

Churchtown Chatter

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Newsletter 12

Friday 6th December 2024

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Christmas festivities have begun in school and we will be filling the school with joy over the next two weeks, before we break for the Christmas holidays. The school has been decorated and the 'Elf' is playing its daily tricks in the classrooms, bringing much awe and wonder, suspense and surprise to children's faces! Year 2 children have excelled themselves with their Class assemblies, which they have performed to parents and carers this week. The singing that filled the hall and corridors was lovely to hear and we had some characters that shone brightly, well done to all!

Next Thursday, is Christmas dinner day, which is a highlight for the school community. The food preparation, service and taste is delicious and thank you in advance to the kitchen and midday staff involved in this. It is also Christmas jumper day on Thursday too, children can wear a Christmas jumper or festive coloured top with their school uniform. We look forward to seeing the array of jumper choices! **Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Payne**

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

Reception Sunflowers!



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.



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>



Churchtown Primary School Open Morning

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 Morning 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**.

Next available date:

Thursday 9th January 2024

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!



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



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.



RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

Rainbow Hub will collect & recycle your
real Christmas tree to save you time & hassle
Collecting Friday 10th - Sunday 12th January 2025

To book your tree collection, please scan the QR code or visit:
<https://www.rainbowhub.org>



We will be collecting trees in the following postcode areas:

PR1, PR2, PR4, PR5, PR6, PR7, PR8, PR9, PR25, PR26, WN6, WN8, L39, L40, BL6

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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

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UNIVERSITY

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.



Our **Melody Makers** will be on the playground bringing festive cheer to parents with an array of joyful favourites on: -

- Wednesday 18th December at 8.30am
- Thursday 19th December at 8.30am
- Friday 20th December at 8.30am

SCHOOL

GAMES



A huge well done to our year 5 and 6 pupils, who attended the School Games Basketball tournament on Tuesday afternoon. After our first game (which we used as a warm up and learning opportunity) we went on to win our next 2 games and drew our final game coming an incredible 2nd place within our group!

As well as demonstrating fantastic basketball skills, the children were great examples of teamwork and sportsmanship. A special mention must go to our Most Valuable Player, who was an amazing coaching presence at the side of the court and encouraged all of the players.

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.

ROTARY SHOEBOX SCHEME - 2024



Thank you very much for supporting our **Rotary Shoebox Scheme**. The Southport Links Rotary delivered a total of 258 shoeboxes over to the depot, which will be forwarded onto eastern Europe before Christmas. They are now waiting to help load a lorry with 11,000 boxes. Many of these go onto refugee children from Ukraine as well as to local orphanages.

As a school, we collected just under 100 boxes!



After School Clubs Timetable for the Spring Term

Please see below for information regarding the after-school clubs that will be on offer for the Spring term, which commences in January 2025.

Please check all dates as the clubs do not all start at the same time. Booking on information will be sent out via ParentApp, to enable you to request your place.

Spring Timetable - W/c 6th of January 2025 for 12 Weeks				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	STARTING 07.01.2025 Netball with Lynne Barnett for <u>Year 4, 5 and 6 children</u> MUGA (12noon – 1.00pm)		STARTING 09.01.2025 YV <u>Year 4,5,6</u> Choir with Mrs Watkinson (30 children)	
The Lodge gate will be open for all clubs at 4.20pm				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
STARTING 13.01.2025 Tennis with Megan Hyland <u>Years 4, 5 and 6</u> 11 Weeks	STARTING 07.01.2025 (ONGOING) YOUNG VOICES Choir with Mrs Watkinson <u>Year 4,5 and 6</u> 5 Weeks	STARTING 08.01.2025 WLSP <u>Reception and Year 1</u> MULTISKILLS, ACTIVITIES & GAMES 12 Weeks	STARTING 09.01.2025 WLSP Athletics <u>Y4, 5 & 6</u> 12 Weeks	
STARTING 27.01.2025 Money Matters with Mrs Davies <u>Years 4 and 5</u> 6 Weeks	STARTING 07.01.2025 WLSP <u>Y3 and 4</u> FOOTBALL 12 Weeks	STARTING 08.01.2025 Aero- Dance <u>YEAR 4 and 5 and 6</u> with Nicky Bartley (TA) 12 Weeks	STARTING 09.01.2025 (ONGOING) Meels Cop Dance Festival (25 children) <u>Year 5 & 6</u> 4 Weeks	
	STARTING 07.01.2025 Netball with Lynne Barnett <u>YEAR 4, 5 AND 6</u> 12 Weeks	STARTING 08.01.2025 Tennis with Megan Hyland <u>YEAR 1, 2 and 3</u> 12 Weeks	STARTING 16.01.2025 Spanish Conversation & Drama Club with Mr Asensi (12 children) <u>Years 3 and 4</u> (Fiestaval Prep) 11 Weeks	
	STARTING 07.01.2025 Gymnastics <u>Year 3 & 4</u> Miss Wynne 12 Weeks		STARTING 16.01.2025 Crafty Wool Wizards <u>Years 4, 5 and 6</u> with Mrs Straw (10 children) 5 weeks (up to and including the 13th of February)	
	STARTING 25.02.2025 Melody Makers Musical Theatre with Mrs Watkinson <u>Year 4,5 and 6</u> 6 weeks		STARTING 30.01.2025 Hero Quest with Mr Bowen (12 Children) Dungeons and Dragons <u>Year 5</u> 6 weeks (up to and including the 13th of March)	
	STARTING 28.01.2025 Art Club with Mrs Shawcroft <u>Year 5 & 6</u> (15 children) 6 weeks (28.01/04.02/11.02/25.02/04.03/11.03)		STARTING 25.02.2025 YEAR 6 Drama Club (In preparation for the Atkinson Performance) Until July 25	



Date	Event
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
Friday 13 th December 2024	Y5 Victorian Day in school – dress up in your Victorian attire – lessons and activities as a Victorian child.
Monday 16 th December 2024	Key Stage 2 Party Day (mufti/party clothes)

Wednesday 18 th December 2024	Performing Arts Club – performance for parents at 4pm in The Old Hall. Entry via the main school entrance.
Wednesday 18 th December 2024	Melody Makers to sing on the playground 8.30-8.45am
Thursday 19 th December 2024	Melody Makers to sing on the playground 8.30-8.45am
Friday 20 th December 2024	Melody Makers to sing on the playground 8.30-8.45am
Friday 20 th December 2025	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:

CLOSED - Monday 23rd December to Tuesday 31st December 2024
 CLOSED - Wednesday 1st January 2025 (New Year's Day Bank Holiday)
 Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd January 2025 (Christmas/New Year Holidays)
 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