

Churchtown Chatter

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Newsletter 11

Friday 29th November 2024

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On Sunday, our 'Melody Makers' choir performed at the Churchtown Christmas Fair and entertained the crowds with a range of festive songs during their 30-minute performance. Lots of encouragement was given to the choir by those who attended and since the event, we have received further feedback from the local community about how impressed they were with the choir's stellar performance – well done 'Melody Makers'! Our choir will continue to delight crowds over the coming weeks as they visit care homes and perform at church events.

During our praise assemblies today, we have celebrated the achievements of children who have earned their Bronze Awards by displaying our school values in all that they do. The winners of the PTA 'Elf Raffle' were also announced.

As we look ahead to next week, we are looking forward to welcoming prospective pupils and their families to our Open Morning on Wednesday 4th (9.30am) and Y2 will be performing their class assemblies. We are also participating in the annual 'School Games Santa Dash' on Friday 6th. A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the shoebox appeal so far this year. As a reminder, the deadline for shoeboxes to be returned to school is Wednesday 4th December. Thank you again for your support

Have a wonderful weekend, Mr Miller. 😊

LOVE OF LEARNING

This half term, the Value that Churchtown is developing is Love of Learning. At the end of the half term, Value Champions will be nominated for each class.



LOVE OF LEARNING



At Churchtown creativity drives our love of learning. We believe that when learning is fun, purposeful, and when the voice and imagination of everyone is valued, we flourish.



ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance champions are

Year 6 Cedar!



2024/2025 Churchtown Primary School Term Dates

The term dates for the 2024-2025 academic year have been uploaded to our website.

Please click [here](#) to access them.

ROTARY SHOEBOX SCHEME - 2024



**SHOEBOXES TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL
NO LATER than Wednesday 4th December 2024**

**SHOEBOXES BEING COLLECTED
Friday 6th December 2024**



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 school website <https://www.churchtown.org.uk/> or call our school office on **01704 508500**.

Available dates:

Wednesday 4th December 2024
Thursday 9th January 2024



On **Friday 6th December**, all children will be taking part in the **School Games National Santa Dash!**

On this day, we are inviting all children to bring in their Santa Hat or Christmas Hat (if you have one) and complete the Daily Mile with their classmates. It will be happening in lots of schools across Sefton on this day and is going to be a great way to exercise and get into the Christmas spirit! Each class/year group will be allotted a time slot of 15 mins.

APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE

Is your child born on or between 01/09/2020 and 31/08/2021?

If so, your child is due to start school in September 2025!



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

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 2025'.



Elf Raffle

THE WINNERS OF THE P.T.A. ELF RAFFLE ARE.....

Holly M – Y2 Owls

Delilah F – Nursery Buttercups





The PTA brings Santa to school... On Christmas party days, children in Nursery to Year 4 will be visiting Santa's grotto for story time and they will each receive a gift. We ask for a voluntary donation of £3 per child for this, paid through Parent Pay.

Children in Year 5 and Year 6 will receive a visit from Santa during their party day. No donation is needed for this.



From January 2025, school lunch fees will be increasing to **£2.50 per day** (£12.50 per week). Further information in relation to the lunchtime menu can be found on our website:

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



Mrs Stalker is looking forward to seeing all the amazing hard work you have been doing outside of school this term. Please can all Children's University passports be handed in by **Wednesday 15th January 2024** so credits can be counted.



Please pass these to your child's class teacher or bring them to the office.



The amazing children in our Melody Makers choir performed on Sunday at the Churchtown Lights Switch On. They sang beautifully and even performed an encore!



The children embodied the school values in every way and were an absolute credit to our school. Thank you to the children, families and staff supporting 'Melody makers' on Sunday - what a way to start the festive season! We are definitely in the Christmas spirit now.



Christmas Dinner 2024

On Thursday 12th 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, Peas, Carrot Batons, Sprouts, Stuffing and Gravy

Vegetarian Option – Quorn Fillet served with the above vegetables and vegetarian 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 (£2.35). No cash payments can be taken.



Date	Event
Tuesday 3 rd December 2024	Y2 Swans class assembly – 2.15pm
Wednesday 4 th December 2024	Open morning for prospective pupils and families – 9.30am to 11.00am
Wednesday 4 th December 2024	Y2 Owls class assembly – 2.15pm
Thursday 5 th December 2024	Y2 Robins class assembly – 2.15pm
Friday 6 th December 2024	School Games National Santa Dash – on the playground
Monday 9 th December 2024	Nursery Show – 2.30pm
Tuesday 10 th December 2024	Y3 Educational Trip to Chester
Thursday 12 th December 2024	Reception Show at St. Cuthbert's Church – 10am
Thursday 12 th December 2024	Christmas Dinner/Jumper Day (with school uniform)
Friday 13 th December 2024	Early Years & Key Stage 1 Party Day (mufti/party clothes)
Friday 13 th December 2024	Y5 Carol Concert at St. Cuthbert's Church – 9.30am

Monday 16 th December 2024	Key Stage 2 Party Day (mufti/party clothes)
Friday 20 th December 20254	Christmas Assemblies in St. Cuthbert's Church
Friday 20 th December 2024	School closes at 1.30pm for the Christmas holidays
Monday 6 th January 2025	INSET Day
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Back to school – rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Thursday 9 th January 2025	Open morning for prospective pupils and families – 9.30am to 11.00am
Wednesday 29 th January 2025	Y1 Educational Trip to Imagine That! Liverpool
Friday 14 th February 2025	Break up for half-term (normal times)
Monday 24 th February 2025	Back to school – rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!

- Text in red is a new addition to the calendar



Nursery Snowdrops (open 51 weeks of the year) – closure dates (2024/2025)

CLOSED – Monday 23rd December to Friday 27th December 2024 (Christmas Holidays) - re-open Monday 30th December

CLOSED – Wednesday 1st January 2025 (New Year's Day Bank Holiday)

CLOSED – Friday 18th & Monday 21st April 2025 (Good Friday and Easter Monday Bank Holidays)

CLOSED – Monday 5th May 2025 (Early May Bank Holiday)

CLOSED – Monday 26th May 2025 (Spring Bank Holiday)

CLOSED – Monday 25th August 2025 (Summer Bank Holiday)



Butterflies Holiday Club

will be open to Churchtown Primary School children on the following dates:

Monday 30th December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025 – Christmas
CLOSED - Wednesday 1st January 2025 (New Year's Day Bank Holiday)

Monday 6th January 2025 – INSET Day

Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2025 – Half-Term Holiday

Monday 7th to Thursday 17th April 2025 – Easter Holidays

CLOSED – Friday 18th & Monday 21st April 2025 (Good Friday/Easter Monday Bank Holidays)

CLOSED – Monday 5th May 2025 (Early May Bank Holiday)

CLOSED – Monday 26th May 2025 (Spring Bank Holiday)

Tuesday 27th to Friday 30th May 2025 – Half-Term Holiday

Monday 21st July 2025 – INSET Day

Tuesday 22nd July 2025 – INSET Day

Wednesday 23rd July to Friday 29th August 2025 – Summer Holidays

CLOSED – Monday 25th August 2025 (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: £25
 Food: Snack provided school
 Packed lunch to be provided

OPEN ALL INSET DAYS