

Churchtown Chatter

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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.



**Meols Cop
High School**



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DANCE FESTIVAL

On Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th 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 two per student) and can be purchased from our school office from 21st January. 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 should have received further information regarding the dance festival, via letter.



Butterflies Holiday Club

Bookings are now being taken for Butterflies Holiday Club for February half-term



(Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2025)



To book, please email:

butterflieswraparoundcare@churchtown.org.uk or call the school office on 01704 508500.

The closing date for bookings is Wednesday 12th February 2025



Age: Nursery (Buttercups) - Year 6

Time: 7:30am - 5:30pm



Location: Dining Hall Entrance/Exit: Butterflies Doors (previously F4K/BC entrance/exit)

Price: £25.00



Food: Snack will be provided by school and a packed lunch is to be provided by parent/guardian



1-9 February 2025

National Storytelling Week

Reimagine your world



National Literacy Trust
Change your story

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We will celebrate National Storytelling Week in school during the week commencing **Monday 3rd February 2025**. This year's theme is **'Reimagine your World'**.

We will be starting the week of with a **story swap**. This will take place on Monday 3rd February and our teachers will be visiting a different class to their own, to enable our children to listen to other adults who do not normally work within their year group, read them a story.

'Whether it's something unexpected on your way to school, odd sounds you hear at night, or a path you've never followed, the world around us is full of secret lives, places and possibilities. The most extraordinary story can come from the most ordinary place: it just needs someone to find it.'



The week commencing **Monday 3rd February 2025** is **Children's Mental Health Week** and this year's theme is **'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'**.

The theme is linked to characters from 'Inside Out 2' and based on the more that we can understand about ourselves, the more prepared we are to express our emotions and take on life's ups and downs.

Children will be taking part in activities to raise awareness of the importance of mental health and wellbeing, with the aim to build resilience, allowing us all to grow and develop by understanding who we are.



Smarties / Jelly Tots Challenge



Our PTA would like to give you a yummy treat,
so we're sending home these colourful sweets to eat!

Keep the tub don't throw it away,
do tasks and good deeds to earn your pay.
So come on Churchtown, answer our call,
so we can raise money for the good of our school!

Parents/Guardians,

Each child from Reception to Year 6 will receive a tube of smarties and then over the February half-term, the children should be encouraged to complete activities to earn 20p pieces or mixed coins to fill up their Smarties tubes. Children in Nursery will receive a tub of Jelly Tots and coins earned can be placed in there.

When you bring your tub back you will be entered into a raffle to win a prize!

Thank you for your continued support.

Smarties tubes/Jelly Tots tubs will be sent home on Friday 14th February

Tubes/tubs must be returned to class no later than Friday 28th February

WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED ON TUESDAY 4TH MARCH

FIRST PRIZE

£30 voucher for
The Entertainer

SECOND PRIZE

£20 voucher for
RS Fine Chocolate,
Botanic Road

THIRD PRIZE

£15 voucher for
Vue Cinema



GOOD LUCK!



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.



FRIENDSHIP & FAMILY



The Churchtown family provides a safe, secure & friendly environment, where we all feel like we belong.
We are kind & caring and build friendly relationships.



ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance champions are

Reception Bluebells (99%)!

The year group with the highest attendance this week is

Reception (97%)





START THE NEW YEAR WITH A NEW CAREER BECOME A TEACHER

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

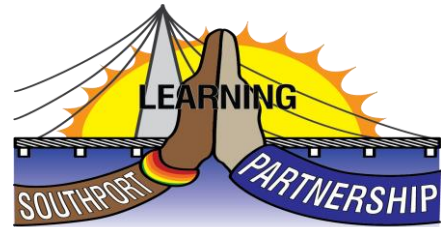
- Possess a degree or in the final year of study
- Passion for making a difference to the lives of children
- Good problem solving skills
- Great communication skills

BENEFITS:

- Qualify as a teacher in less than 12 months
- Train in school 'on the job' from day 1
- Achieve QTS with PGCE

APPLY NOW!

Complete your application
www.northwestscitt.com
or make an enquiry
01695 729897
07525 844725



Love My Community 2025

Friday 14th February 2025

Our school is part of the Southport Learning Partnership where we work together with other schools on joint projects. Love My Community is a special day in the school year, where we join with other local schools to raise money for a charity chosen by the children of Southport.

This year the schools have chosen to support:



All we ask is that each child pays a **donation of £1** to join in with the day, with all funds raised being donated to the charity. **In return, they can wear 'non-uniform' for the day.**

Please pay through your ParentPay account.

Many thanks for your help with this appeal and we hope together, we can all make a huge demonstration that we **Love our Community!**

Please remember ...

Children **must not** wear smart watches to school.

Children are permitted to wear watches to school, however they should not have any other function on them, other than telling the time. **Thank you.**



School Council Update

This half term, our School Council have been busy making a difference! They've worked together to promote and present the winners of the Smile Project in Years 5 and 6, spreading joy and kindness throughout the school community. The Smile Project is a wonderful way to recognise kindness. Children write on a post-it note when someone has made them smile or shown kindness, then post it in their class post box. Each week, a School Council member selects a winner, who is praised in assembly and awarded 5 Dojo points. All the other kind messages are shared in class, helping to spread positivity even further!

