

Churchtown Chatter

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Newsletter 13

Friday 5th December 2025

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The newsletter this week is packed with lots of information about events that have happened and upcoming events. We appreciate you taking the time to read it—please encourage others to do so, as it contains so much useful information to share.

One item we'd like to highlight is Party Day:

- Monday 15th December – Nursery to Year 2
- Tuesday 16th December – Years 3 to 6

Party days are full of fun, with visits from Santa, entertainment, party games, musical activities, and the chance to dress in party clothes. In previous years, children have brought in party food for the afternoon.

Due to the number of allergies and increased dietary needs, we have decided that this year we will provide a party buffet lunch in school. This will be served at lunchtime and ensures all children can enjoy party food without needing to bring it from home.

Of course, you can still provide a packed lunch for your child if they do not want the party food. However, we expect most children will choose to have the party lunch. This buffet will only be available on your child's designated party day. Please also ensure your Arbor Pay account has sufficient credit so your child can enjoy their delicious party food.

There is more information about this further down in the newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Payne

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance champions are:
for their improved attendance

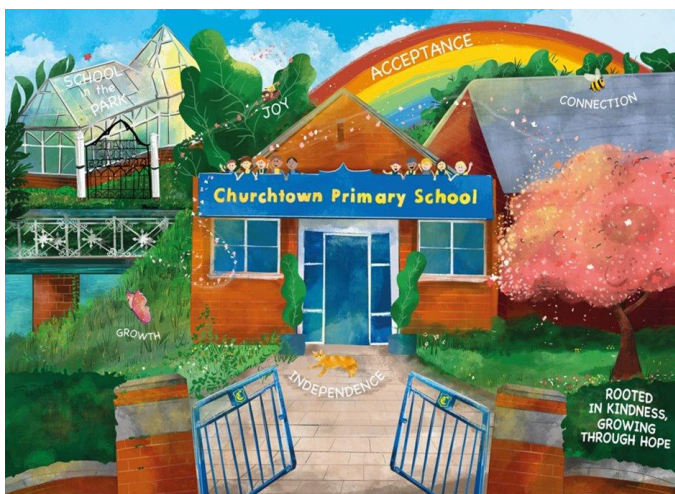
LARCH!

For 99% attendance

The year group with the highest attendance this week is:

Year 3!

Well Done



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.

Please can we remind parents that we are a nut-aware school.

We have many children with severe allergies, and the presence of nuts can cause serious harm.

We have seen a rise in Nutella and Kinder Bueno bars, which both contain nuts.

Thank you for your understanding and support.



Churchtown Primary School Open Mornings

We would like to invite prospective pupils and their families to our Open Morning. 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:

Thursday 8th January 2026



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STORY TIME WITH SANTA

15th and 16th December

£3.50 includes a gift from Santa
Please pay on Arbor

For Nursery to Year 4

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'.

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



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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



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FESTIVE MUFTI DAY



11th December

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



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CHRISTMAS MOVIE



16th December

3.20–5.15 approx

£3.50 includes
popcorn, sweets & drink

Must be booked on
Arbor

Year 5 and 6 only



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



Year 5 Victorian Day -Friday 12th December

We are hosting a Victorian Day to celebrate and consolidate all the wonderful learning our children have done in History this year. This special day promises to be an exciting and enriching experience for everyone involved. To make the day even more enjoyable and immersive, we invite all pupils to come to school dressed in Victorian attire. This will add an extra layer of excitement and authenticity to our Victorian Day celebrations.

Throughout the day, our pupils will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of engaging Victorian-themed activities. These activities have been carefully designed to provide hands-on experiences and deepen their understanding of life during the Victorian era. From exploring Victorian artefacts to participating in traditional Victorian games and crafts, our pupils will have the chance to step back in time and experience history come to life.

We believe that Victorian Day will not only be a memorable experience for our pupils but also a valuable opportunity for them to further develop their historical knowledge and appreciation. If you have any questions or concerns about Victorian Day, please feel free to reach out to any member of the Year 5 teaching team. We are more than happy to provide any additional information you may need.

We do not want you to go to any expense and hope you can put something together from your child's existing clothes, which could include items from their school uniform. Ideas for clothing are listed below:

Boys:

School boy or chimney sweep
School trousers with a school shirt and/ or plain waistcoat
School shorts/ trousers tucked into long socks
Flat cap
Dark socks and school shoes

Girls:

Servant girl or House maid
Black/ brown/ grey or similar coloured dress with a white apron and white cap
Plain dark skirt with a long sleeve shirt (school shirt)
Shawl or scarf of dark colour
Plain dark/ white tight or knee length socks
School shoes or ankle boots
Hair in a bun or plaits



Melody Makers



Last Sunday, 50 wonderful children from Melody Makers sung at the Churchtown Christmas Fair. They were amazing and really got everyone into the Christmas spirit.

Sefton Family Hubs

North Family Hubs
Talbot Street

Wednesday
10th December

Monday
15th December

Wednesday
17th December

Monday
22nd December

Tuesday
23rd December

Christmas Wreath Making

Time: 4pm - 5:30pm
Ages: Parents, carers and anyone aged 11+

Join us for a festive, hands-on session where you'll learn how to create your own beautiful Christmas wreath.

