

Friday 10th July 2026

Churchtown Chatter

Newsletter 38



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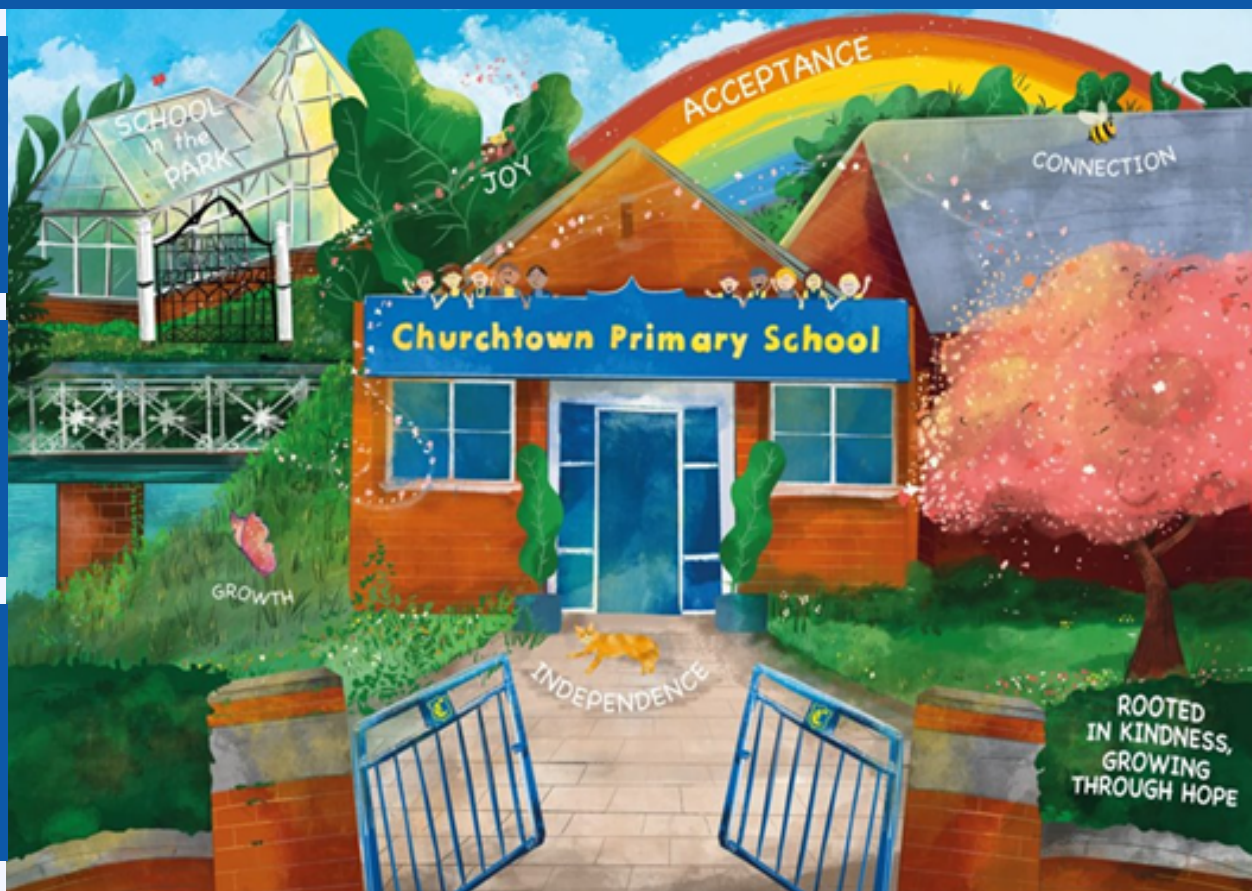
Connection



Independence



Growth



A message from the Headteacher:

A big well done to Year 6 for their performance at The Atkinson on Friday evening. The show was absolutely fabulous, and the children were outstanding. Their confidence, talent and enthusiasm shone through from start to finish, and everyone involved should be incredibly proud of what they achieved.

This week saw our transition visits take place. It was lovely to see the children spending time in their new classrooms and getting to know the teachers they will be working with next year. The sessions on Monday and Friday went really well and have helped the children feel excited and prepared for the year ahead.

A big thank you to our PTA for organising the Summer Discos, which were a great success. The children had a fantastic time celebrating with their friends and enjoying the end-of-year festivities.

Looking ahead to next week, we have lots planned as we bring the school year to a close, including our Summer Showcase and leavers' assemblies. We are looking forward to ending the year on a high and celebrating all that the children have achieved.

Have a great weekend, from Mrs Payne.

