

Churchtown Chatter

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Newsletter 1

Friday 5th September 2025



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What an incredible first week back at school! The new playgrounds have been a huge hit – that's for sure! The children have loved playing outside in both the rain and the sunshine, and it's been wonderful to see so much joy and energy.

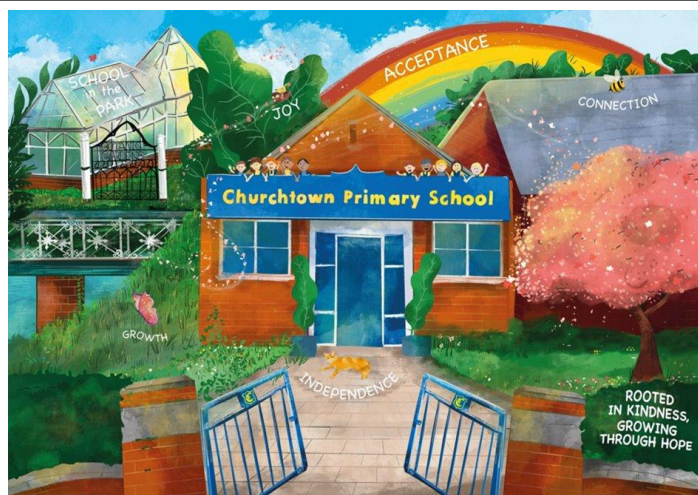
I want to congratulate every child on the way they arrived into school on Wednesday morning. Respectful is the key word. The children looked in awe and wonder as they came onto the yard and remembered that we do not play on the playground before school. Thank you for supporting us in keeping this up throughout the week!

Playtimes have been an absolute joy to be part of! It's been wonderful watching children gain independence as they tackle the trim trail with determination. The stage has been packed with dancing and singing, and Mrs. Hibbert has become our resident DJ, sharing song lists that could keep us dancing all weekend!

The indoor/outdoor space is fabulous for reading and colouring – please remember to bring your colouring from home. Meanwhile, the astro turf pitch has been in constant use by our budding footballers, showing fantastic energy and teamwork.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday!

Mrs Payne.



Our Vision and Values

Our new school vision is:

"Rooted in kindness, growing through hope."

This vision reflects the strength, care, and optimism that sit at the heart of our community, and our shared belief in the possibilities that lie ahead.

Over the past year, our journey of recovery has shown us the importance of resilience, belonging, and joy. Building on this experience, and following consultation with parents, staff, and children, we have created a set of values that will guide us in the years ahead.

To help bring these values to life for the children, each one is linked to an image from the Botanic Gardens — a reminder that, like nature, our values grow stronger when they are nurtured. They are also rooted in our community's recovery journey, reflecting the care, determination, and togetherness that have carried us forward.

- **Independence** – having the confidence to carry out tasks, take responsibility for our choices, and grow as self-directed learners in a safe and supportive environment.
- **Connection** – building positive relationships, supporting one another, and creating a community where everyone feels valued and respected.
- **Growth** – facing challenges with resilience and determination, knowing that it's okay to find things difficult because that's how we learn and become stronger.
- **Acceptance** – embracing who we are and celebrating the diversity of our community, making sure everyone feels they belong.
- **Joy** – recognising the importance of fun, play, and shared experiences, and making space for learning that brings energy, balance, and happiness.

Together, our vision and values capture the spirit of our school: a community rooted in kindness, where every child has the hope and opportunity to grow.

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.

As we return to school after the summer holidays, we would like to introduce you to our Churchtown Primary School Leadership, SEND & Pastoral Teams:

KEY SENIOR STAFF:



***Mrs Payne
Headteacher***



***Mrs Ward
Deputy Headteacher***



***Mr Miller
Assistant Headteacher
KS2***



***Mr Dowd
Assistant Headteacher
EYFS & KS1***



***Mrs Tudor
Assistant Headteacher
SENCo/Pastoral Lead***

SEND & PASTORAL STAFF:



***Mrs Sutton
Assistant to the SENCo***



***Miss Simms
Education, Welfare &
Safeguarding Officer***



***Mr Bateman
Pastoral & Behaviour Manager***



***Mrs Welsh
Attendance & Pastoral
Manager***

PHASE LEADERS:



Mrs Mallett
Nursery Buttercups & Reception



Mrs Dowd
Year 1 & Year 2



Miss Suffell
Year 3 & Year 4



Mr Bowen
Year 5 & Year 6

PE DAYS AT SCHOOL

In September, all children will come to school on PE and field days in their PE/field kit. The days are as follows:

YEAR 1 SQUIRRELS HEDGEHOGS & RABBITS –
WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

YEAR 2 OWLS -
MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

YEAR 2 ROBINS -
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

YEAR 2 SWANS -
WEDNESDAY & TUESDAY

YEAR 3 OAK & FIR -
FRIDAY & TUESDAY

YEAR 3 ELM –
FRIDAY & THURSDAY

YEAR 4 BIRCH, WILLOW & PINE –
MONDAY & THURSDAY

YEAR 5 ALDER, JUNIPER & LARCH –
THURSDAY & MONDAY

YEAR 6 ASPEN & CEDAR –
THURSDAY & TUESDAY

YEAR 6 SYCAMORE & BEECH –
THURSDAY & WEDNESDAY

PE/FIELD KIT REQUIREMENTS

Navy tracksuit (navy hoodie is optional), white t-shirt or polo shirt and dark coloured trainers.

