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Newsletter 21

Friday 7th March 2025



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It has been another exciting, action-packed week in school. Yesterday, we celebrated World Book Day and there was a real buzz around school as children, dressed in their pyjamas or as their favourite character from a story, enjoyed taking part in a 'reading swap', completing work linked to a range of texts and participated in author webinars. Earlier on in the week, children in Y5 and Y6 participated in an athletics competition along with other children from local schools. They were excellent representatives of our school and demonstrated determination & fantastic teamworking skills throughout.

In the newsletter, you will find an update on the progress of our fundraising campaign. We are already nearly at 50% of the total needed to build the new playground - thank you again for your incredible generosity and support.

Looking ahead to the next few weeks, there are a number of trips and curriculum workshops taking place. We also have the PTA Spring Discos on Thursday 20th March for children in Y3/4 and Y5/6. Further information can be found in the newsletter, with all payments going to our PTA as they continue to support us so that we are able to provide a range of important enrichment opportunities for our children. Other important dates can be found at the end of the newsletter, with any new dates added in red.

Have a wonderful weekend, Mrs Payne.

FUN & HAPPINESS

This 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 3 Fir (99.6%) – well done!

The year group with the highest attendance this week is

Year 1 (98.9%) – well done!



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.



RSPB Beach Clean Saturday 22nd March From 10am until 11.30am

We will be meeting at the RSPB car park on Marine Drive (opposite Marshside Road). All equipment will be provided such as litter pickers, gloves and bin bags etc., so all you need is yourselves and suitable footwear and outdoor clothing.



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.



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.



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](#).



This week, some of our year 5 and 6 pupils competed at the Southport Schools Indoor Athletics competition. They showed incredible strength, determination and teamwork across a range of fiercely contested track and field events, as well as the most amazing sportsmanship towards all the competitors. We could not be prouder of the incredible performances they showcased.

A huge well done to all involved!

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD
SCHOOL 2025
COMPETITION

During the first two weeks of this half term, the children have participated in sessions linked to the 'Show Racism the Red Card' charity initiative, which has supplemented our ongoing curriculum work linked to equality and diversity in school.

'Show Racism the Red Card' is the UK's leading anti-racism charity which has been going for over 28 years. Their aim is to drive positive change through providing supportive resources to schools to help enhance pupils' understanding of what is meant by racism, how we can tackle this and how we can help to ensure equality for all.

Linked to this, there is a competition that children in Y1 to Y6 can enter if they would like to. They will need to produce a piece of art based on what that they have learned in their class session and wider curriculum work across the year. The children will have a choice of either designing a football boot or a T-shirt that shows how we can tackle racism and promote equality for all (see examples below for some ideas). Blank templates for the designs have already been given to the children.

Entries will be judged by the School Council and members of the Senior Leadership Team. In line with the competition rules, the winning entry (one from KS1 and one from KS2) will receive a school prize and then be sent off to the charity for national judging. The deadline for entries to be returned to school is Thursday 13th March

Good luck!



Botanic Gardens Clean Up with Green Sefton
Thursday 27th March
3.30pm to 4.30pm

Our Eco team would like to invite you to a Botanic Garden's Clean Up with Green Sefton on Thursday 27th March 2025. We will be meeting next to The Fernery at 3.30pm. Litter pickers, bags and hoops to hold them open will be provided, though you may bring your own.

Please ensure you are wearing suitable outdoor clothing, gloves and sturdy footwear.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Your Eco Team!



Last week, a talented group of children competed at the Year 3/4 Southport Schools Gymnastics Competition. They performed individual routines on floor and vault, with such self-belief and confidence and their group routine was praised as the best of the afternoon!

We are so proud of their dedication and wonderful achievement – well done!





Help us build a new playground in memory of Alice & Bebe.

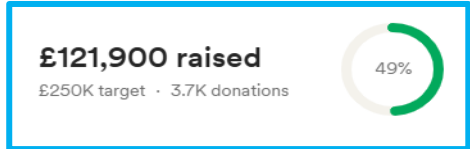
This new playground, which has been proposed by Alice’s parents as a way of honouring her memory, will serve as a joyful, healing space for all our pupils. It will be a place where they can do what children do best – play, explore and grow. Please donate what you can to help us create a playground that will carry their memories for years to come. We aim to raise £250,000, but we don’t want to stop there! Any additional funds will be distributed to local charities who are helping those affected by this tragedy.

