

Churchtown Chatter

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Newsletter 2

Friday 12th September 2025



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Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have thoroughly enjoyed using both of our new playgrounds during their first two weeks back at school, and we are now looking forward to a special celebration to officially mark their opening.

On Tuesday 16th September, we will gather on the school playground for this exciting event. It will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate what has been achieved together and to recognise the hard work and commitment that made these playgrounds possible.

An immense amount of fundraising has taken place to allow this project to come to fruition. The children themselves have played a big part in these efforts, helping to raise funds and showing great enthusiasm for growing the idea into a reality. Their involvement has made this project even more special.

We are incredibly proud of what our school community has accomplished and look forward to sharing this milestone with you.

To ensure the celebration can go ahead whatever the weather, a marquee will be put up on the school yard on Monday morning. This will provide shelter for the children so they can sit underneath during the opening event. As the marquee is being erected before the children arrive on Monday morning, please note that only two gates will be open for drop-off:

- Botanic Gardens/Early Years gate
- Dining Hall gate

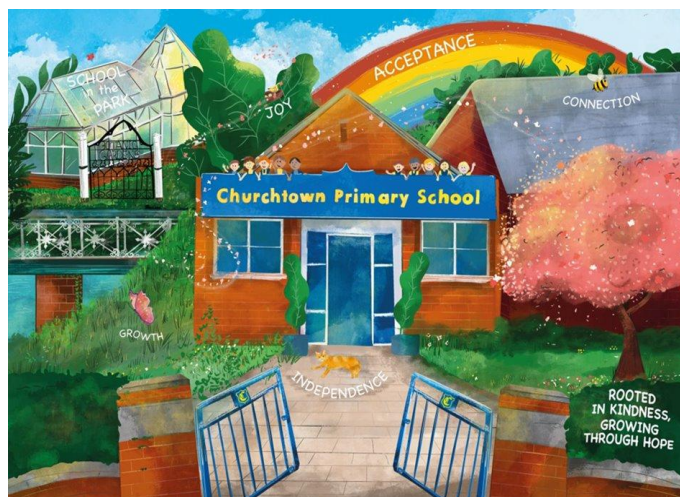
The Lodge Gate will be closed on Monday morning. We expect the work to be completed by the end of the day, and all three gates to reopen on Tuesday. We will keep parents updated on gate openings should anything change.

We would like to ensure that all children have the opportunity to attend this special celebration. If your child is in Buttercups or Snowdrops Nursery and does not normally attend on a Tuesday, we would like to invite them in for the event. If you would like your child to take part, please email the school office at office@churchtown.org.uk by Monday 15th September at midday to confirm their attendance. Children should arrive at the Botanic Gardens/Early Years gate on Tuesday 16th September at 1:00pm, where a member of staff will meet them. They can then be collected from their classroom at 3:00pm.

The BBC will also be on site during the celebration, gathering footage which may be used nationally at a later date. If you do not want your child to be filmed, it is important that you notify the school by Monday 15th September at 9:00am via email at office@churchtown.org.uk, clearly stating that you do not give consent. Please title your email: Playground Opening.

Thank you for your understanding with these temporary arrangements, and for the incredible support you have shown in bringing this project to life. We look forward to celebrating this milestone together with the children.

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:

Year 6 Sycamore for 100% attendance!

The year group with the highest attendance this week is:

Year 1!

Well Done



PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

Churchtown Primary School is situated on residential roads and we respectfully ask families to park legally and with due consideration for our neighbours and

others. It is **never acceptable** to think that blocking someone's driveway is ok for a short period of time.

In addition, we have received a small number of complaints from our residents regarding inconsiderate parking outside their properties by our families.

There is a designated 'drop-off zone' to be used to 'drop-off' your child/ren, outside the front of the school building.

Please remember to park away from the school and walk or cycle whenever possible. This makes a huge difference to the safety of the children coming to and from school and makes the school run a better experience for all.

Thank you in advance of your co-operation in keeping Churchtown children and families safe.



Apply for your secondary school place



Arrangements for admission to secondary schools September 2026

For all children in Year 6, it is now time for you to apply for your child's place at a secondary school for Year 7, September 2026 entry.

Please click [here](#) to access a copy of the letter on our website titled: **'Secondary Admissions – September 2026'**.

Further information can also be found on:

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

Sefton's online application for secondary schools is open from 1st September 2025 until the **national closing date of 31st October 2025** for you to submit your application.



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

Each week, a class are titled as the 'Attendance Champions'. This could be the class who have had 100% attendance, the highest attendance, the best punctuality or the most improved attendance.

The name of the winning class will be read out in the Friday assemblies and they will be awarded with 'Sergeant Snuggles' and a trophy for the week.



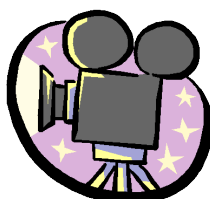
Sergeant Snuggles (named by the children!) is our attendance bear who has proven to be very popular with all the children.

The winning class also have an 'Attendance Champions' star on their classroom door as an acknowledgement of their efforts.

Sergeant Snuggles creates some excitement for the children and he has been proven to help raise awareness about the importance of school attendance.

TERMLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

At the end of each school term, the year group with the highest attendance will be awarded with a treat. This has previously included craft afternoons, films and ice lollies.



Each week, the newsletter will include the attendance champions and also the year group with the highest attendance.

Both of these awards help to create some healthy competition amongst the classes and year groups.

We would however like to stress that we **do not** expect children to come to school if they are poorly and acknowledge that some absences are unavoidable.

If you would like any support with your child's attendance, please contact Mrs H Welsh (Attendance and Pastoral Support) who is happy to help and based in the school office this year.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Attend today... achieve tomorrow



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



It was excellent to see so many families attend the 'Meet the Teacher' event on Wednesday after school. We had lots of positive feedback from parents, including how important it was to get to see their child's classrooms and learn about some of the curriculum content being covered this year.

For those that couldn't make it, the presentations and curriculum overviews have been added to our website 'Year Group' pages:

<https://www.churchtown.org.uk/year-groups>



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EDUCATIONAL

We're Blossoming! We are excited to announce the launch of Blossom, our brand-new award-winning nursery management software designed to make life simpler for both our team and our families.

Parents can now easily view their children's profile, view booking patterns, request extra nursery sessions and make secure payments – all in one place. For our nursery team, Blossom streamlines administration so we can focus even more on what truly matters: nurturing and caring for your little ones.

We're always looking for ways to blossom-and what better way than by embracing smarter tools that help us flourish together.



Date	Event
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 23rd September 2025	***CANCELLED*** New date to be arranged Myfoto – Autumn Photographs
Wednesday 24th September 2025	***CANCELLED*** New date to be arranged 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
Friday 10th October 2025	World Mental Health Day
Friday 10th October 2025	9.30am - Churchtown Primary School Open Morning for prospective families
Week commencing 20th October 2025	Parents Evening
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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