

Friday 9th October 2026

Churchtown Chatter

Newsletter 6



Joy



Acceptance



Connection



Independence



Growth



A message from the Headteacher:

Creativity and celebration have been a lovely part of life at Churchtown this week, with lots to recognise and look forward to as we move further into the autumn term.

A huge congratulations to our National Poetry Day winners! We were delighted to celebrate a winner from every year group, and it has been wonderful to see the children's creativity, imagination and enthusiasm for poetry. Well done to everyone who took part, and a special congratulations to all of our winners!

This week, a letter about our upcoming Parents' Evenings has been sent out to families. These meetings are an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate their achievements and talk about their next steps in learning. Please look out for the letter and see further information below in the newsletter.

A reminder that school photographs will take place next week, including individual and sibling photographs. We look forward to capturing some lovely smiles.

Have a great weekend, from Mrs Payne

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Churchtown
Primary School

Attendance

This week's Attendance Champions
are:

Rabbits

again for 100% attendance!

The Year Group with the highest
attendance this week is:

Year 2

Well done everybody!



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

Butterflies Holiday Club OPEN from Monday the 26th of October to Friday the 30th of October

CLOSED ON FRIDAY THE 23RD OF OCTOBER (INSET DAY)

OPEN 7.30AM TO 5.30PM

BUTTERCUPS TO
YEAR 6

£30 PER
DAY

PLEASE BRING A
PACKED LUNCH

SNACKS
PROVIDED

hello
OCTOBER

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.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Autumn Term
(Last week of clubs:
w/c the 14th of
December)

Meols Cop Dance
& Young Voices:
Registers Complete

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FULLY BOOKED

Starting Monday the 2nd of November for 7 Weeks
TENNIS WITH MISS HYLAND
** Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 **

Starting Tuesday the 3rd of November for 7 Weeks
ACRO/GYMNASTICS
MRS BARTLEY
** Reception & Year 1 **

FULLY BOOKED

Starting Wednesday the 4th of November for 7 Weeks
DODGEBALL/BENCHBALL
WITH MISS RIMMER
** Years 5 & 6 **

Starting Thursday the 5th of November for 6 Weeks
ECO CLUB WITH MRS STALKER
Years 5 & 6 **FREE**

ECO Club

Starting Monday the 2nd of November for 7 Weeks
NETBALL WITH MRS BARNETT
** Years 4, 5 and 6 **

PAYMENT REQUIRED

Starting Tuesday the 3rd of November
MEOLS COP DANCE FESTIVAL REHEARSALS
** Years 5 & 6 **
Every Tuesday until the 19th of January 2027

Starting Wednesday the 4th of November for 7 Weeks
CHEERLEADING WITH MRS BARTLEY
** Years 2, 3, 4 **

FULLY BOOKED

Starting Tuesday the 22nd of September
YOUNG VOICES REHEARSALS
Every Tuesday until the 9th of February 2027

Starting Wednesday the 4th of November for 7 Weeks
PERFORMING ARTS WITH MRS HIBBERT
** Years 4, 5 & 6 **

PAYMENT REQUIRED

Starting Wednesday the 4th of November for 7 Weeks
FOOTBALL WITH MR GREENWOOD
** Years 3 & 4 **

PAYMENT REQUIRED

After School Clubs:

"REMEMBER"

- Begin w/c the 2nd of November
- Book & Pay via Arbor
- £4.00 per week for 7 weeks
- Netball will also take place every Tuesday lunchtime
- Young Voices & Meols Cop Dance are not on Arbor to book (info to be sent home about Meols Cop Dance)
- If the club is full, parents won't be able to book (error message!)

PAYMENT REQUIRED

After School Clubs:

- The clubs will run from 3.20pm - 4.20pm
- The LODGE gate will be open for collection
- Children who are booked onto Butterflies/Little Buds After School Club will be taken after the club finishes
- Any Year 5 or 6 child who has permission to walk home: PARENTS MUST CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE
- Payment for clubs must be made in full
- PE Kits to be brought in to change into

Parents will be notified when CLUBS OPEN ON ARBOR



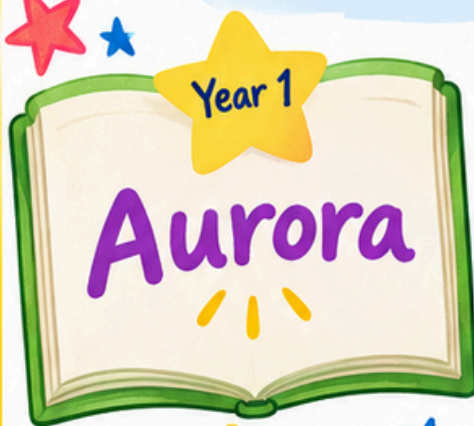
National Poetry Day

Celebrating our Poem Writing Winners!

