

Churchtown Chatter

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Newsletter 10

Friday 14th November 2025

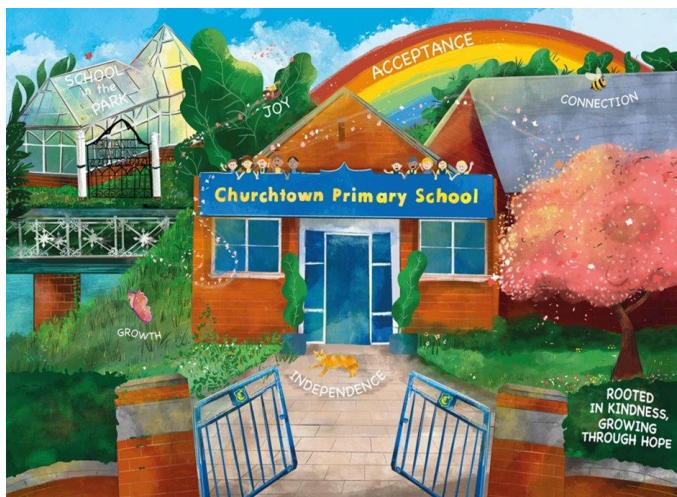
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Today has been a wonderful Children in Need Day in school, and I would like to begin by thanking all our parents and carers for your fantastic support. The corridors have been full of colour, with children arriving in spotty outfits and CIN accessories — and it has been especially lovely to see so many homemade and improvised costumes. The children are excited and proud to be supporting such an important national charity.

Our School Council has been very active in planning this year's event, following the 2025 theme, "Challenge Yourself to 25." They have created a special 25-song playlist for the playground, and throughout next week they will run "25 challenges" with children on the yard. Earlier in the week, they also led assemblies to introduce the theme and encouraged every class to complete 25 acts of kindness. They even produced a kindness idea list, which classes have adopted with great enthusiasm.

We were also delighted to welcome Pudsey to school today. Due to the weather, the children will have more opportunities next week to enjoy the 25-song playlist and complete the challenges (25 times!) during playtime. Despite his very busy schedule, he managed to visit several areas of the school — much to the children's delight! As always, thank you for your generosity. Together, we have raised an amazing £248.16 for Children in Need.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Payne!



Values

• Independence

Being self-directed and self-determined — having the confidence to carry out tasks independently, take responsible actions, and be accountable for our choices, all while feeling safe and supported in our environment.

• Connection

Being part of a happy, loving community where positive relationships are built through knowing, supporting, and respecting one another — where we feel valued, learn how to mend friendships, and create meaningful connections by being respectful to all.

• Growth

Growth comes from facing challenges with resilience, knowing that it's okay to find things difficult — because with purpose, determination, and something to strive for, we learn, improve, and become stronger.

• Acceptance

Embracing who we are and valuing others for who they are — celebrating diversity and creating a community where everyone feels they belong.

• Joy

Grows through purposeful, active learning and a broad, balanced curriculum full of variety — creating space for play, shared experiences, and the simple recognition that making time for fun brings energy, connection, and balance to life.

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance champions are:

Elm for 100% attendance!

The year group with the highest attendance this week is:

Year 3!





FESTIVE MUFTI DAY



11th December

Pay £1 on Arbor to wear
your own clothes and
Christmas jumpers



Churchtown Primary School Open Mornings

We would like to invite prospective pupils and their families to our Open Mornings. This is a great opportunity to take a look around Churchtown Primary, meet our staff and current pupils. The Open Mornings will start at 9.30am prompt at the main school entrance (school office).

Booking for this event is essential as we have limited spaces for each Open Morning. To reserve your space, please visit our website:

<https://churchtown.org.uk/>

or contact our school office on **01704 508500** or email us at office@churchtown.org.uk

Available dates are:

Wednesday 3rd December 2025 & Thursday 8th January 2026



Santa Dash – Friday 5th December



We're excited to announce that on **Friday 5th December**, all children will be taking part in the School Games Santa Dash.



On this day, we're inviting all children to bring in their Santa hats and join their classmates to complete The Daily Mile together. The Santa Dash will be taking place in lots of schools across Sefton — it's a fantastic way to stay active and get into the Christmas spirit!





