

Churchtown Chatter

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Newsletter 23

Friday 21st March 2025



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Each week, I look forward to communicating with you in the school newsletter. This week, however is an extra special week as there is a lot to celebrate. In particular, reaching the playground fundraising target within 24 days of it being launched, is a huge success. We have received over 9000 separate donations and the money is still coming in and will continue to do so. Please carry on with your fundraising using the [sponsor form](#) that was sent home last week, as this is helping the children feel a sense of ownership, as we are building the playground together as a school community. A real sense of excitement that the playground will be built in the summer holiday, is buzzing around the school amongst staff and children! All monies raised over the target amount will be gifted to charities involved in Southport recovery. The children will be part of this process also, developing the importance of contribution and caring for our local community. Thank you to everyone that is helping in this!

A massive thank you to the PTA for all the fundraising they are doing and to you for taking part. The Smartie challenge which took place over February half term raised £1265 and the Spring discos, which were well attended and enjoyed, raised £680.

Finally, we have Nursery open days coming up at the end of March and April. Please pass on this information to friends, to come and have a look at the Snowdrops and Buttercups rooms and meet Nursery staff.

Have a lovely 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 2 Swans (99.6%)!

The year group with the highest attendance this week is

Year 1 (98.3%)!



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.





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.



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.

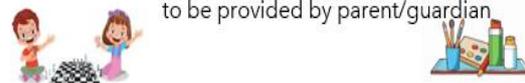
The closing date for bookings is Wednesday the 2nd of April

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



Churchtown Playgroup

Monday morning (term time only)
8.45am-10.30am

This week in playgroup the children have been planting sunflowers seeds with their grownups. We are looking forward to seeing how much they grow now the weather is becoming warmer.



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!



Churchtown Parents' Meetings Wednesday 2nd April 2025

School closes at 2pm

Parents' Evening is taking place on Wednesday 2nd April 2025 and this will be a face-to-face meeting in school. There is an online booking system that allows you to choose your 10-minute appointment time with your child's class teacher(s).

The online booking system is now live and will close on Tuesday 1st April at 4pm.

Buttercups Nursery bookings will close on Monday 31st March at 4pm

The booking system can be accessed by clicking below: -
<https://churchtown.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

ENTRANCE WILL BE VIA THE LODGE GATE TO THE OLD HALL

Mother's & Special Person's Day Sale

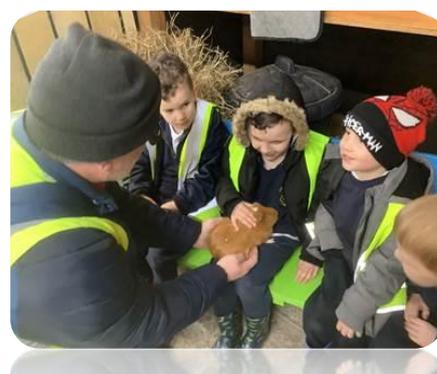


On Friday 28th March, the children will be given the opportunity to choose and purchase a small gift for a special person in their life (1 gift per child).

Gifts will cost £3 and must be paid for in cash on the day of the sale.

This event will be organised and led by the PTA. Please send all money in a named envelope as classes will visit the sale at different times throughout the school day. Money can be handed to staff in the classroom on the morning of the sale for safe keeping.

Last Wednesday, Reception children had a fabulous time on their school trip to **Windmill Farm!** Throughout the day, the children learnt lots of facts about the animals at the farm – who knew guinea pigs' poo on average, 100 times a day?! They also had the opportunity to feed a variety of animals, including being allowed to bottle feed the lambs! After lunch, the children then travelled around the farm in style, taking a trip on Windmill Farm's very own train.



A big thank you to the PTA, who continue to support in subsidising school trips in an attempt to continue to make them more affordable for families.



