

# Churchtown Chatter

Imagine ... Believe ... Achieve...

**Newsletter 31**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024



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Last weekend, lights of bright pinks, purples and greens splashed across the night sky and dazzled the country. This was the Aurora activity and geomagnetic storm where the lights appeared due to charged particles being shot out from the sun and hitting gases in the Earth's atmosphere. The colours most often seen in the Northern Lights are purple, blue and pink. A local resident sent in some photos of Churchtown Primary School from last weekend as the school was being illuminated by this phenomenon. Did you catch a glimpse of the breathtaking Aurora lighting up the night sky? It was definitely an extraordinary display of nature's wonders!

Our Year 6 children have completed their SATs assessments this week. Well done to all of our Year 6s, your resilience has shone through and, as ever, we are all incredibly proud of you. We have celebrated this in today's assemblies with all the children.

Finally, please come and support our Southport beach clean which takes place this Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> May. Further details can be found in the newsletter & on Facebook. **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

The year groups with the best attendance this week are:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Year 6 (99%) - awarded 2 points**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Year 3 (97.5%) – awarded 1 point**

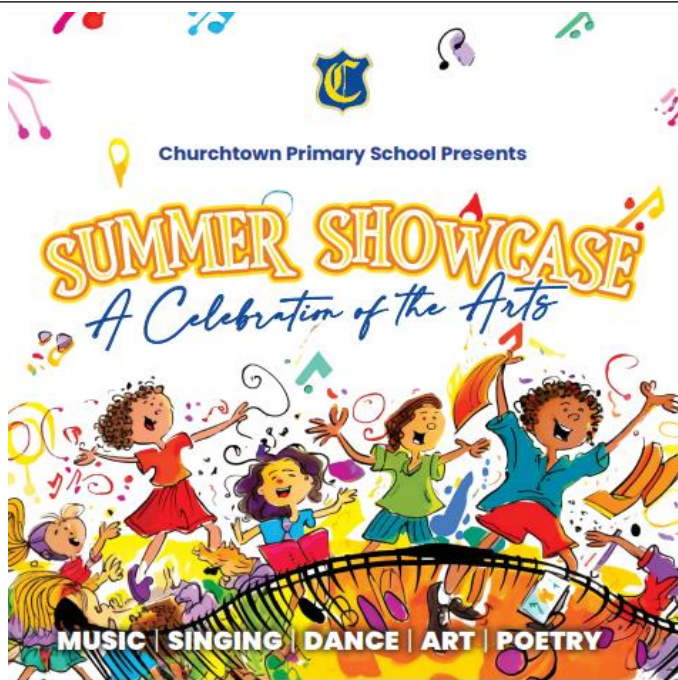
This week's attendance champions are **Year 6 Sycamore** for their improved attendance (99%).



## BUDDY ASSEMBLY GROUPS

Each week in the 'Friday Praise Assembly' we have been checking the totals of the Buddy assembly groups. Classes and children gain points for super behaviour.

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	495	<b>Green Team</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	490	<b>Blue Team</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	477	<b>Red Team</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	471	<b>Yellow Team</b>



**Thursday 23rd May @ 6pm**

in the school Dinning Hall – please enter via the main reception



## 2-Year-Old Nursery Provision



At Churchtown, we have taken steps to meet the Government's new initiative to provide 15 hours per week of free childcare for working parents of two-year-olds. We are introducing a new nursery class named Snowdrops which is scheduled to open in September.

Snowdrops will offer year-round provision, available for 51 weeks per year.

Please click on the following link to read the article in relation to this: -

[https://www.qlocal.co.uk/southport/news\\_list/Primary\\_School\\_Supports\\_Working\\_Parents\\_in\\_Southport\\_With\\_Free\\_Childcare-55069625.htm](https://www.qlocal.co.uk/southport/news_list/Primary_School_Supports_Working_Parents_in_Southport_With_Free_Childcare-55069625.htm)

### Would you be available for half a day each week, to further enhance reading opportunities for the children in our school?

As part of our continued efforts to raise the standards of reading in school, we are hoping to encourage parents, grandparents and carers to come into school on a voluntary basis to listen to some of our children read. You would be known as one of our **'Reading Angels'** and you would work with the same children, class and teacher each week, getting to know the children and watching them make progress.

We currently have five Reading Angels who support different year groups and we are looking to expand on this for the benefit of the children.