Booking required



Christmas Brunch/Supper with Santa

1st session
Time: 1pm - 3pm
Ages: 0-5 years

2nd session
Time: 4pm - 6pm
Ages: 5 - 11 years

Start the day with festive fun! Children can enjoy dancing, musical statues, and pass the parcel, all designed to encourage movement and joy. The highlight of the morning will be a special visit from Santa, who will bring a small gift for each child and create magical memories with a photo opportunity.

Food: A warm breakfast featuring muffins, pancakes, and fresh fruit with berries.

Booking required

Christmas Party - Reindeer Visit and Santa's Grotto

Time: 3:30pm - 7:30pm
Ages: 5-18 years

Families can enjoy meeting real live reindeer, playing festive games, and dancing at our fun-filled Christmas disco. Every child will have the chance to visit Santa in his grotto, receive a small age-appropriate gift, and take home a special photo to create lasting family memories.

Food: Warm winter dishes and a fruity seasonal dessert will be provided to keep everyone cosy and happy.

Booking required

Christmas Chefs

1st session
Time: 1pm - 3pm
Ages: 5-8 years

2nd session
Time: 3:30pm - 5:30pm
Ages: 9 - 11 years

Join us for an enchanting festive cookery session! This fun, interactive experience promotes physical, social, and emotional growth while encouraging creativity in the kitchen. Children will enjoy making Christmas-themed treats in a supportive, family-friendly environment.

Booking required

Christmas Explorers

Neurodiverse Sessions
Time: 11am - 1pm
Ages: 5 - 8 years

Time: 1:30pm - 3:30pm
Ages: 9 - 11 years

Children will explore the magic of Christmas through play, imagination, and expressive physical activities to boost learning and development, while families enjoy opportunities to strengthen attachment and positive parenting. These festive activities also support school readiness in a fun, interactive environment.

Food: Healthy Christmas-themed snacks will be provided.

Booking required

Christmas Dinner 2025 – Thursday 11th December

On Thursday 11th December, it is our annual Christmas Jumper Day in school and as part of our festive celebrations, we will also be having our festive Christmas lunch on this day too. Please see the menu below:

Roast Turkey, Hand-rolled 'Pigs in Blankets', Finest Roast Potatoes, Stuffing Balls, Peas, Carrots, Sprouts and Gravy

Vegetarian Option – Quorn Fillet served with the above vegetables and a 'free from' gravy



Pudding – 'Christmas Tree' Cakes



Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who normally receive a Free School Meal will automatically receive a Christmas dinner. **There will be NO deli bar option;** therefore, if your child does not wish to have the Christmas Dinner, there will be sandwich alternatives (Ham, Tuna or Cheese) offered and pupils will note their preference in class before the day.

For Children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6), **there will also be NO deli bar option; therefore, children who do not want a Christmas lunch MUST bring a packed lunch to school.** If your child is entitled to a free school meal and does not want a Christmas lunch, there will be sandwich alternatives (Ham, Tuna or Cheese) offered and pupils will note their preference in class before the day.

If your child is in Key Stage 2, please ensure that there is sufficient money in your Parent Pay lunch payments account (£2.80). No cash payments can be taken.

Thank you.

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL VACANCY

Sefton Borough Council's excellent School Crossing Service is currently looking to recruit people to become School Crossing Patrols.

We are appealing to Schools, Parents and Grandparents of our children that have a few hours to spare each week.

We offer £13 per hour plus travelling expenses where applicable. You would also be entitled to holiday pay plus a retainer fee when the Schools are closed. There is no upper age limit.

If you, or anyone you know would be interested in becoming a Patrol please telephone the School Crossing Office on 0151 288 6154 in the first instance.

Natural Christmas Trees

A message from Mr. Cocks (Year 2 teacher and Forest School leader):

For those families who choose to have a real Christmas tree, we would like your help for our Forest Schools firewood.

We DON'T require the actual tree but the wooden base/stump that the tree stands on, would be really useful. Once you're finished with your tree after Christmas, please can you drop the wooden base/stump off by the bike sheds at the front of school.

Thankyou for your support and wishing you all a wonderful festive season.



School Christmas Trees

Over the last week, three beautiful Christmas trees have been put up around school and it's getting everybody into the festive spirit! The trees have been decorated using decorations made by the children at school and they are looking absolutely fantastic, can you spot your decoration?



Christmas Party Days – Lunchtime Menu

We're excited to share that for this year's Christmas Party Days (dates at the bottom of the newsletter), our wonderful catering team will be providing a special party buffet lunch for children. **This means, unlike in previous years, no food needs to be brought in from home for party days.**

Children in **Reception–Year 2** can enjoy the meal as part of the **Universal Free School Meal** offer. For pupils in **Key Stage 2** who are **not eligible for Free School Meals**, the cost of the party lunch is **£2.80**, payable via **Arbor**.