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Churchtown
Primary School



REMINDER

School closes at

1:30pm

for the Summer Holidays
next Friday (17th July).

Attendance

This week's Attendance Champions
are:

Tulips

for 100% attendance and punctuality!

The Year Group with the highest
attendance this week is:

Year 2

Well done everybody!





Termly Attendance Award



Well done *Year 2* who
have won the termly
Attendance Award!



As a reward on Thursday
16th July, the whole year
group can wear their own
clothes and will get an
extra play time!



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

Miss Simms

We would like to congratulate Miss Simms, who will be leaving Churchtown after successfully securing a position as a Trainee Educational Mental Health Practitioner. As a vital member of our pastoral team, Miss Simms has provided invaluable support, care and guidance to so many of our pupils and families. Her dedication has made a real difference across our school community. We are incredibly proud of her achievement and wish her every success as she begins this exciting new chapter in her career.



Mrs Straw

Mrs Straw will be leaving Churchtown to take up a new role within the Trust at Northbrook, where she will be working in the SEN Unit. As a Teaching Assistant, Mrs Straw has been a fantastic member of our team and has supported countless children throughout her time at Churchtown. Her kindness, commitment and dedication have been greatly appreciated by pupils, staff and families alike. While we will miss her at Churchtown, we are delighted that she will remain part of the Trust and wish her every success in her new role.



A link has been sent
via Arbor for all Year
6 parents to access
the full photo album,
if you have any
issues, please contact
the school office.



ROBIN AND THE SHERWOOD HOODIES





Information for Parents – LUNCHTIME MENU

School Lunches – September 2026

We hope you have a wonderful summer break!

When we return to school in September, the price of a school lunch for Buttercups Children and KS2 will increase to **£2.90 per meal**

Payments for school lunches will continue to be made through Arbor, so please ensure your child's account is in credit to cover the cost of their lunches. If your child is moving from Year 2 into Year 3, they will now need to pay for their school lunches unless they are eligible for Free School Meals.

Lunch Menu

When school reopens on Thursday 3rd September, the menu for the remainder of the week will be:

Thursday 3rd September

Tomato & Cheese Pasta Bake or Churchtown Deli option
Fruit or Yoghurt

Friday 4th September

Fish, Chips & Peas or Churchtown Deli option
Chocolate Cake

From Monday 7th September, we will move to **Week 2** of the lunch menu.

Free School Meals

Your child may be eligible for Free School Meals. If you're unsure whether you qualify, we encourage you to check by visiting:

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

From 1st September 2026, the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals will change. If you are a Sefton resident and receive one of the following benefits, your child may be eligible:

Universal Credit

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)

The Guaranteed Credit element of Pension Credit

Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If you think you may be eligible, we would encourage you to apply, as this can also provide additional funding to support your child's education.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September!

ENDEAVOUR EATS



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Tomato & Cheese Pasta Bake Broccoli Vegan Pasta Bake Chocolate Cake Fruit	Homemade Chicken Korma with Rice, Green Beans & Naan Bread Vegan Korma, with Rice & Naan Bread Strawberry Mousse Fruit	Butcher's Hotdog Sausage in a Bun with Tortilla Chips & Sweetcorn Vegan Sausage with Tortilla Chips & Sweetcorn Pain aux Raisin Fruit	Roast Turkey with Homemade Roast Potato and Seasonal Vegetables Vegan Quorn Fillet with Homemade Roast Potato and Seasonal Vegetables Shortbread Fruit	Fish Chips & Peas Vegan Nuggets Fruit-Filled Tart Fruit
Week 2	Mac and Cheese With/Without Ham Sweetcorn Vegetarian Mac and Cheese Carrot Cake Fruit	Pizza With/Without Pepperoni Salad Vegetarian Pizza Yoghurt Fruit	Pulled Pork in a Wrap with Hash Brown Bites, Coleslaw and Salad Vegan Meatballs in a Wrap with Salad Toffee Pots with Crumble Fruit	Beef Stewed Steak Pie in Gravy with Mashed Potato & Seasonal Vegetables Vegetarian Mince Pie, with Mashed Potato & seasonal Vegetables School Cake Fruit	Fish, Chips and Peas or Beans Vegan Sausage, Chips and Peas or Beans Chocolate Biscuit Fruit
Week 3	Tagliatelle with Bacon & Tomato Broccoli Vegan Pasta with Ragu Pink & White Marble cake Fruit	Chinese Chicken served in a Wrap with Lettuce & Savoury Rice Chinese Vegan Fillet Brownies Fruit	Lasagne served with Salad and Garlic Bread Vegetarian Lasagne Victoria Sponge Cake Fruit	Sausage, Mashed Potato, Yorkshire Pudding with Peas & Gravy Vegan Sausage Oaty Crunch Biscuit Fruit	Fish, Chips and Peas or Beans Vegan Meatballs, Chips and Peas or Beans Bakewell Tart Fruit