If you are interested in undertaking this role, please click [here](#) to access a copy of the volunteer form. Please complete this and return it to school. You will also be required to undergo a DBS check and references will also be requested on your behalf.

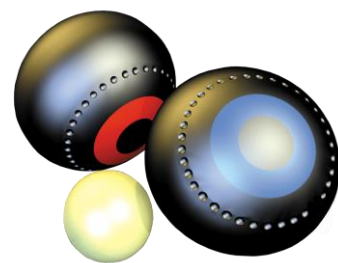
Please do not hesitate to contact our school office on 01704 508500 or by email to [office@churchtown.org.uk](mailto:office@churchtown.org.uk) if you require further information.

## Reading Angels



## Lawn Bowls

Last week, 4 children from Year 3 had the opportunity to participate in a Lawn Bowls Festival at Southport Bowling Club. The children had a wonderful afternoon learning how to play Bowls before competing against their own peers and children from other schools. **Well done to you all for participating!**



# Learning Champions

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

to all of our award winners this week!  
Children will bring home their postcard to share with you at home. These awards will also be celebrated in Praise Assemblies on Fridays.

# green Sefton

Sefton Council

Our **Eco Team** would like to invite you to a Southport Beach Clean with Green Sefton on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 11am. We will be meeting at Weld Road

roundabout car park at 11am. 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!**



### IMPORTANT SCHOOL LUNCH INFORMATION FOR CURRENT YEAR 2 CHILDREN, MOVING UP TO YEAR 3 IN SEPTEMBER 2024

Once your child is in Year 3, they will **no longer** be entitled to free school meals. Parents will need to use ParentPay to pay for school lunches, as we operate a cashless cafeteria. A school lunch costs £2.35 per day. The children will be able to choose either a hot meal, deli option, or if they prefer they can bring a packed lunch.

Our fantastic menu and relevant allergen information can be found on our [school website](#). We try to ensure that children eat a balanced diet, and we would appreciate your influence on your child with regard to sensible choices.

As a Sefton resident you may be eligible for Free School Meals –

For advice on eligibility and application, please contact our school office on 01704 508 500 or alternatively visit:

<https://www.sefton.gov.uk/childrens-services/schools-and-learning/grants-and-funding/free-school-meals/>

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£1 donation

**PTA**  
HOME & SCHOOL TOGETHER



## Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

All donations raised help towards school trips and supporting the school

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with all  
your mind.  
Believe  
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ALWAYS  
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Date	Event
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	Girls football – final round of league games at Stanley High School – 4pm until 6pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	Y5 Victorian Day in School – lessons and activities as a Victorian child
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2024	Year 4 Birch & Pine Class Performance – 2.15pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024	Year 4 Willow & Maple Class Performance – 2.15pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024	Churchtown Performing Arts Showcase
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Year 6 End of Year Celebration Trip
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	P.T.A. Mufti Day
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	School closes for half term – normal times
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Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024	Back to School – Rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Year 1 Pirate Dress Up Day – more information to follow
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Scholastic Book Fair – after school
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Scholastic Book Fair – after school
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Scholastic Book Fair – after school
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Year 4 Educational Trip to The Beatles Story, Liverpool
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Scholastic Book Fair – after school
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Wally Cain Contemporary Dance Festival 2024
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Football – A Team representing Liverpool FC in the Primary Stars Final at Brentford FC
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	9.30am – Year 4 Sports Day 1.30pm Year 6 Sports Day
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	1.30pm – Nursery Sports Day
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	New to Nursery & Reception Parents' Evening
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	1.30pm – Year 1 & Year 2 Sports Day
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Sefton Children's University Graduations (Year 2 & Year 6)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	1.30pm – Reception Sports Day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2024	9.30am – Year 3 Sports Day 1.30pm – Year 5 Sports Day
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Year 2 Educational Trip to Blackpool Zoo
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Year 3 Oak & Fir Class Performance
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Year 3 Ash & Elm Class Performance

Date	Event
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Year 6 Leavers' Performance at The Atkinson
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	P.T.A. Summer Discos Year 2 & Year 3 – 6pm-7pm Year 4 & Year 5 – 7.30pm-8.30pm
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	P.T.A. Mufti Day
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly at St. Cuthbert's Church 9.30am Year 6 Leavers' festival on the yard
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	School closes at 1.30pm for end of term holiday
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