Churchtown PTA

What's going on in the Christmas Term

ELF RAFFLE

On sale 3rd Nov – 24th Nov
Winner Announced 25th

£1.50 – From the Office or Arbor



RECEPTION DISCO

13th November 3.10–4.00pm

£3 Includes drinks, sweets
and a party hat!



MUFTI DAY

11th December
Own Clothes & Christmas Jumpers
£1 on Arbor



STORYTIME WITH SANTA

15th and 16th December
Nursery – Year 4

£3.50 on Arbor – includes a present



CHRISTMAS MOVIE

16th December 3.20–5.15

£3.50 on Arbor
includes popcorn, sweet & drink
Year 5/6 only



Churchtown PTA

ELF RAFFLE

Tickets on sale 3rd – 24th November
£1.50 from the Office or on Arbor



Winner will be announced on 25th November
and presented in Assembly on 28th November



APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE

Is your child born on or between
01/09/2021 and 31/08/2022?

If so, your child is due to start
school September 2026!



**You MUST apply for a school place
online before 15 January 2026**

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

Admission to Reception: September 2026

Please click [here](#) to access further information in
relation to this on our school letters page on our
website titled 'Arrangements for Admission to
Reception – September 2026'.

Have you seen those CHEEKY ELVES?



Those pesky Christmas elves are back – and they've been up to
their tricks again! Hiding in the windows of our independent
traders, waiting to be found by eagle-eyed children.

Armed with a special map, little explorers can embark on a magical
trail through the village, spotting mischievous elves as they go.

Will you find them all?

Collect your map from many of our traders including Hesketh
Arms, RS Fine Chocolates, Tiny Treasures, Remedy & Lucy Lous
Boutique

Once your hunt is complete, pop your entry in to the magical Post
Box outside Little Sparks Play Cafe (25 Botanic Road) and you
could be one of four lucky winners chosen to receive a special
prize!

15th November – 21st December

Botanic Road, Churchtown
Village, Southport



Meet The Admin Team!



As the first point of contact for parents, staff and visitors, the team manages everything from attendance and communication, general enquiries, wrap around care, nursery places, medical enquiries and supporting teachers. The team works together to create a welcoming and efficient environment at Churchtown Primary School.

School office – 01704 508500
Office email – office@churchtown.org.uk



Claire Pearce
School Operations Manager



Stephanie Sparks
Nursery Admin Assistant



Jemma Melvin
Headteacher's PA



Rebecca Rowe
School Admin Assistant



Heather Welsh
Attendance, Pastoral Support and DSL



Gillian Haworth
Reprographics and Admin Assistant

Here are some pictures of our special visit from Pudsey with some of our children and Mrs. Payne!



Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week

The children came to school wearing brightly coloured, mismatched socks to show that it's great to be different. We talked about kindness, how to be a good friend, and why it's important to celebrate what makes each of us unique. The day was filled with smiles and lots of positive messages about caring for one another.



Christmas Card Competition 2025



Please see below competition rules for the annual Christmas card competition from Patrick Hurley MP. Entries to be submitted to Miss J.Melvin, Head's PA (j.melvin@churchtown.org.uk) and a winner from each category will be submitted to Patrick Hurley's office. We would love to see as many pupils as possible get involved. In previous years we have had a runner up and a winner from Churchtown Primary school which is fantastic!

Competition Rules

1. The competition is to design the front of the MP's Christmas card.
2. The card must fit within one of the following themes (See also some ideas to help with the theme but these are entirely optional!):
 - a. Christmas on the Coast – Ideas could include snow in places around Southport, Santa at the beach, a drawing of how their school looks at Christmas.
 - b. The Magic of Christmas – Ideas could include Christmas trees, Christmas star, Christmas lights, presents under the tree, Santa's sleigh.
3. The shortlisted entries will be displayed at a Christmas celebration event, and each pupil will receive a certificate from the MP at the event.
4. The winning entry for each theme will be reproduced digitally and used as the official Christmas Card from Patrick Hurley MP.
5. The winning entry will be announced at the celebration event on Friday 5th December, where shortlisted artists, parents, and teachers can attend, at 1pm at the Atkinson Centre on Lord Street (venue to be confirmed).
6. Submission deadline is Friday 21st December 2025





Goodbye and Good Luck!



