

Churchtown Chatter

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Newsletter 26

Friday 25th April 2025



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What an amazing first week back we have had! Each class has helped Sergio and myself prepare for the London Marathon, when together, we ran two laps of our field. The smiles and determination on children's faces will definitely inspire us on Sunday.

Yesterday, on the field, we welcomed children and staff from our Endeavour school family and some special guests. We were treated to amazing performances from our Melody Makers and Performing Arts group. A number of children also carried out tasks on a magnificent stage. They all did this confidently and with such grace. Our spectating children were equally impressive in the way they sat and listened and created a wonderful atmosphere.

Today's mixed key stage dance sessions continued this party vibe. The sponsorship from the class runs and dance-a-thon will go towards funds for our wonderful new playground.

During my run on Sunday, the children and our amazing community will be close to my heart. I look forward to sharing my experience with you all, when the 26 miles have finally been run...

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Payne!

SKILLS FOR LIFE

This half term, the value that Churchtown is developing is Skills for Life. At the end of the half term, value champions will be nominated for each class.



SKILLS FOR LIFE



At Churchtown we foster independence, determination and perseverance to build skills for life helping our children become confident and ambitious young people.



ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance champions are:

Year 4 Maple for 100% punctuality and 100% attendance!

The year group with the highest attendance this week is:

Reception!



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.



proudly presents

THERE IS SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT SOUTHPORT

We are inviting schools and colleges to take part in a **public art installation** at Adventure Coast Southport. This project gives young people the chance to express their love for Southport through art.

HOW IT WORKS

- Students create a piece of artwork inspired by what they **love about Southport**
- Their artwork will be **printed and displayed** at Adventure Coast Southport as part of a special exhibition in August
- Three standout pieces will be turned into **giant posters** to be displayed in Southport and used to promote the town.

Every student who submits artwork will receive **two free tickets** to Adventure Coast Southport in the 2025 season*

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION 30TH JUNE 2025

Original artwork to be submitted in hard copy.
Collate all entries for your school and contact us to arrange collection from you. Email as below.

THIS IS A FANTASTIC CHANCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO ENGAGE WITH THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITY, CELEBRATE THEIR TOWN, AND HAVE THEIR WORK FEATURED IN A PUBLIC SPACE. WE WOULD LOVE AS MANY SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES AS POSSIBLE TO TAKE PART

FOR MORE INFORMATION  mari@adventurecoastsouthport.co.uk

*excludes bank holiday weekends

Churchtown Primary School – Playground Relay

The Churchtown Playground relay began on Tuesday 22nd April at Strike Lane Primary School and they travelled 11.7 miles to Brindle Gregson Lane who travelled 6 miles to Northbrook Primary Academy. On Wednesday, the baton continued its journey to Wellfield Academy (0.3 miles) and then onwards to Tarleton Academy (7.4 miles) and Burscough Priory Academy (9.7 miles) before finishing the day at Ormskirk School (3.7 miles). On Thursday the baton then travelled 8.6 miles to Linaker Primary School before finally arriving at Churchtown Primary School (2.7 miles), where a celebration event took place to welcome the baton prior to Mrs Payne and Sergio taking the baton to the London Marathon.



Churchtown Primary School



The theme of this year's competition is 'Hope'

You may use any media you like – photography, pen, pencil, paint, collage etc. even a combination of them all if you like – so get creative! Maximum size A3

Prizes will be awarded for each year group winner and entries will be displayed at the Summer Showcase on Thursday the 22nd of May

Closing date for entries is Friday the 16th of May 2025

All entries should be handed to your class teacher.
Please ensure your artwork has your name, class and year group on the back.

We are proud to launch this year's **Summer Showcase Art Competition.**

The theme this year is 'Hope', through a child's lens.

Children can use any media to create their artwork, including photography, paint, pencil, charcoal etc. There will be a winner chosen from each year group from Nursery Buttercups through to Year 6.

Ideas for entries may include:

- New life - ducks and ducklings, lambs, babies
- Flowers/growing plants
- Open doors
- Sun rises
- Children looking into the future
- Butterflies/dove
- Rainbows
- Wishing wells

The closing date for entries is **Friday 16th May**. Please ensure you write your name and class on the back of your entry and hand it to your class teacher.

Happy creating!



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>

£311,035 raised

£250K target · 10.8K donations



At the start of the Easter holidays, Alice's classmates, families and friends took part in an 8-mile sponsored walk to raise money for the Churchtown Playground. Everyone had a wonderful time - the weather was perfect and it was such a special, happy and memorable day.

The current amount raised is £4,100.00.

The children and everyone who took part are extremely proud of their achievement.

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



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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La la la Fiestaval: a modern foreign languages celebration at Greenbank High School!

On Wednesday 2nd April, a group of Year 3 and Year 4 children from Churchtown participated in the Fiestaval at Greenbank High School. This is a modern foreign languages festival celebrated every year to raise awareness of foreign languages in the primary setting. It enthruses the pupils and gives them a deserved opportunity to showcase their learning.

Four other local primary schools took part, showing and celebrating the students' skills in foreign modern languages like Spanish and French. It was a fabulous event which reminded us about the greatness and fun of learning about other cultures and their languages.

Our Year 3 and Year 4 students took to the stage and performed a short play. This was followed by a fun Spanish and modern flamenco inspired dance. The role play reflected a group of Spanish speaking jungle animals meeting each other for the first time, and they discover they have something in common: they all love to dance the gorilla dance!

It was a really fun experience, which enabled our Year 3 and Year 4 children to put into practice all the Spanish language skills acquired for the last few months and to share it with other local primary schools.

At the end, the schools came together to sing ¡Adiós! Au Revoir!

It was a magnificent evening.





Orlaith D - Y5 Juniper - winning design

Design a T-Shirt Competition

At the beginning of March, Mrs Payne launched a whole school competition, inviting children to design a t-shirt for her to wear as she runs the London marathon.

There were an incredible 36 entries – each one full of creativity, colour and heart. Mrs Payne was absolutely amazed by the talent and thoughtfulness shown by every single participant. All entrants should feel so proud of what they have created.

Orlaith D – Y5 Juniper is the winner of the competition!

Our fantastic runners-up are:

Ivy C – Y1 Squirrels
Bella M – Y2 Owls
Adam T-H – Y3 Elm
Teddy H – Y4 Maple
Harry P – Y5 Larch
Sophia L – Y5 Juniper

All entries will be displayed around school for people to see.

Mrs Payne will be wearing Orlaith's winning design with pride, carrying a piece of this community with her every step of the way.



Date	Event
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
Wednesday 21st May 2025	Y4 Birch & Pine Class Performance – 2.15pm

Thursday 22 nd May 2025	Y4 Willow & Maple Class Performance – 2.15pm
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!
Wednesday 18 th June 2025	New to Nursery & Reception Parents' Evening
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
Friday 18 th July 2025	Break-up for Summer holidays – 1.30pm
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Nursery Snowdrops (open 51 weeks of the year) – closure dates (2025)

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:

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)