How we are raising funds:

In memory of Alice and Bebe, a number of staff members and friends of Churchtown Primary School are taking part in the London Marathon and the Blackpool Festival of Running in April 2025. Alice’s father, Sergio is also running the London Marathon, alongside our Headteacher, Mrs Payne. In addition, members of staff from across the Endeavour Learning Trust, which Churchtown Primary School is a part of, are also running in memory of Alice and Bebe.

Please click on the following link to access our GoFundMe page for more information:

<https://gofund.me/6c767af5>



Smarties / Jelly Tots Challenge



Thank you to all of our pupils who took part in the P.T.A. Smarties / Jelly Tots challenge. You all worked extremely hard over the half-term, doing tasks and good deeds to earn your pay – well done!

All tubs/tubes returned were entered into a raffle and the following pupils we drawn as our winners

FIRST PRIZE

£30 voucher for The Entertainer
Milly P – Year 3 Elm

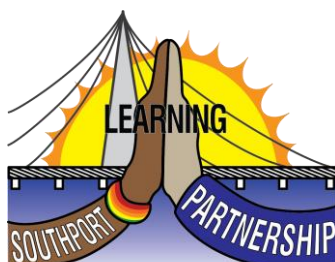
SECOND PRIZE

£20 voucher for RS Fine Chocolate
Louie C – Year 2 Owls

THIRD PRIZE

£15 voucher for Vue Cinema
Savannah O – Year 4 Maple

Love My Community 2025



On Friday 14th February, Churchtown Primary School joined other local schools, in the Southport Learning Partnership, in holding a non-uniform day to raise money for a charity, chosen by the children of Southport.

The charity that was chosen was the North West Air Ambulance and we are extremely pleased to announce that as a school, we raised a total of **£488.00**.

We would like to thank all of our children for taking part and thank you all for your kind donations.



Butterflies Holiday Club

Bookings are now being taken for Butterflies Holiday Club for Easter

(Monday the 7th of April to Thursday the 17th of April 2025)

Closed Friday the 18th and Monday the 21st of April 2025

To book, please email:

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

The closing date for bookings is Wednesday the 2nd of April

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

World Book Day at Churchtown Primary School

Children and teachers alike had a fantastic day in school, celebrating World Book Day. Many were dressed up as their favourite characters whilst some children chose to wear their pyjamas.

Everyone had a lovely time and thoroughly enjoyed the activities and being a part of the day!



Introducing Police Community Support Officer: Thomas Clark

PCSO Thomas Clark will be spending more time in school, as a positive role model for our children. He will be joining us in school on Monday 10th March, where he will visit children in their classrooms, talk to children during their class assemblies as well as talk to our School Council during one of their meetings.

We look forward to welcoming Mr Clark into our school.



CHURCHTOWN 25 LEAVERS

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

This year, leavers hoodies for year 6 will be available to purchase through school so that this gives all children the opportunity to have one and wear it during the last half term. Children have been trying the sample sizes on in school and a design is being created.

Hoodies will be **£23.00 each** and will be available to purchase via ParentPay

Further information will be shared soon





Date	Event
Monday 10 th March 2025	Y5 & Y6 RSE Meeting for Parents via Zoom at 4.45pm
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	Visitor from the Hindu Faith – Year 4 & Year 6 (change of date)
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
Saturday 22 nd March 2025	RSPB Beach Clean Up! 10am to 11.30am. Meet at RSPB carpark (Marine Drive, opposite Marshside Road)
Wednesday 26 th March 2025	Y1 Rabbits Class Assembly – 2.30pm
Thursday 27 th March 2025	Y1 Squirrels Class Assembly – 2.30pm
Thursday 27 th March 2025	Botanic Garden's Clean Up with Green Sefton – 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Friday 28 th March 2025	Y1 Hedgehogs Class Assembly – 2.30pm
Monday 31 st March 2025	Open morning for prospective Nursery Snowdrops and Buttercups families
Wednesday 2 nd April 2025	School closes at 2pm Parents Evening from 2.30pm
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
Saturday 21 st June 2025	Green Sefton Beach Clean Up! at 10am - more details to follow
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 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