Please remember that the following items are **not** permitted:

Football kits, tracksuits with stripes/names or logos other than Churchtown.



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:

Monday 22nd September 2025, Friday 10th October 2025, Friday 7th November 2025, Wednesday 3rd December 2025 & Thursday 8th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday 10th September 2025 we will be hosting meet the teacher sessions in school. These are to provide you with the opportunity to see your child/ren's classroom and meet their teacher/s. The teachers will give key messages and share information about the year group and learning that will take place.

We will be providing 2 sessions for each class and both sessions will include the same content and are repeated to allow you to attend different sessions.

3:30pm to 4pm & 4:15pm to 4.45pm for EYFS: Buttercups, Bluebells, Sunflowers, Tulips

Please enter via the Early Years main door

3:30pm to 4pm & 4:15pm to 4.45pm for Y1: Squirrels, Rabbits, Hedgehogs

3:30pm to 4pm & 4:15pm to 4.45pm for Y2: Owls, Robins, Swans

3:30pm to 4pm & 4:15pm to 4.45pm for Y3: Fir, Oak, Elm

3:30pm to 4pm & 4:15pm to 4.45pm for Y4: Birch, Pine, Willow

3:30pm to 4pm & 4:15pm to 4.45pm for Y5: Larch, Alder, Juniper

3:30pm to 4pm & 4:15pm to 4.45pm for Y6: Cedar, Sycamore, Aspen, Beech

Please enter via the old hall doors from the playground. The old hall doors will open at 3.15pm to enable you to wait until your meeting start time.

Staff will be on hand to direct you to the classrooms where your child's teacher will be.

<u>Year groups</u>	<u>Classes</u>	<u>Classroom for meeting</u>	<u>Teachers</u>
Nursery Reception	Buttercups	Early Years Hall	Mrs Shawcroft
	Bluebells	Early Years Hall	Mrs O'Grady & Mrs Langley
	Sunflowers	Early Years Hall	Mrs Mallett
	Tulips	Early Years Hall	Miss Wilson
Year 1	Hedgehogs	Squirrels Classroom	Mrs Crookes
	Squirrels		Mrs Dowd & Mrs Carroll
	Rabbits	Rabbits Classroom	Mrs Coysh
Year 2	Robins	Robins Classroom	Mrs Stalker
	Swans	Swans Classroom	Mrs Thornley
	Owls		Mr Cocks & Mrs Bowen
Year 3	Fir	Oak Classroom	Mrs Howard
	Oak	Elm Classroom	Miss Suffell
	Elm		Ms Staples
Year 4	Birch	Birch Classroom	Mrs Hopkins & Mrs Williams
	Pine		Mrs Bowers
	Willow	Willow Classroom	Mrs Watkinson
Year 5	Larch	Larch Classroom	Miss Keeley
	Juniper	Juniper Classroom	Miss Wynne
	Alder	Alder Classroom	Mr Bowen
Year 6	Sycamore	Aspen Classroom	Miss Morris & Miss Hart
	Aspen		Mrs Collins
	Cedar Beech	Cedar Classroom	Mrs Bluck Miss Doran



You are welcome to attend **Churchtown Playgroup** which runs each **Monday** morning (term time only) in the Early Years Hall from 8.45am-10.30am.

Access will be via our main office on St. Cuthbert's Road, where staff will be on hand to sign you in and issue you with a playground lanyard.

Our first playgroup, which is run by Miss Cornish, starts on Monday 15th September 2025. We very much look forward to welcoming back all our families. We have a wonderful space for children to explore different activities each week and where parents, grandparents or carers can also gain friendships.



Date	Event
Tuesday 9 th September 2025	7.30pm - P.T.A. Meeting in The Lodge – all welcome to attend
Wednesday 10 th September 2025	Meet the Teacher Meetings – 3.30pm & 4.15pm (revised times)
Wednesday 17 th September 2025	Meols Cop High School to visit Y5 & Y6 Assemblies
Friday 19 th September 2025	Christ The King to visit Y5 & Y6 Assemblies
Monday 22 nd September 2025	9.30am - Churchtown Primary School Open Morning for prospective families
Tuesday 23 rd September 2025	Myfoto – Autumn Photographs
Wednesday 24 th September 2025	Myfoto – Autumn Photographs
Wednesday 24 th to Friday 26 th September 2025	Y6 Residential Trip to Robinwood
Friday 3 rd October 2025	Harvest Assemblies in Church
Thursday 23 rd October 2025	Break up for half-term (normal times)
Friday 24 th October 2025	INSET Day
Monday 3 rd November 2025	Back to school – rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
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