The menu can be seen below:

A choice of wrap swirls – tuna/ham/cheese (including vegan cheese option)

Pizza Fingers

Sausage Rolls/Vegan Sausage Rolls

Chicken Nuggets

Crisps

Vegetable Selection

Ice Cream



All allergen information can be found on our website:

<https://churchtown.org.uk/parent-and-carers/lunchtime-menu>

Please note, the menu (week 3) will alter slightly during the WC 15th December to accommodate the party days, with KS2 having the Chicken Korma Curry on Monday 15th and EYFS/KS1 having this on Tuesday 16th.

We're looking forward to a fantastically festive celebration!

After School Clubs- Spring Term

Please see below for information regarding the after school clubs that will be on offer for the Spring Term, which commences January 2026.

Please keep in mind that not all clubs start at the same time.

Arbor will be open next week to allow you to book on, and further comms will be shared in relation to this.

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
|-------------------------------|---|--|
| Nurture Club (12:00-12:30) | Nurture Club (12:00-12:30) | Nurture Club (12:00-12:30) |
| | Starting Tuesday the 6th of January (11 weeks) | |
| | Netball with Lynne Barnett for Year 4, 5 and 6 children MUGA (12noon – 1.00pm) | Chipmunks – Mrs Coysh (12:00-12:30) Tulips Class |
| | NETBALL COURT (20 children) LUNCHTIME | |

The Lodge gate will be open for all clubs at 4.20pm

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
|---|--|--|
| Starting Monday the 12th of January (10 weeks) | Starting Tuesday the 6th of January (11 weeks) | Starting Wednesday the 7th of January (11 weeks) |
| Tennis with Megan Hyland Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 3.20pm – 4.20pm Playground/EYFS Hall EXIT: PLAYGROUND PAID CLUB £4.00 per session | Football (WLSP) Years 5 & 6 3.20pm – 4.20pm Playground/MUGA EXIT: PLAYGROUND PAID CLUB £4.00 per session | Gymnastics (WLSP) Years 3 & 4 3.20pm – 4.20pm Old Hall EXIT: PLAYGROUND PAID CLUB £4.00 per session |
| Starting Monday the 12th of January (10 weeks) | Starting Tuesday the 6th of January | Starting Wednesday the 7th of January (11 weeks) |
| Netball with Lynne Barnett YEAR 4, 5 AND 6 All Registered 3.20pm - 4.20pm NETBALL COURT EXIT: PLAYGROUND PAID CLUB £4.00 per session | Melody Makers with Mrs Watkinson YOUNG VOICES All Registered 3.20pm - 4.20pm Music Room EXIT: MUGA DOOR FOC | Cheerleading with Mrs Bartley YEARS 2 - 4 (20 children) 3.20pm – 4.20pm EYFS HALL PAID CLUB £4.00 per session |
| | Starting Tuesday the 6th of January | Starting Wednesday the 7th of January (11 weeks) |
| | Meols Cop High School Community Dance Festival with Miss Wynne & Miss Suffell All Registered 3.20pm - 4.20pm Early Years Hall EXIT: PLAYGROUND FOC | Performing Arts with Mrs Hibbert Years 3,4,5 and 6 (35 children) 3.20pm - 4.20pm Music Room EXIT: MUGA DOOR PAID CLUB £4.00 per session |

| Thursday | Friday |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Nurture Club (12:00-12:30) | Nurture Club (12:00-12:30) |
| Starting Thursday the 8th of January | |
| Melody Makers with Mrs Watkinson (Years 1 - 6) Lunchtime | |
| Willow Classroom LUNCHTIME | |
| Thursday | Friday |
| Starting Thursday the 8th of January (11 weeks) | |
| Dance (WLSP) Reception & Year 1 3:20pm-4:20pm Old Hall EXIT: PLAYGROUND PAID CLUB £4.00 per session | |
| Starting Thursday the 8th of January (upto and including the 12th of Feb) 6 weeks | |
| Hero Quest with Mr Bowen (Year 6) (12 Children) 3.20pm - 4.20pm Alder Classroom EXIT: PLAYGROUND FOC | |

Hero Quest (Thursday after school), Performing Arts (Wednesday after school) and Melody Makers (Thursday lunchtime) MUST be reapplied for via Arbor

Melody Makers (Young Voices) – Tuesday – Children are already registered

SEFTON children'sTM UNIVERSITY



Please can all passports be handed in to
Mrs Watkinson (Yr4 Willow Class) with any
Autumn term credits stamped
by **December 12th 2025.**

Any questions about the Children's University please contact the school office.

Does your child participate in the
Hesketh Park, Park run?

parkrun

You can take your Child's
CU passport along and it
will be stamped and they
will gain credits for
taking part.

Please hand all passports with
Autumn credits in to Mrs Watkinson
(Willow Class) by **December 12th**





| Date | Event |
|--|---|
| Monday 8 th December 2025 | Buttercups 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 (own clothes) |
| 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 |
| Tuesday 27th January 2026 | Year 1 - Imagine That! Educational visit |
| 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! |
| Text in red is a new addition to the calendar | |



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

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

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)