

Churchtown Chatter

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Newsletter 18

Friday 7th February 2025



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Meols Cop Dance Festival took place this week, with twenty-two, year 5 and 6 children performing across two evenings. The children have been working with Meols Cop dance leaders since October to practice and perfect their dance routine to the song 'You're welcome' from the film Moana. Congratulations to all who took part! We are arranging for the children to showcase their performance at the Easter assemblies in St. Cuthbert's Church so that all children have the opportunity to see them perform and celebrate their success.

During National Storytelling Week, children have enjoyed listening to stories by staff, different to their normal class teachers and support staff. In addition, they have engaged with some storytellers online, recommended through our Reading Leader, Miss Morris.

Finally, we have had a focus on Children's Mental Health Week with the theme being 'Know yourself, Grow yourself', in collaboration with the characters from Inside Out 2, to explore the importance of expressing our emotions. Please look out for some of our posts on Facebook that will be celebrating the work we have done.

Friday 14th February is the start of half term but also Charity Mufti Day for The Air Ambulance. There is more information about this, further on in the newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Payne

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 1 Rabbits (98%)!

The year group with the highest attendance this week is

Year 4 (96.5%)



2025/2026 Churchtown Primary School Term Dates

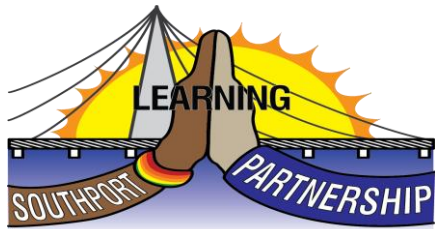
The term dates for the 2025-2026 academic year have been uploaded to our website.

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

We are excited to announce that we will be moving our communications to **Arbor** during this month, February 2025, which will replace our current system, ParentApp Connect. There is information on our website, introducing you to the platform and advising you of the steps that you need to take to ensure a smooth transition.

Please click [here](#) to access further information in relation to this on our website.





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!**

February is LGBTQ+ History Month



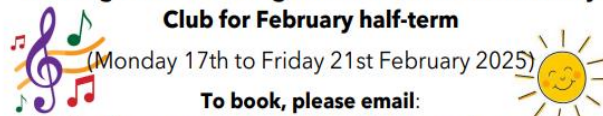
During the month of February, the school will be looking to promote equality and diversity as part of LGBTQ+ History month. **The theme in 2025 is Activism and Social Change – concentrating on LGBTQ+ people's contributions to advancing society for everyone.**

The children will look at this through History, PSHE, Class Assemblies, Reading and morning tasks. Our main messages will be around **acceptance and tolerance of others.** For our older children, they will be **focusing on the history aspect.**



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**



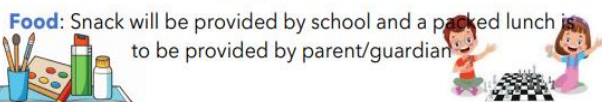
Age: Nursery (Buttercups) - Year 6

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



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





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!

FIRST PRIZE

£30 voucher for
The Entertainer

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.

SECOND PRIZE

£20 voucher for
RS Fine Chocolate,
Botanic Road

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

THIRD PRIZE

£15 voucher for
Vue Cinema

WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED ON TUESDAY 4TH MARCH



GOOD LUCK!



Safer Internet Day is an event organised in the UK by the **UK Safer Internet Centre**. It aims to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. The event has grown year on year and is now celebrated in approximately 170 countries worldwide!

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in school and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

A massive well done to all of the girls who took part in the **Meols Cop Dance Festival** this week. They have worked so hard since October to put their routine together and all of this dedication really paid off as they shone like the stars they are! With big energy and even bigger smiles, they gave the most spectacular performances – **we are proud of you all!**





This week, Year 5 have had a great opportunity to learn to ride their bike with **Bikeability**.

They have been learning to maintain their bicycle, control their bike and be aware of their surroundings. Once they were confident, they were off onto the roads around school. Here they were able to safely learn how to stop and go, pass stationary vehicles, understand road signs and road markings as well as how to negotiate and share the road with other vehicles.

Well-done Year 5!



| Date | Event |
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| Monday 10 th February 2025 | Y6 SATs parent's meeting – 3.40pm in The Old Hall |
| 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 - dress up as a character from your favourite story or wear your pyjamas! |
| 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 |
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| 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 |

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| | Y5 & Y6 – 7.30pm to 8.30pm |
| Friday 21 st March 2025 | Comic Relief/Red Nose Day |
| Monday 31 st March 2025 | Open morning for prospective Nursery Snowdrops and Nursery Buttercups families |
| 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:

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

Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2025 – Half-Term Holiday
Monday 7th to Thursday 17th April 2025 – Easter Holidays
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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)