A big goodbye and good luck to Mrs. Scaife who has been the Head's PA for the last three and a half years! Mrs. Scaife fully immersed herself into school life and provided outstanding support for staff, children and parents and was a key part of Churchtown Primary. Mrs. Scaife is moving to another school within the Trust. We are all so thankful for her work and commitment over the years and we wish her all the best in her new role.



Chocolate Whirl



SEFTON children's UNIVERSITY

We will soon be asking for passports to be handed in to school to count the autumn credits. Please note that we can not add any credits that have not been stamped by the Learning Destination.



Churchtown after school clubs/activities



Gymnastics and Aerobic Gymnastics



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Instrumental lessons





Date	Event
Friday 14 th November 2025	BBC Children in Need – school uniform with an item of spotty clothing or Children in need accessories
Tuesday 18 th November 2025	Sefton School Aged Immunisation Service – Annual Flu Campaign – Snowdrops Nursery through to Y6
Tuesday 18 th November 2025	P.T.A. Meeting in The Lodge 7pm – all welcome to attend
Sunday 30 th November 2025	Churchtown Village Christmas Fayre 12pm–6pm
Tuesday 2 nd December 2025	Y2 Owls Class Assembly – 2.15pm
Wednesday 3 rd December 2025	9.30am - Churchtown Primary School Open Morning for prospective families
Wednesday 3 rd December 2025	Y2 Swans Class Assembly – 2.15pm
Thursday 4 th December 2025	Y2 Robins Class Assembly – 2.15pm
Friday 5 th December	Santa Dash (Santa hats can be worn to school)
Monday 8 th December 2025	Nursery Show in the Early Years Hall – 2.30pm
Thursday 11 th December 2025	Reception Show at St. Cuthbert's Church – 10am
Thursday 11 th December 2025	Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day with P.T.A. Mufti Day
Friday 12 th December 2025	Y5 Carol Concert at St. Cuthbert's Church – 9.30am
Monday 15 th December 2025	Early Years & Key Stage 1 Party Day (mufti/party clothes)
Monday 15 th & Tuesday 16 th December 2025	P.T.A. Storytime with Santa (Nursery to Year 4)
Tuesday 16 th December 2025	Key Stage 2 Party Day (mufti/party clothes)
Tuesday 16 th December 2025	PTA Christmas Movie (Year 5 & 6) – 3.20pm to 5.15pm
Friday 19 th December 2025	Christmas Assemblies in St. Cuthbert's Church
Friday 19 th December 2025	School closes at 1.30pm for the Christmas Holidays
Monday 5 th January 2026	INSET Day
Tuesday 6 th January 2026	Back to school – rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Thursday 8 th January 2026	9.30am - Churchtown Primary School Open Morning for prospective families
Monday 16 – Friday 20 February 2026	Half Term Week
Friday 27 th March 2026	School closes at 1.30pm for the Easter Holidays!
Monday 13 th April	Back to school – rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Monday 25 – Friday 29 May 2026	Half Term Week
Friday 17 July 2026	End of Term – School closes at 1.30pm for Summer Holidays!
Monday 20 July 2026	INSET day
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 2 nd 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 the Christmas Holidays!
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Nursery Snowdrops (open 51 weeks of the year) – closure dates (2025/2026)

CLOSED – Monday 22nd December to Friday 26th December 2025 (Christmas Holidays) – re- open Monday 29th December

CLOSED – Thursday 1st January 2026 (New Year's Day Bank 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)

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



Butterflies Holiday Club.....

will be open to Churchtown Primary School children on

Friday 24th October 2025 – INSET Day

Monday 27th to Friday 31st October 2025 – Half-Term Holidays

Monday 29th December to Friday 2nd January 2026 – Christmas

CLOSED – Thursday 1st January 2026 (New Year's Day Bank Holiday)

Monday 5th January 2026 – INSET Day

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February 2025 – Half-Term Holiday

Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April 2026 – Easter Holidays

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)

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

OPEN ALL INSET DAYS