

Churchtown Chatter

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Newsletter 28

Friday 9th May 2025



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Even though it has been a short week in school, it's certainly been a hive of activity! In addition to our regular curriculum lessons, some of our Year 3 and 4 children have been taking part in Bikeability, showing great confidence and determination as they tackled cycling challenges on the school yard—well done to everyone involved.

Our Early Years children have also been making the most of the Early Years Garden, enjoying opportunities to explore, play, and build new skills in a rich outdoor environment. It's been wonderful to see their curiosity and imagination flourishing through hands-on experiences.

As always, one of the highlights of the week has been our celebration assemblies, where we come together to recognise our weekly stars and award certificates for effort, kindness, and achievement. These moments really help us reflect on all the wonderful things happening across school.

We're also counting down with great excitement to a very special visit from David Walliams, who will be joining us in just ten days' time! The children are already buzzing with anticipation—we can't wait to welcome him and hear about his stories and writing adventures.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Please remember to check the notices and upcoming dates below so you're up to date with everything happening in school.

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable 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.



ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance champions are:

Reception Tulips for 99.5% attendance!

The year group with the highest attendance this week is:

Year 2!



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 Butterflies

WRAPAROUND CARE

Butterflies Holiday Club

Bookings are now being taken for Butterflies Holiday Club for the **May Half Term**

 (Tuesday the 27th of May to Friday the 30th of May) 

Closed: Monday the 28th of May 2025 (Bank Holiday)

To book, please email: butterflieswraparoundcare@churchtown.org.uk or call the school office on **01704 508500**.



The closing date for bookings is Wednesday the 21st of May

 **Age:** Nursery (Buttercups) - Year 6 

Time: 7:30am - 5:30pm

Location: Dining Hall Entrance/Exit: Butterflies Doors

 **Price:** £25.00 

Food: Snack will be provided by school and a packed lunch is to be provided by parent/guardian 



Churchtown Primary School

SUMMER SHOWCASE

Art Competition

UNLEASH YOUR IMAGINATION!

The theme of this years 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:

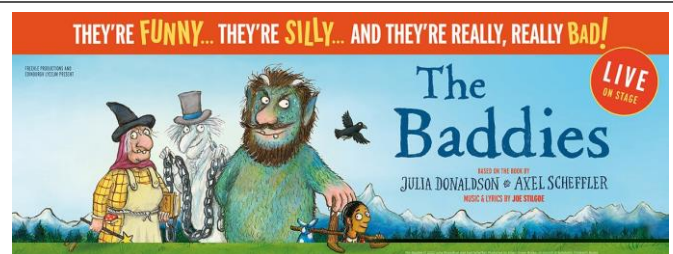
In memory of Alice and Bebe, a number of staff members and friends of Churchtown Primary School are taking part in the London Marathon and the Blackpool Festival of Running in April 2025. Alice's father, Sergio is also running the London Marathon, alongside our Headteacher, Mrs Payne. In addition, members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

£370,225 raised

£250K target · 13.5K donations



Last Thursday, our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils enjoyed an unforgettable afternoon at The Atkinson Theatre, watching 'The Baddies' by Julia Donaldson! The children were absolutely enthralled



by the lively performance and showcased exemplary behaviour throughout the trip. It was a delight to see their faces light up with joy and excitement!



Spring Term Attendance Prize



On Friday 2nd May, our Year 1 children were awarded with ice lollies and a film for being the year group with the highest attendance during the spring term.

Awards such as this help to promote excellent attendance and they are an incentive for the children. It also creates some healthy competition between the year groups which naturally encourages conversations around attendance.

Well done Year 1!



I wonder which year group will win the prize this term?

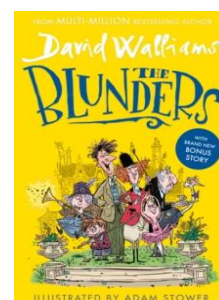
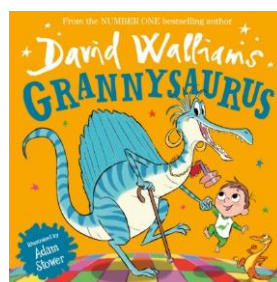
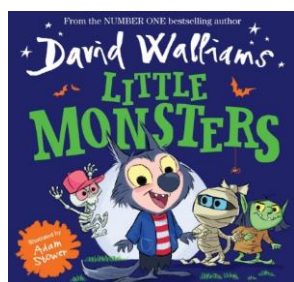
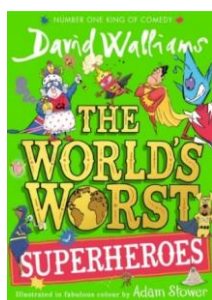
Well Done

On **Monday 19th May**, Churchtown Primary School will be welcoming a very special visitor – the incredible **David Walliams**, best-selling author, television personality and beloved creator of countless children's books!

He will be spending the morning with us, during which time he will be meeting all the children, giving a special presentation and even reading some of his hilarious stories. This is an amazing opportunity to bring books to life in the most authentic way possible and will no doubt create a real buzz around reading across the school.

To make this visit even more memorable, children will have the opportunity to pre-order a book and have it personally signed by David Walliams on the day. The book signing will take place before his presentation and will not be done on front of the children. All pre-ordered signed books will be handed out to children before the end of the school day.

For further information in relation to this, as well as the order form for the books, please refer to the letter that was sent home with the children this week. If you require further copies of the order form, please do not hesitate to contact our school office on 01704 508500 or via email: office@churchtown.org.uk.



Bikeability – Learn to Ride Sessions

A massive well done to all the children in Year 3 and 4 who took part in the 'Learn to Ride' Bikeability sessions this week!

It was amazing to see these children go from being unsure to very confident by the end of the session. All the children showed such determination and resilience. Be proud of yourselves!



Date	Event
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

Monday 19 th to Wednesday 21 st May 2025	Reception Health Screening Checks
Monday 19 th May 2025	David Walliams visiting Churchtown Primary School
Wednesday 21 st 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	P.T.A. Mufti Day
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
Wednesday 2 nd July 2025	School Council Celebration Event at Stanley High School
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 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 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)