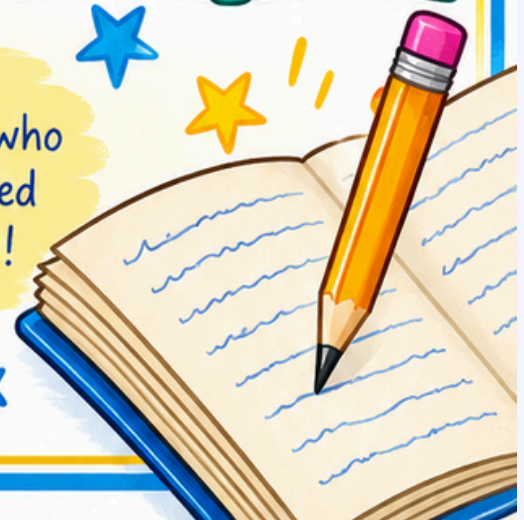


Poetry helps us see the world in a different way

Thank you to everyone who took part in our National Poetry Day competition. We were so impressed by your creativity, imagination and love of words!



Well done to our winners and to all of the children who entered. Your poems showed such creativity and talent!





Parents' Evening Arrangements –



Wednesday 21st October

A letter has been sent to parents and carers with full details of our upcoming Parents' Evening on Wednesday 21st October. Here is a quick reminder of the key arrangements for the day.

School Closing Time

School will close early at 2pm, with Parents' Evening appointments beginning at 2.30pm.

Arriving at School

All parents should enter through the Lodge Gate on Sunny Road.

Buttercups Nursery and Reception: Please make your way to the Early Years building.

Years 1–6: Please enter through the Old Hall doors, accessed from the playground.

Staff will be available to direct you to the appropriate classrooms.

Viewing Your Child's Work

Please aim to arrive 15 minutes before your appointment to allow time to look through your child's books. There will be designated waiting areas for each year group, and you will be collected for your five-minute meeting with your child's class teacher.

Wraparound Care

Little Buds and Butterflies will open at 2pm and close at 5.55pm. Children should be collected from the usual Butterflies entrance.

Scholastic Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair will also be open in the Old Hall during Parents' Evening. Families are welcome to browse and purchase books. The fair will also be available after school on 22nd October and 2nd and 3rd November.



School Photograph Reminder



Thursday 15th and Friday 16th October 2026

Individual and sibling photos: These will be taken over the two days.

Full school uniform: All children must wear their full school uniform on both days.

PE days: If your child has PE on either day, please send their trainers in a bag so they can change into them.

Snowdrops and Buttercups Nursery:

Children who do not normally attend on Thursday will be invited in on Friday morning for their individual photo and a sibling (if applicable) photo

Further information will be shared next week.

Please remember: Full school uniform is essential on both photograph days!

Thank you



Churchtown Open Mornings



Join us for our Churchtown Open Morning and discover all that our school has to offer!

We are delighted to invite prospective families to visit Churchtown, explore our facilities, and experience our welcoming school community.



Tour our school and learning environments



Meet our dedicated staff and pupils



Discover our excellent indoor and outdoor facilities



Learn more about life at Churchtown



Ask questions and find out what makes our school so special



July 17

Date: **October**



Time: **11:00am**

Book your place [here](#)

**October
date now
FULL!**

Upcoming date now open:



July 17

Date: **Friday 20th November**



Time: **9:30am – 11:00am**

Book your place [here](#)

Places are limited, and the booking forms will close once capacity is reached.

The upcoming date 8th January booking form will open in the next few weeks





The BBC 500 Words competition celebrates imagination and creativity, making it a brilliant opportunity to inspire a love of reading and writing.

The competition opened on 29 September, and encourages children from across the UK to create an original story in no more than 500 words. Stories are judged on creativity, character, plot and originality. Spelling, punctuation and grammar are not marked! [Visit the competition webpages](#) to find a wealth of supporting information - including tips and insights from favourite children's authors.



Looking After Your **WELLBEING ONLINE**

We all know that taking care of our minds and bodies is essential to keep us feeling happy and healthy. The thing is, we spend so much of our time online these days that it's also important that we remember to look after ourselves in the digital world, too. Our poster has got some simple but useful tips for supporting your wellbeing while you're gaming, on social media or just using the internet.



Make
a difference
at our
school!

Eco Committee

For a greener, brighter tomorrow

Small Actions



Big Changes

We would like to invite more children from
Year 1 to Year 6 to apply to join!



The Eco Committee will oversee all things eco-related in school, helping to promote **sustainability** and **environmental awareness**

while providing children with a valuable opportunity to **share their ideas** and **have a voice** in making positive changes within our school community.



Caring
today
for a
brighter
tomorrow



How to apply

If your child would like to be considered for a place on the Eco Committee (please note that this is separate from Eco Club), they should complete an application form.



Application forms

We would appreciate it if you could print the form at home where possible to help us reduce paper usage.

However, spare copies will also be available from the school office.



Meetings

Committee members will meet during **lunchtime (12:00pm)** at least once or twice each half term.

Children will be informed of meeting dates in advance.



