

Churchtown Chatter

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Newsletter 19

Friday 14th February 2025



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Thank you to families for supporting our fundraising event today. The school council, along with other school councils from all Southport schools, have been raising money for the Air Ambulance. We call this event 'Love My Community', where we choose to raise money for a charity chosen by children from across the region. Raising money for different organisations gives children a sense of belonging in their community and highlights the importance of helping others. We will share with you how much Churchtown has raised, and in turn all Southport schools, after the half term break.

Last Friday, our Year 4 and 5 'Melody Makers' had an amazing time visiting the 'Co-op Live Arena' for the Young Voices concert. There is further information about this in the newsletter but a big thank you to all the staff who supported with what is, for many of our children, a once in a lifetime experience of going to a live concert.

Please look out for details of an open morning, which we will be advertising in the summer term, focused on our Nursery provision at Churchtown. This will showcase the work of our 'Snowdrops' and 'Buttercups' specifically: our 2-year-old room and 3/4-year-old room. Previously, when we have held open mornings, we have visited Early Years to see those provisions but have then continued with a tour of the whole school. The one in the summer will focus just on Nursery, where we will have staff from both provisions on hand for you to meet and ask questions about our rooms.

Have an enjoyable half term and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 24th February!

Take Care, Mrs Payne.

FUN & HAPPINESS

After half term, the value that Churchtown will be developing is Fun & Happiness. At the end of the half term, value champions will be nominated for each class.



ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance champions are

Year 2 Owls (98%)!

The year group with the highest attendance this week is

Year 2 (96.8%)



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.



Values Champions

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Once again, we have had lots of nominations for our Values Champions for 'Friendship & Family'.

Well done to all the children who were nominated. The overall winners are listed opposite and they will receive a book from Mrs Payne!

The Winners Are

Lyra R – Reception Sunflowers

Rauri L – Year 1 Squirrels

Louie C – Year 2 Owls

Mia M – Year 3 Fir

Teddy H – Year 4 Maple

Jessica S – Year 5 Beech

Ozzy H – Year 6 Cedar



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.





February Half Term Challenge 2025

<p>Activity 1 February is National Children's Dental Health month. Learn about brushing your teeth & the importance of looking after your teeth by doing some of the activities. You could create a tooth brushing chart or learn about tooth decay by doing the egg experiment or any of the other ideas. https://alkidsmile.com/fun-and-educational-activities-to-teach-kids-about-dental-health/</p>	<p>Activity 2 February is National Heart Month, its all about keeping your heart healthy. You could do a sponsored run, bike ride or walk to raise money for your local heart charity or you could design some exercises that will keep you active and get your blood pumping more and challenge yourself to do more in a set time each day. Don't forget to send pictures!</p>	<p>Activity 3 February 17th is Random Act of Kindness Day, so think of some random acts of kindness you could do. You could make someone a cake or decorate some stones and leave them around your local area, you could litter pick on your street or offer to help our grown up around the house! Here are some ideas: https://www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/random-acts-of-kindness-for-kids</p>	<p>Activity 4 National Pet Day is on the 20th February, so why don't you check out Draw with Rob's website to see the different animals and then draw your choice of pet! https://www.robbidulph.com/draw-with-rob I look forward to seeing your pictures!</p>
<p>Activity 5 February is National bird feeding month, so why not try making a bird feeder for your outside space. Then you could count the different birds that come to feed on it. See the below link for ideas on how to make your feeder. https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/makes/bird-feeder Don't forget to send pictures of your feeder & the birds that enjoy it!</p>	<p>Activity 6 February is National Cook for your family month. Why don't you plan a meal for your family and ask your grown up if you can go shopping to buy the ingredients and make a tasty meal for your family. You could design a special menu to share with your family. Here's some ideas to look at: https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/collections/10_easy_recipes_for_kids I look forward to seeing the pictures.</p>	<p>Activity 7 February is National Library lovers month! Visit your local library and borrow some books and send us a book review with the title, the author, what happened in the story, who your favourite character was and why and would you recommend. Check your local library to see if they have any special sessions running in the holidays you could attend. I look forward to seeing your book reviews!</p>	

Collect extra Children's University credits during the February half term by completing these challenges. Each activity is worth 1 credit (unless stated otherwise), when you send evidence to your local Children's University. This could be a photograph, video, a work sheet, or writing! Send it to SeftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk



The largest School Choir in the World

On Friday 7th February, 48 children performed in the Co-op Live Arena as part of the Young Voices concerts. It was an amazing evening and the children were fantastic. We all sung and danced our way through the concert and made memories that will last a lifetime.



Thursday 20th March 2025

Year 3 & Year 4 6-7pm
Year 5 & Year 6 7:30-8:30



£3

DJ, drinks and sweets included in price
Year 3 and Year 5 will enter & exit the disco through
the Old Hall doors.

Year 4 and Year 6 will enter & exit through the Year 4
doors.