In addition, the School Council have been raising awareness for our chosen *Love our Community* charity, Air Ambulance, by creating colourful posters and a fantastic PowerPoint to share with the school. They've also been coming up with valuable suggestions to make our school an even better place, thinking of new ideas and improvements to benefit everyone.

Well done, School Council—you've truly made an impact this term!



WELCOME

We would like to introduce you to **Mrs Ward**. Mrs Ward has recently joined us at Churchtown Primary School and she will be supporting our Senior Leadership Team. Previously, Mrs Ward has worked in schools within both Sefton and Lancashire where she has undertaken the roles of Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher and also Assistant Headteacher, so she may already know some of our school families. We are sure that you will join us in giving Mrs Ward a warm welcome into our school.



Building Bridges in Burnley is a partnership of faith organisations. They work with schools, promoting community cohesion and interfaith relations by providing different faith visitors to schools. We have booked the following dates for them to come into school and visit our children: -

Thursday 20th March
Early Years and Year 5

Friday 20th June
Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3

Friday 20th June
Year 4 & Year 6

Further information can be found at <https://www.buildingbridgesburnley.com/>

In line with Government policy, the Sefton School Health Team will be involving children and their families in deciding how they can best use their resources to keep them healthy. This term, they are asking all children in **school year 6** to complete a simple online questionnaire in school about their health, wellbeing and lifestyle.



Community and Mental Health Services

The information that they gather will also help them identify how they can best support your child with any issues that may be impacting on their health and well-being. If you would like to view a pdf copy of the questions, please visit the webpage below: -

<https://www.mersecare.nhs.uk/school-health>

School Nurses will look at the completed questionnaires and may ask to meet with your child to talk about their responses in more detail. They will also be available to see any child who wishes to talk with them.

For further information in relation to this, please click [here](#) to access copy letter on our website titled 'Sefton School Health – Year 6 Letter'.



Date	Event
Monday 3 rd to Friday 7 th February 2025	National Storytelling Week
Monday 3 rd to Friday 7 th February 2025	Children's Mental Health Week
Monday 3 rd to Monday 10 th February 2025	Y5 Bikeability – Level 1 & 2 Combined On-Road Safety Course
Tuesday 4 th February 2025	Meols Cop High School Dance Festival – Years 5 & 6 at 6pm
Tuesday 4 th February 2025	P.T.A. Meeting in The Lodge at 7pm – all welcome to attend
Wednesday 5 th February 2025	Meols Cop High School Dance Festival – Years 5 & 6 at 6pm

Friday 7 th February 2025	Y5 Educational visit to Young Voices at Co-op Live, Manchester
Monday 10 th February 2025	Y6 SATs parent's meeting – 3.40pm in The Old Hall. More information to follow.
Tuesday 11 th February 2025	Safer Internet Day
Friday 14 th February 2025	P.T.A. Smartie Challenge
Friday 14 th February 2025	Churchtown Charity Collection/Mufti Day – Southport Learning Partnership: Love My Community to raise money for charity – Air Ambulance
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!
Thursday 6 th March 2025	World Book Day
Wednesday 12 th March 2025	Reception Educational Trip to Windmill Farm
Thursday 13 th March 2025	'The Past Presents' to visit Y5 to carry out a Greek Day, linked to their Ancient Greeks topic
Friday 14 th March 2025	'The Past Presents' to visit Y5 to carry out a Greek Day, linked to their Ancient Greeks topic
Thursday 20 th March 2025	Visitor from the Islamic Faith – Early Years & Year 5
Thursday 20 th March 2025	P.T.A. Spring Discos – Y3 & Y4 – 6pm to 7pm Y5 & Y6 – 7.30pm to 8.30pm
Friday 21 st March 2025	Comic Relief/Red Nose Day
Friday 4 th April 2025	Easter Assemblies in St. Cuthbert's Church
Friday 4 th April 2025	Break up for Easter Holidays – 1.30pm
Friday 18 th April 2025	Bank Holiday – Good Friday
Monday 21 st April 2025	Bank Holiday – Easter Monday
Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Back to School – Rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Monday 5 th May 2025	Early May Bank Holiday – School closed
Friday 9 th May 2025	Myfoto class photographs for all year groups
Monday 12 th May 2025	Y4 Educational Trip to The Beatles Story, Liverpool Y4 Maple Y4 Willow
Tuesday 13 th May 2025	Y4 Educational Trip to The Beatles Story, Liverpool Y4 Birch Y4 Pine
Thursday 15 th May 2025	Nursery Educational Trip to Martin Mere
Thursday 22 nd May 2025	Churchtown Summer Showcase – a celebration of the arts
Friday 23 rd May 2025	Y6 End of Year Celebration Trip
Friday 23 rd May 2025	Break-up for May half-term holiday (normal times)
Monday 2 nd June 2025	Back to School – Rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!

Friday 20 th June 2025	Visitor from the Islamic Faith – Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3
Friday 20 th June 2025	Visitor from the Hindu Faith – Year 4 & Year 6
Monday 23 rd June 2025	Y2 Educational Trip to Blackpool Zoo
Friday 4 th July 2025	Y6 Leavers’ Performance at The Atkinson
Thursday 17 th 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 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 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