Successful applicants

will be notified verbally in school.



Important deadline

Please return completed application forms by

Friday 9th October 2026.

Cleaner air ♥ Greener spaces ♥ Happier futures

Our
School
Our Planet
Our Future



Is my child too ill for school?

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?

YES

Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO

Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

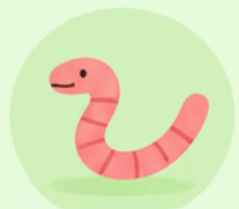
Should go in

A cough, cold or sore throat



Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.

Threadworms



Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

Should go in (let the school know)

Cold sores

Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis

Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

Head lice & nits

You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.

Hand, foot & mouth disease

If they are well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

Slapped cheek syndrome

Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

Seek treatment before returning to school

Impetigo

They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.

Ringworm

See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Scarlet fever

They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Chickenpox

Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Keep them off (at first)

Ear infection

If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

Measles

They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go, in case measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.

Vomiting & diarrhoea

Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).



Feeling worried or anxious?

It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help.



If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE

Is your child born on or between
01/09/2022 and 31/08/2023?

If so, your child is due to start
school September 2027!



**You MUST apply for a school place
online before 15 January 2027**

For more information or to make an
application, scan our QR code or go to
www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool



sefton.gov.uk 0151 934 3590
admissions@sefton.gov.uk

Sefton Council 



Step inside a world of imagination and adventure this half term as Southport is taken over by a living storybook.

Books Alive! is bringing a world of storytelling, creativity and fun to Southport on 24-31 October.

With a magical 'The Jolly Postman' Trail taking over the town centre, a packed 'Festival of Stories' at The Atkinson and Southport Library, and a town-wide Fringe Festival filled with book-themed events and activities, this totally free festival brings children's stories to life in exciting new ways.

Families can explore immersive storybook scenes inspired by 'The Jolly Postman', enjoy events with leading children's authors and illustrators, and discover creative experiences hosted by local businesses and venues across Southport.

All Festival of Stories events are free to attend & you can book your tickets now.



Secondary School Applications for September 2027

Parents and carers of Year 6 pupils should now apply for their child's secondary school place for September 2027 entry. Applications for Sefton residents can be made online via the Sefton Citizen Portal. Applications opened on 1 September 2026 and must be submitted by 31 October 2026.

Families can select up to three preferred secondary schools and are encouraged to read Sefton's admissions guidance before applying, as it contains important information about deadlines and admissions criteria. Parents and carers who live outside Sefton must apply through their own local authority, even if they wish to include Sefton schools as preferences. Further information, admissions guides and the online application portal are available via the Sefton School Admissions website:

<http://www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool>

EARLY YEARS SEND TEAM

Parent/Carer Coffee Morning



Has your child got Special Educational Needs/Disabilities?

Do you want to know more about SEND processes and the support available in Sefton?

Do you want to meet other parents/carers of children with SEND?

Meet with professionals from Aiming High, Early Help, Speech and Language Therapy, Sefton Parent Carers, SENDIASS, Occupational Therapy, the Autism and Complex Needs Team, and other local support services, all in one place

Talbot Street Family Hub

St Andrew's Place
Southport
PR8 1HR
10am-12pm

Friday 9th October
Monday 25th January
Friday 14th May

Parent Feedback

"Lovely morning, all staff were fantastic with the kids and us as tired mums needing reassurance and advice. Great to feel supported and gain more knowledge on what's available to help."

Take time for you and have a brew! All children welcome.

For more information please contact:

Lauren.Wilding@sefton.gov.uk



Dates for your Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Thursday 15 th - Friday 16 th October 2026	Individual and sibling School Photos (Info being sent out via Arbor)
Monday 19th October 2026	Churchtown Open Morning (9:30-11)
Wednesday 21 st October - Wednesday 4 th November 2026	Scolastic Book Fair (after school, in the Old Hall)
Thursday 22 nd October 2026	Year 5 Visit to Stanley High School to watch Frankenstein Play (1:15pm)
Friday 23 rd October 2026	INSET Day
Monday 26 th October - Friday 31 st October 2026	Half Term
Monday 2 nd November 2026	Back to school, rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Wednesday 4 th November 2026	Community Voice Day
Tuesday 17 th November 2026	Year 1- Imagine That! Educational Visit
Friday 20 th November	Churchtown Open Morning (9:30-11)
Tuesday 8 th December 2026	Year 3 Roman Educational Visit to Chester
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!

New additions to the diary in red

OCTOBER HALF TERM TENNIS CAMP



DATES:

Monday 26th &
Tuesday 27th



PRICE:

£30 for 1 day or
£50 for both days



CAMP RUNS:

9am - 2pm



TUCK SHOP:

Available



AGES:

4-16 year olds

Fun games,
tournaments,
learn new skills
and meet new friends



VENUE:

North Meols
Tennis Club



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

Nursery Snowdrops (open 51 weeks of the year)- closure dates 2026/27

CLOSED- Friday 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