

# Churchtown Chatter

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Newsletter 16

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025



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## KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE AND HAPPY AT CHURCHTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Churchtown's Safeguarding Team is:



**Mrs C Tudor**  
Assistant Head  
(SENCO)



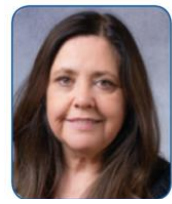
**Mr G Miller**  
Interim Deputy  
Headteacher



**Miss F Simms**  
Education,  
Safeguarding &  
Wellbeing Officer



**Mrs J Payne**  
Headteacher



**Mrs L Sutton**  
Assistant SENCO



**Mr T Dowd**  
Assistant Headteacher  
EYFS and KS1 Lead



**Mr A Bowen**  
Assistant Headteacher  
& Year 5 Teacher



**Mr C Bateman**  
Pastoral &  
Behaviour Support



**Mrs H Welsh**  
Attendance &  
Pastoral Support



**Mrs J Barbe**  
Butterflies  
Manager

**Designated Safeguarding Lead** – Mrs C Tudor

**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead** – Mr G Miller & Miss F Simms

**Safeguarding Leads** – Mrs J Payne, Mrs L Sutton, Mr T Dowd, Mr A Bowen, Mr C Bateman, Mrs H Welsh, Mrs J Barbe  
They are responsible for Safeguarding, Child Protection, Online Safety, Bullying, Attendance & Punctuality, PREVENT and the overall wellbeing of children. If you have **any concerns** about the health, safety or wellbeing of any child at Churchtown, **inside or outside of school**, please email us on: [office@churchtown.org.uk](mailto:office@churchtown.org.uk) or call 01704 508500.

## FRIENDSHIP & FAMILY

This half term, the value that Churchtown is developing is Friendship & Family. At the end of the half term, value champions will be nominated for each class.



## ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance champions are .....

**Year 4 Willow!**

The year group with the highest attendance this week is .....

**Year 4 (97%)**



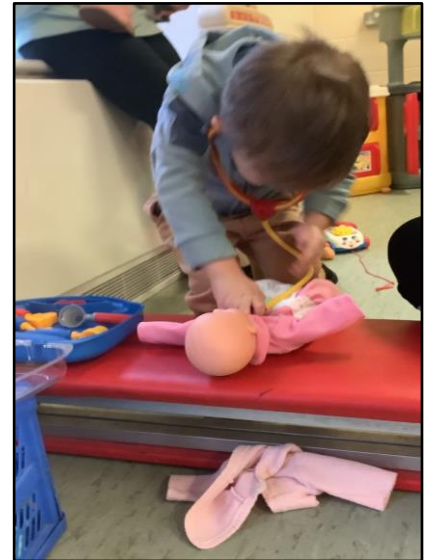


## Churchtown Primary School Playgroup

Mondays 8.50am to 10.30am  
Early Years Hall  
Organised and ran by Miss Cornish  
(no need to book in advance, just turn up  
on the day and sign in at the school office)

Messy Play  
Storytime  
Snack  
Arts and Crafts  
Rhyme Time  
Circle Activities

Churchtown Primary School Playgroup has welcomed children and their families back to the group following the Christmas break. The children have thoroughly enjoyed being back and getting involved with all of the activities.



## Meols Cop High School



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### DANCE FESTIVAL

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm, dancers from Year 5 and 6 will be taking part in the Meols Cop High School Dance Festival. They have been rehearsing each week since November and are very excited to share what they have been working on. Students from Meols Cop have been coming into Churchtown to lead the sessions and they have been working exceptionally hard with our pupils. If you would like to attend either performance, tickets are £4 each (limited to one per student) and can be purchased during the dance session on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January, after school. If we sell all of our tickets, then you will be able to purchase further/additional tickets from Meols Cop High School's reception. For parents of those children who are involved with the Dance Festival, you will receive more information regarding this shortly.



## Butterflies Holiday Club

Bookings are now being taken for Butterflies Holiday Club for February half-term (Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025). To book on please email [butterflieswraparoundcare@churchtown.org.uk](mailto:butterflieswraparoundcare@churchtown.org.uk) or call the school office on 01704 508500.

**The closing date for bookings is Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025.**

### 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

# Reception Health Form / School Entry Health Questionnaire

## Reception Children

As your child has now started primary school, their health and well-being will be supported by the School Health Service (0-19 Team) in partnership with parents/carers and school.

This term, all parents/carers of children in **Reception class** are being asked to complete a simple online questionnaire about their child's health, wellbeing and lifestyle. The information gathered will be used to identify how your child can be supported with any issues which may be impacting on their health and wellbeing.

A School Health Nurse will review the completed questionnaire and may contact you to talk about your responses in more detail.

To complete a questionnaire about your child's health and wellbeing, please access this link between **09/01/2025** and **31/03/2025**:

<https://forms.chathealth.nhs.uk/index.php/729545?newtest=Y&lang=en>

Please click [here](#) to access copy letter on our website titled 'Reception Screening Letter 2025', which provides further information in relation to this.



