



Churchtown Chatter

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Newsletter 25

Friday 4th April 2025



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There are no quiet terms in school, but this one does seem to have been particularly busy. As always, we have been presented with an overwhelming number of times when our children have radiated a love of life and learning as well as showing their ever-developing talent. Whether that be in a sporting setting, language festival, music and performing arts opportunities or generally in their conduct around school, the children have been exceptional.

We would like to extend our thanks to you for all the support you have shown. This has been through your positive communication, attending Parents' Evening, taking children to some of the after-school enrichment opportunities and helping prepare children for our evacuation and indoor safety procedures. Once again, your support with these things is invaluable and always appreciated.

After Easter, we have a number of lovely events we are looking forward to. Some of these include activities linked to raising money for the new playground and local charities. You will have received a sponsor form for the children's run around the field and dance activity on the Friday we get back. We are hoping that by offering a sponsorship form our children will feel directly involved in raising money for this important project. All children will be involved in both events, even if sponsor forms are not returned. I will be running the marathon on the Sunday after the first week and will proudly wear the design of the winning t-shirt, from the competition we ran. The winner of this will be announced after the Easter holidays.

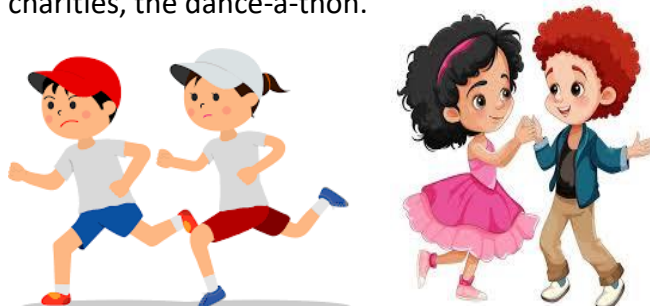
May I wish you all a really lovely Easter break and we look forward to seeing you after the holidays.



On the first week back after the Easter holidays, children from Nursery Buttercups through to Year 6 are to wear their school PE/Field kit on

Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th April, due to the sporting activities that we have planned on these days.

Also, on the Friday of that week (25th April), children in these year groups can then come into school in MUFTI clothes that are suitable for dancing. On the Friday, children will be taking part in the second sponsored event linked to raising money for the new playground and local charities, the dance-a-thon.



ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance champions are

Year 2 Robins – most improved attendance!

The year group with the highest attendance for the Spring term is

Year 1!



Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for the raffle. The P.T.A. have managed to raise £450.00 which is fantastic!

The winners of the P.T.A. Easter raffle are

Myla R – Y1 Rabbits
Lily-Rae M – Y3 Oak



Churchtown Playgroup

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



In our Monday morning playgroup, the children have enjoyed decorating biscuits. This was a very sticky and very tasty activity, which all the children absolutely loved.

This week, was our last session in school until after the Easter break. We will return on Monday 28th April at 8.45am in the Early Years Hall.



Sefton Family Hubs

Easter Timetable

Support. Grow. Thrive.

Please click [here](#) to access the Family Hubs Timetables for Easter Holiday Activities. Sessions can be booked by telephoning

Talbot Family Hub on 01704 564975

or

Linaker Family Hub on 0151 288 6765.

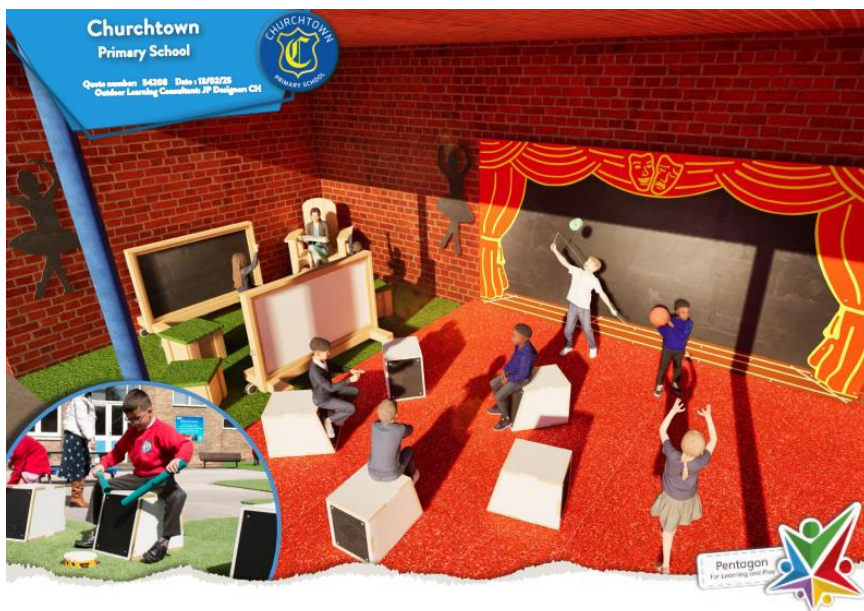


We would be grateful if you could take a few moments to complete our **school parental questionnaire**, if you have not already done so via Arbor: -

[Parental Questionnaire - April 2025](#)

All replies will be anonymous unless you feel the need to share your contact information.

