	Eco Club: Green Sefton Beach Clean (10am-12pm)
Monday 29 th June 2026	Y2 Educational Visit to Blackpool Zoo
Monday 29 th June 2026	Y5 Taster day Birkdale & Greenbank
Monday 29 th June 2026	Y4 & Y6 Science Shows
Tuesday 30 th June 2026	Year 5 Mixed Dynamo Cricket @ Fleetwood Hesketh Cricket Club
Tuesday 30 th June 2026	Year 4 Educational Visit to The Atkinson
Thursday 2 nd July 2026	PTA Summer Fair (3-5:30)
Friday 3 rd July 2026	Y6 Performance at The Atkinson (7pm)
Tuesday 7 th & Wednesday 8 th July 2026	Y3 Class Assemblies (2pm Start)
Thursday 9 th July 2026	PTA Summer Discos (Y2&3- 3:30-4:30pm Y4&5- 5-6pm)
Monday 13 th July 2026	Summer Reading Challenge Assembly
Thursday 16 th July 2026	Year 6 Leavers Assembly @ St Cuthberts Church (9:30am)
Thursday 16 th July 2026	Year 6 Festival on the yard (PM)

Friday 17th July 2026	PTA Y6 Break the Rules Day
Friday 17th July 2026	End of Term- School closes at 1:30pm for Summer Holidays
Monday 20th July 2026	INSET Day



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

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 2026/27

CLOSED – Monday 25th May 2026 (Spring Bank
Holiday)

CLOSED – Monday 31st August 2026 (Summer Bank
Holiday)

CLOSED- Thursday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

CLOSED- Friday 25th December (Christmas Day)

CLOSED- Monday 28th December (BH Boxing Day)

CLOSED- Thursday 31st December 2026 (NYE)

CLOSED- Friday 1st January 2027 (NYD)

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