CHURCHTOWN DELI

Wraps or Rolls with a selection of fillings:
Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise with Salad and Vegetable Sticks

Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings:
Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise with Salad and Vegetable Sticks

AVAILABLE DAILY



Playgroup at Churchtown



What a wonderful year we have had in Playgroup, so many families joining us for fun activities, singing and making new friends along the way. I wish all the children moving on to Reception and Nursery lots of luck. Can't wait to see you all again in September.

Thanks,
Miss Cornish



Eco Club Success at Southport Flower Show

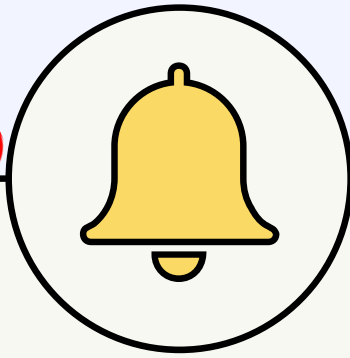


A huge well done to all of our Year 1 and Year 2 Eco Club members for their fantastic work this term.

The children researched bees, with a particular focus on solitary bees, before designing and creating an impressive bug hotel. They collected materials, added a living roof and used shells to create miniature bee baths, making the hotel attractive to bees and other beneficial insects.

The children also designed and built a wonderful Paddington Bear scarecrow, demonstrating great creativity, teamwork and perseverance throughout the project.

We are incredibly proud that both creations will be displayed at the Southport Flower Show from 20th–23rd August. If you are attending the show, please look out for them and support the children's hard work and achievements.



**Please remember to take home
any bikes or scooters that are left
in the bike sheds before we break
up for the Summer Holidays.
Thanks!**

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.



Swish & Stitch
Uniform/CoatSwap
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Southport Market

Sunday 9th August 2026 | 10.30am – 2pm



How It Works

1. Drop Off

10.30 – 11.30am

Bring uniform items — as much or as little as you can

2. Stay a While

10 – 12pm

Coffee, breakfast, or a chat with neighbours in the market

3. Browse & take

12 – 2pm

Pick up what your family needs



Any uniforms not taken go to the **Uniform Hub** at the Victoria Centre — supporting families year-round.

Can't make 9 August? The Uniform Hub is open year-round.

Can afford to donate? The Uniform Hub relies on donations from families who can give, to keep providing free uniforms year-round.

Love your clothes for longer.

Every swap keeps clothing out of landfill and gives pre-loved pieces a second life in our community.



Delivered with Southport Market, Enhance Events, and the Uniform Hub (Compassion Acts)
Find out more: [@thehearthnetwork/rethinkingclothes](https://thehearthnetwork.com/rethinkingclothes) · [@zerowastelc](https://twitter.com/zerowastelc) · [@compassionacts/donate](https://twitter.com/compassionacts/donate)

Free entry | All welcome | Bring a friend



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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Cornerstone Library
Churchtown
A place for everyone



Summer reading club



Join our summer reading club
Read 4 books and you will receive a prize.
Read 6 books and you will be entered into a prize draw.

Return forms to the library by Thursday 27th August 2026.



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,
COACHING,
MATCHES AND
MAKE NEW
FRIENDS!



**TUCK SHOP
AVAILABLE!**

VENUE:

NORTH MEOLS TENNIS CLUB



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ON **07900998754** TO BOOK ON
OR FOR MORE DETAILS



Sell your items
old or new



Churchtown PTA

TABLETOP SALE

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



29
AUG

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>
Monday 13 th July 2026	Summer Reading Challenge Assembly
Monday 13 th July 2026	Snowdrops Picnic (Group 1)
Wednesday 15 th July 2026	Snowdrops Picnic (Group 2)
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 17 th July 2026	PTA Y6 Break the Rules Day
Friday 17 th July 2026	End of Term- School closes at 1:30pm for Summer Holidays
Monday 20 th July 2026	INSET Day

NEXT TERM Dates for your Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Tuesday 1 st September 2026	INSET Day
Wednesday 2 nd September 2026	INSET Day
Thursday 3 rd September 2026	Back to school, rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!



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 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 31st August 2026 (Summer Bank Holiday)

CLOSED- Tuesday 1st September 2026 (INSET DAY)

CLOSED- Wednesday 2nd September 2026 (INSET DAY)

CLOSED- Monday 23rd October 2026 (INSET DAY)

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