Entrance to the playground will be via
the dining hall gate.

**£3 payment per child, to attend the
disco, is to be made via ParentPay prior
to 20th March 2025.**



Easter Raffle

The P.T.A. are holding
a raffle for the children
in school to win Easter
treats. Raffle tickets
cost £1 and these can
be purchased via
ParentPay.
The draw will take
place on Thursday 3rd
April.





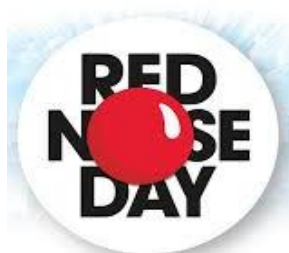
Churchtown Primary School is supporting Red Nose Day 2025.

FRIDAY 21ST MARCH

Children can wear mufti clothes to school on Friday 21st March, along with **Red Nose Day** accessories.

Please no face paint or coloured hair.

A suggested £1 donation for **Red Nose Day** can be made via ParentPay.



An **Arbor** test message was sent to all parent email addresses on Thursday the 6th of February.

- If you did not receive a test email by Monday 10th of February then please contact the school office to confirm we have the correct email address on our school system. The test email will then be resent.
- A further message was sent via ParentApp Connect on Wednesday the 12th of February:
- Please ensure that you visit: <https://login.arbor.sc> and click 'Forgot your password?' to finish setting up your account.
- If you have any queries, please contact office@churchtown.org.uk



Initial communications will include:

- School Letter distribution
- In App Messaging to Parents
- Reporting an Absence by a Parent
- Urgent notifications via text message from Churchtown Primary School

ParentApp Connect will no longer be used from the 27th of February, therefore it is really important that parents log into **Arbor** to finish setting up an account.

If you have a child at a different school and they use **Arbor** please ensure that the same email address and password is used for both accounts.

PE DAYS AT SCHOOL

After half-term, all children will come to school on PE and field days in their PE/field kit.

The days are as follows:

RECEPTION TULIPS – TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY
RECEPTION BLUEBELLS - WEDNESDAY
RECEPTION SUNFLOWERS - TUESDAY & THURSDAY

YEAR 1 - HEDGEHOGS, RABBITS & SQUIRRELS – THURSDAY & FRIDAY

YEAR 2 – ROBINS, OWLS & SWANS – MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

YEAR 3 - OAK – TUESDAY

YEAR 3 - FIR – TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

YEAR 3 - ELM – TUESDAY & THURSDAY

YEAR 4 - BIRCH & WILLOW – MONDAY & THURSDAY

YEAR 4 - PINE & MAPLE - TUESDAY & THURSDAY

YEAR 5 - JUNIPER & LARCH – TUESDAY & THURSDAY

YEAR 5 - ALDER & BEECH – WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

YEAR 6 - ASPEN, SYCAMORE & CEDAR – TUESDAY & FRIDAY

PE/FIELD KIT REQUIREMENTS

Navy tracksuit (navy hoodie is optional), white t-shirt or polo shirt and dark coloured trainers.

Please remember that the following items are **not** permitted:

Football kits, tracksuits with stripes/names or logos other than Churchtown.



Support available over the February half-term holiday

Sefton Children's Social Care (CHAT) 0151 934 4013 or Emergency Duty Team 0151 934 3555.

Lancashire Children's Social Care 0300 123 6720 or Emergency Duty Team 0300 123 6722.

Sefton Family Advice and Support Team (FAST) 0151 934 4545

Sefton Women's And Children's Aid - 0151 922 8606 or help@swaca.com

24hr National Domestic Abuse Helpline - 0808 2000 247

Childline - 0800 1111

NSPCC - help@nspcc.org.uk

If you require support for a person under 18 experiencing a mental health crisis please contact **CAMHS** on 0151 293 3577. If you feel that you need help immediately call for an ambulance on 999 or attend the nearest **A&E**.

If you require support regarding domestic abuse, you can attend a local chemist and ask for ANI (Action Needed Immediately)

ANI is a codeword scheme that enables victims of domestic abuse to discreetly ask for immediate help in participating pharmacies.

Online Safety

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>



Talk with your child about responsible use of their phone

Discuss what is okay and not okay to use their phone for. Talk about time limits and expectations of where the device can and cannot be used, this could include things like the phone being charged outside their bedroom overnight.



Discuss what to do if something upsetting or worrying happens

Give them the strategies they need in case something concerning happens whilst they are using their device. This could be to lock the screen and tell an adult, to make a report to the platform they are using, or to block the user.



Explore parental controls

Take a look at the controls available both on the phone itself and on your home Wi-Fi. Talk these through with your child too. Parental controls are a helpful tool, but an open conversation with your child is the most important thing.



Date	Event
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
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 – wear mufti clothes with a Red Nose Day accessory
Monday 31 st March 2025	Open morning for prospective Nursery Snowdrops and 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
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)