Many thanks.



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>

£279,311 raised

£250K target · 9.6K donations



This week, we would like to say a very big thank you to Funky Monkees who took part in a 12-hour danceathon to raise money for our Churchtown Playground fund as well as Elsie's Story and their own dance school.

Over 60 children and adults took part, many of whom are from Churchtown Primary School. They worked incredibly hard and they did not give up! They are still collecting their sponsorship money until the 26th April, but they estimate the amount raised to be over £3,000.00!

A very big thank you to you all and well done!



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 chose 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 (Buttercups and Snowdrops)

Yellow polo shirt, navy jogging suit and black plimsoles



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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Values Champions

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

Margot T – Reception Bluebells

Huey C – Year 1 Hedgehogs

Harry S – Year 2 Swans

Amora B – Year 3 Elm

Max S – Year 4 Pine

Freddie H – Year 5 Juniper

Sophie H – Year 6 Sycamore



Spring holiday Challenge 2025

<p>Activity 1 Choose Healthy, Be Active! April 7th is World Health Day. Make a poster about 'being healthy' then do one of these (or similar)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk, scooter or cycle to a new park • Complete a junior Park Run • Do a Joe Wicks workout • Have a Friday night disco • Create an obstacle course <p>Active Kids are Happy Kids - Encouraging Physical Activity Active Teams</p>	<p>Activity 2 Get Crafty! During the holidays why not choose one of these craft ideas and keep yourself busy! Make your own paper plate wreaths, egg carton chicks or cardboard tube butterflies</p> <p>50 Fun and Easy Spring Crafts for Kids - Prudent Penny Pincher</p> <p>Don't forget to take a picture of your finished piece of work and send it to us!</p>	<p>Activity 3 Go outdoors! 14th April is National Gardening Day...so what a great excuse to spend some time outdoors in nature! Here are some great ideas for activities, from making a dinosaur garden to painted rocks and a spring scavenger hunt</p> <p>Garden activities for kids 60 fun things to do with kids at home - Growing Family</p>	<p>Activity 4 Discover Science! Become a scientist over the holidays. Complete one of the experiments in these links and tell us what you discovered!</p> <p>Spring Science Projects: 26 Science Experiments for Spring Science Buddies Blog 13 Spring STEM Nature Activities for Kids Treehouse Schoolhouse Blog Home Education • Motherhood • Homemaking</p>
<p>Activity 5 Become Arty! 15th April is World Art Day so why not use a famous artist as your inspiration and re-create a masterpiece of your own? There are lots of ideas here!</p> <p>Exploring Famous Artists for Kids - Fun Art Projects inspired by Artists - Messy Little Monster</p> <p>Perhaps you could have a family art competition and display your work like a gallery?</p>	<p>Activity 6 Get in the kitchen! During the holidays, why not have a go at creating some of these easy Spring themed recipes? For tasty treats such as Fruity Bug Oat Cakes, Bunny Rabbit Salad, Easter nest crispy cakes and Easy Chick Cookies, take a look at the ideas here...and get creative in the kitchen!</p> <p>Spring Themed Food for Kids - Eats Amazing</p>	<p>Activity 7 Photograph Spring! Spring is a time of new growth. Everything is changing around us in our amazing world...so it is time to capture it in some photographs! Get out and about in the streets, park or garden and take 5 different photos relating to spring eg blossom, new green shoots, baby animals, ladybird, spring flowers, the weather, a shadow, berries, spider web etc – the list is endless!</p>	

Collect extra Children's University credits during the Spring holiday 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



During the week after the Easter holidays, children will be running laps of the school field with their class, Churchtown staff and Alice's father Sergio, as well as taking part in a dance-a-thon on the school playground on Friday 25th April.

Don't forget to collect your sponsorship money in, after Friday 25th April. Please click [here](#) to access of copy of the sponsor form on our website.



Churchtown Playground T-Shirts

As mentioned in our letter dated 14th March, Churchtown playground branded t-shirts are now available for you to purchase. All proceeds raised from the sale of the t-shirts will

go towards the fundraising efforts. If you would like to purchase a t-shirt, please email J.Scaife@churchtown.org.uk for the links to purchase them online, together with copies of the artwork which will need to be added, when making your order.

EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNITY DAY

SUNDAY 11TH MAY // 9AM - 4PM @ THE BIG HELP STADIUM

With special guests The LFC Foundation and Bren Riley (Southport Comedy Festival) as compere!

Bouncy castles 🎈 Ice cream 🎈 Special character guests
Face painting 🎈 Grassroots matches
Market stalls from local businesses
Southport FC's catering and bar open ALL DAY

Finishing with an
Emergency Services friendly match!