The majority of our After School Clubs are now up and running for the Spring term. The following clubs will commence on:

**Art Club with Mrs Shawcroft – 28<sup>th</sup> January**

**Hero Quest with Mr Bowen – 30<sup>th</sup> January**

Please contact our school office should your child still wish to book onto **any** of our After School Clubs.

## BIKE DONATIONS

Were you lucky enough to get a bike from Santa this Christmas?

If so, you may have your old bike collecting dust and spider webs in the shed. In Reception, many of our children learn to ride a bike while in school, but the bikes we currently have are past their best. We would be very grateful to receive any functional but unwanted bikes suitable for 4 or 5 year old children, so that we can carry on encouraging our children to enjoy cycling. If you have one to offer, please speak to Mr Cocks in Early Years, or email

[office@churchtown.org.uk](mailto:office@churchtown.org.uk).

**Thank you.**





# COMING SOON

We are excited to announce that our school will soon be transitioning to a new platform for all communication between school and families



This will replace our current communication system Parent Apps. We use Parent Apps for parent pay, and parent connect (messaging service). We will begin by firstly moving our messaging service, ParentApp connect, offering a more streamlined, user-friendly experience with the payment system replacing parent pay at a later date.

Arbor will allow parents to manage their child's school activities, and will eventually include registration for clubs, payments, and monitoring attendance and progress.

Parents will be able to download the Arbor app, enable notifications, and log in using their email and password.

The Arbor App will also let parents register their child for an educational visit, book parents evening slots, and manage payments all from their phone or computer.

## **What is the Arbor Parent App?**

The Arbor App can be used on mobile devices such as smartphones and tablets. Churchtown Primary School will inform you in the next few weeks regarding the switch on via letter, so you can download the App and begin using it straight away!

## **Logging in**

When Churchtown Primary School enables Arbor App, we will send you a welcome email. This email will contain a link that will take you to the browser version where you need to set up a password. You can set your password using a computer, or using a mobile browser on your phone or tablet.

If you have a child at more than one Arbor school, you will be asked to select the appropriate school.

**Further information will be shared soon, it is vital that your personal email address is what we have on our school system, so if this needs to be checked then please contact the school office directly.**

It is important as we move to this system that any outstanding balances on ParentPay are also cleared and credit added to avoid any debt moving onto the new platform.

In the short term, we will be continuing to use our current ParentPay system and ParentApp Connect, so there will be no issues with school communications or school payments.



Date	Event
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Y1 & Y3 Science Shows Y1 – Working Scientifically Y3 – Fantastic Forces
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Y1 Educational Trip to Imagine That! Liverpool
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> to Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	National Storytelling Week
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> to Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Children’s Mental Health Week
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> to Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Y5 Bikeability – Level 1 & 2 Combined On-Road Safety Course
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Meols Cop High School Dance Festival – Years 5 & 6 at 6pm
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	P.T.A. Meeting in The Lodge at 7pm – all welcome to attend
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Meols Cop High School Dance Festival – Years 5 & 6 at 6pm
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Y5 Educational visit to Young Voices at Co-op Live, Manchester
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Safer Internet Day
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	P.T.A. Smartie Challenge – more information to follow
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Churchtown Charity Collection/Mufti Day – Southport Learning Partnership: Love My Community to raise money for charity – Air Ambulance
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Break up for half-term (normal times)
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Back to school – rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	World Book Day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Reception Educational Trip to Windmill Farm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	‘The Past Presents’ to visit Y5 to carry out a Greek Day, linked to their Ancient Greeks topic
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Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Easter Assemblies in St. Cuthbert’s Church
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Break up for Easter Holidays – 1.30pm
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Bank Holiday – Good Friday
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2025	Bank Holiday – Easter Monday
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	Back to School – Rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Early May Bank Holiday – School closed
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Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Nursery Educational Trip to Martin Mere
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025	Churchtown Summer Showcase – a celebration of the arts
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	Y6 End of Year Celebration Trip
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	Break-up for May half-term holiday (normal times)
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025	Back to School – Rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025	Y2 Educational Trip to Blackpool Zoo
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Y6 Leavers' Performance at The Atkinson
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Y6 Leavers' Assembly at St. Cuthbert's Church 9.30am Y6 Leavers' festival on the yard
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#### Nursery Snowdrops (open 51 weeks of the year) – closure dates (2025)

CLOSED – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> & Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025 (Good Friday and Easter Monday Bank Holidays)  
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### Butterflies Holiday Club.....

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

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025 – Half-Term Holiday  
 Monday 7<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – Easter Holidays  
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 Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Half-Term Holiday  
 Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025 – INSET Day  
 Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 – INSET Day  
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OPEN ALL INSET DAYS

Please click [here](#) to access copy letter on our website titled 'Letter to parents – Drop-in sessions'.

We will be holding drop-in sessions in The Lodge on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January for parents/carers from 2:00pm until 4:00pm. Further information in relation to this can be found in the letter.