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:

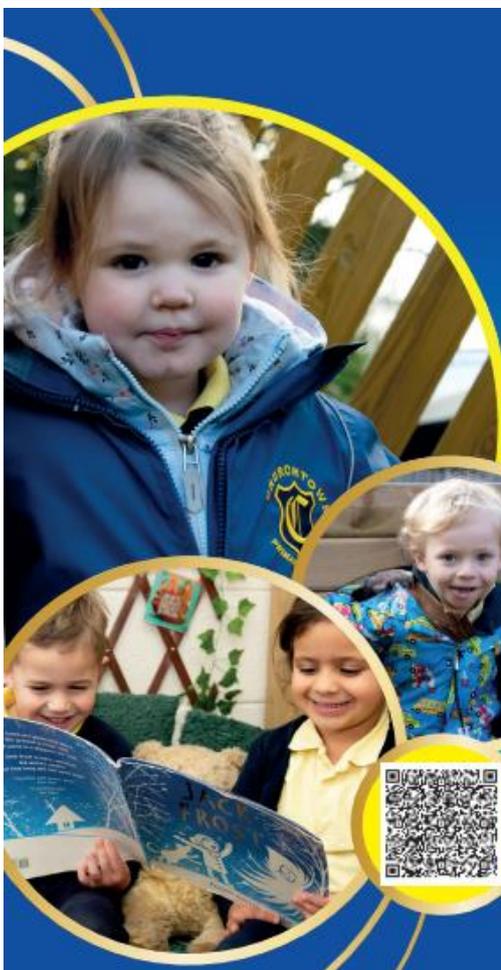
In memory of Alice and Bebe, a number of staff members and friends of Churchtown Primary School are taking part in the London Marathon and the Blackpool Festival of Running in April 2025. Alice's father, Sergio is also running the London Marathon, alongside our Headteacher, Mrs Payne. In addition, members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

£275,316 raised

£250K target · 9.4K donations



Snowdrops and Buttercups Nursery Open Mornings

Monday 31st of March
9.30am start

Wednesday 30th April
9.30am start

- Highly qualified staff
- Holistic learning approach
- Beautiful indoor and outdoor environment
- Forest School provision
- Snowdrops Nursery
– Term Time only or all year round 7.30am – 5.30pm
- Buttercups Nursery – Term Time only 8.30am – 3.30pm
(Wraparound provision available before and after school and Holiday club)



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Summer School Uniform

Summer uniform starts after the Easter holidays. Children do have the choice of still wearing the winter uniform if they prefer. If your child chooses to wear a white shirt, a tie must be worn. If they choose the yellow polo shirt option, a tie is not worn.



Summer Uniform

Grey shorts or trousers with yellow, plain or logo polo shirts

Yellow and white gingham dress

Or grey skirt with yellow, plain or logo polo shirt and white socks



Winter Uniform

Churchtown Primary School V-neck jumper or cardigan

Grey long trousers

Grey skirt or grey pinafore dress

White, plain shirt suitable for school tie

School tie

Black, flat school shoes (no boots)



In Nursery

Yellow polo shirt, navy jogging suit and black plimsoles



Looking to boost your child's swimming skills over the Easter break?

Join our 4-day **EASTER INTENSIVE COURSE** to build water confidence and improve swimming techniques.

Sessions led by Danni from the West Lancashire School Swimming team



WHY US?

- 1-to-1 and small group sessions available
- Led by qualified and experienced swimming teachers who deliver on the West Lancashire School Swimming programme
- Fun & engaging learning experience
- Designed to get your child swim ready for summer

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
WED 2ND APRIL 2025

[Click here for more information and to register your interest](#)

Monday 14th April - Thursday 17th April

Tarleton Academy Pool, PR4 6AQ

swimacademy@wlspace.co.uk

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies



Order forms have been sent home with Year 6 children today, to enable them to order their Leavers Hoodie.

The children have tried on the various sizes that are available with their class teacher, so please check with them to see which size fitted them best.

The deadline for payment to be made (via ParentPay) and for the order form to be returned to school is Thursday 3rd April.



Date	Event
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
Wednesday 26 th March 2025	Sefton Schools Swimming Gala at Dunes
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!
Thursday 1 st May 2025	Reception, Y1 & Y2 educational visit to The Atkinson to watch <i>'The Baddies'</i> by Julia Donaldson
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 17th July 2025

Y6 Leavers' Assembly at St. Cuthbert's Church 9.30am
Y6 Leavers' festival on the yard

- Text in red is a new addition to the calendar



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

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

Butterflies Holiday Club.....

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

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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)