Tickets: £5 for adults, £1 for kids

All proceeds go towards supporting the SFC Community Foundation*

[@southport_fc](#) [@southportfootballclub](#) [southportfc.net](#)

Everyone attending this event will be required to purchase a ticket as outlined above in order to gain access to the ground (player/spectator/dancer/stall holder). Tickets can be purchased from:

<https://southportfc.ktckts.com/event/sfctesteve/emergency-services-day>

PE DAYS AT SCHOOL

From the week commencing **Monday 28th April**, all children will come to school on PE and field days in their PE/field kit on the following days:

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

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

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

YEAR 3 - OAK – MONDAY & TUESDAY
YEAR 3 - FIR – MONDAY & WEDNESDAY
YEAR 3 - ELM – MONDAY & THURSDAY

YEAR 4 – BIRCH, WILLOW, PINE & MAPLE – TUESDAY & THURSDAY

YEAR 5 - JUNIPER - TUESDAY & FRIDAY
YEAR 5 – LARCH - TUESDAY & FRIDAY
YEAR 5 – BEECH - WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY
YEAR 5 – ALDER - WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

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 Easter holidays

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.



Your local Boots Pharmacy that is providing NHS Pharmacy First Service over the Easter Holidays is:

**Southport Cambridge Road
131-135 Cambridge Rd
Southport
PR9 9SD**



How Pharmacy First can help you

Pharmacy First provides easy access to prompt advice and treatment including prescription medicines, where appropriate, for seven common conditions. Here is the list of common conditions covered alongside the age criteria:

- Sinusitis (12 years and over)
- Sore throat (5 years and over)
- Earache (1-17 years)
- Infected insect bites and stings (1 year and older)
- Impetigo (1 year and older)
- Shingles (18 years and over)
- Uncomplicated urinary tract infections (UTI) in women (16-64 years)

Please note other eligibility criteria apply. If you are outside of the criteria a pharmacist may still be able to provide advice and care such as suggesting an over-the-counter treatment or if required refer you to another healthcare provider.

How to access Pharmacy First



Step 1 - Simply walk into a participating Boots Pharmacy & ask for help. Or you may have been referred by an NHS provider, like NHS 111, or your GP practice.



Step 2 - Our pharmacist will take a few details & assess your condition



Step 3 - Our pharmacist will talk to you about the most suitable next steps based on your condition & symptoms presented. This may include prescription treatment, informing you about pharmacy medicines, (the ones that are kept behind the counter) or an in-store product that could help.

Spring Term Spanish Champions



Please see below for the recently named Spring term Spanish Champions from Year 3 through to Year 6. They have all been outstanding in terms of their passion to learn Spanish, their behaviour and respect for others and showing special pride in their language learning journey.

Y3 OAK – Emilia K
Y3 ELM – Arlo P
Y3 FIR – Isla L & Ethan D

Y4 WILLOW – Grace D
Y4 BIRCH – Lexi A & Mia F
Y4 PINE – Amber R & Parker A
Y4 MAPLE – Teddy H

Y5 BEECH – Matthew B-A
Y5 LARCH – Lewis H
Y5 ALDER – Ted M
Y5 JUNIPER – Byron E-T

Y6 SYCAMORE – Willow P
Y6 CEDAR – Hollie M
Y6 ASPEN – Amelia B

Huge congratulations to you all. Keep up with your amazing work!

Bien Hecho!



Over the past six weeks, the KS2 Eco Club have been learning all about Biodiversity. They started by recording a video about Biodiversity

which was shared in assemblies. This was to raise awareness to all the children in school. From this, the children have made bird feeders, bird boxes and seed bombs, planted trees and carried out multiple litter picks on Southport Beach, Botanic Gardens and our school grounds. We raised £143 from book sales last year, which enabled us to buy 10 litter pickers and 3 hoops!

To end the club, the children designed and made a Bug Hotel. This will be used by all children in school to support them in their Science Curriculum about minibeasts and microhabitats. We would therefore like to thank Green Sefton, RSPB and Mr Doyle for their time and commitment in supporting our school. Eco club will continue with their journey in June with a Key Stage One club for Year 1 and 2 so watch this space.....



Date	Event
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!
Tuesday 22 nd to Thursday 24 th April 2025	Churchtown Playground Relay School PE/Field kit to be worn Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
Friday 25 th April 2025	Whole school dance-a-thon – MUFTI/dance clothes
Sunday 27 th April 2025	London Marathon
Wednesday 30 th April 2025	Open morning for prospective Nursery Snowdrops and Buttercups families – 9.30am
Thursday 1 st May 2025	Reception, Y1 & Y2 educational visit to The Atkinson to watch 'The Baddies' by Julia Donaldson
Monday 5 th May 2025	Early May Bank Holiday – School closed
Wednesday 7 th & Thursday 8 th May 2025	Y3 & Y4 Bikeability: Learn to Ride Sessions
Friday 9 th May 2025	Myfoto class photographs for all year groups
Monday 12 th to Thursday 15 th May	Y6 SATs Week
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)