

Churchtown Chatter

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Newsletter 6

Friday 11th October 2024

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This morning, we have had our second Open Morning of the school year, where we had 15 families booked on to look around the school. We have further dates coming up and more information about these can be found further on in the newsletter. As part of the school tour we go and visit Snowdrops (photos attached), the 2-year-old provision, as well as the rest of the year groups and school provision, Early Years garden, music room and computing suite. Junior Leaders join us on the tour to help answer questions and talk about their experience of being a pupil at Churchtown. Below is some feedback from recent Open Days:



"All of the visit was very enjoyable and interesting. The school has a warm feel to it"
"I enjoyed seeing how inclusive and supportive the school is for children and parents"
"I enjoyed seeing the use of the outdoor spaces and the emphasis on reading"

Please remember that Friday 18th October is an INSET day, so school is open to children Monday – Thursday next week, (unless you are using Butterflies Holiday Club on Friday 18th October). There won't be a newsletter next week, the last newsletter of this half term will be on Friday 25th October for the last day of this half term.



RESPECT

This half term, the value that Churchtown is developing is Respect. At the end of the half term, Value Champions will be nominated for each class.



Remembrance Day Service – Years 4, 5 and 6

Churchtown Primary School has been invited to join the Remembrance Day Service at the Monument on Lord Street in Southport on Sunday 10th November 2024. We have been asked to be part of the parade to lay a wreath. Therefore, we are inviting children in Year 4, 5 and 6 to take part.

If your child is interested, please look out for a letter which has been sent home with them for more information about the event.



Apply for your
secondary school
place

Arrangements for admission to secondary schools September 2025

For all children in Year 6, it is now time for you to apply for your child's place at a secondary school for Year 7, September 2025 entry. Please click [here](#) to access a copy of the letter on our website titled: **'Secondary Admissions – September 2025'**.

Further information can also be found on:
<http://www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool>

Sefton's online application for secondary schools is open from 1st September 2024 until the **national closing date of 31st October 2024** for you to submit your application.



Churchtown Primary School Open Mornings

We would like to invite prospective pupils and their families to our Open Mornings. This is a great opportunity to take a look around Churchtown Primary, meet our staff and current pupils. The Open Mornings will start at 9.30am prompt at the main school entrance (school office).

Booking for this event is essential as we have limited spaces for each Open Morning. To reserve your space, please visit our school website <https://www.churchtown.org.uk/> or call our school office on **01704 508500**.

Available dates:

Friday 8th November 2024
Wednesday 4th December 2024
Thursday 9th January 2024



Christmas Designs 2024

Please complete the form on the reverse of your child's design and return it to school by **Friday 18th October**. The P.T.A. will then forward the children's designs to Xmas4Schools. Once they have received your forms, they will send you an email and text message containing your order code and a link to their online ordering portal. Enter your order code to log in and complete your order and make payment.

[Xmas4schools.co.uk](https://www.xmas4schools.co.uk)

Beautiful FUNDRAISING
CHRISTMAS PRODUCTS
FROM CHILDREN'S Artwork

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Don't miss the chance to have your child's artwork turned into beautiful Christmas cards, poster calendars, mugs, gift labels, or our fabulous waffle textured tea towels and help the school at the same time!

It's that time of year again and your child will either have already created their own special Christmas design at school/nursery, or will have brought the materials to do it home. This is a great opportunity to turn their creation into a range of professionally printed products, which you are able to purchase for family and friends this Christmas.

£1.00 from the sale of each product will go straight back to the school/nursery or PTA!

Christmas Cards
12x A6 Cards & Envelopes

A3 Poster Calendars
A3 Poster Calendar

Tea Towels
Soft, waffle textured tea towel

Blank Cards
12x A6 Cards & Envelopes

Mugs
1x Mug

Gift Labels
(Self Adhesive) 12x Labels

For prices please go to www.xmas4schools.co.uk



Please complete the form on the reverse of your child's artwork and return it to school by the date indicated. Once we have received your forms, we will send you an email and text message containing your order code and a link to our online ordering portal. Enter your order code to log in and complete your order and make payment.

Many thanks & we look forward to receiving your order.

Our very best wishes,
The Xmas4Schools Team

Call us today on

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On Wednesday 4th September 2024, we modified our return to school for the current academic year. This change was made due to the incident that took place on 29th July and to ensure we provided an additional transition session before children started their first full day back to school.

We would appreciate feedback on this modified start as the verbal feedback received has been exceptionally positive and we are therefore considering implementing this as a start to every academic year. We would appreciate it if you could spare a few minutes to fill in the form below to allow us to gather feedback from the school community:

<https://forms.office.com/e/FfEzpBUwgz>



2024/2025 Churchtown Primary School Term Dates

The term dates for the 2024-2025 academic year have been uploaded to our website.

Please click [here](#) to access them.



ENDEAVOUR LEARNING TRUST

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Local Academy Councillor at Churchtown Primary School.

To be able to volunteer to undertake this role, you need to be a parent (or someone who has parental responsibility) of a registered pupil at Churchtown Primary School. You do not need any specific qualifications.

Please click [here](#) to access the following documentation on our website in relation to this:

[Local Academy Council – Parent Vacancy Letter](#)
[Overview of Local Academy Councillor](#)
[LAC Councillor Eligibility Document](#)
[ELT – Local Academy Parent Nomination Form](#)

If you would like to apply, please complete the [ELT - Local Academy Parent Nomination Form](#) and return it to Mrs J Scaife, Head's PA – J.Scaife@churchtown.org.uk by Wednesday 23rd October 2024. Alternatively, please do not hesitate to call into our school office to collect a form.

If you are putting someone else forward for nomination, please make sure they are happy for you to do so.

If there are more nominations than vacancies, we will conduct a secret ballot. If that is necessary, voting papers and instructions will be sent to all parents and carers (with parental responsibility).



INSET DAY REMINDER

**Please be reminded that
School will be closed on Friday
18th October 2024 for an INSET
Day.**

School will re-open on
Monday 21st October.

There will be no
newsletter next week.
The next newsletter will
be on Friday 25th October
2024, when we break up
for the half term holiday.



APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE

Is your child born on or between
01/09/2020 and 31/08/2021?

If so, your child is due to start
school in September 2025!



**You MUST apply for a school place
online before 15 January 2025**

For more information or to make an
application, scan our QR code or go to
www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool



sefton.gov.uk 0151 934 3590
admissions@sefton.gov.uk

Sefton Council

Please click [here](#) to access further information in relation to this on our school letters page on our website titled 'Arrangements for Admission to Reception – September 2025'.



Given the success of this year's residential, we are excited to be able to offer this opportunity again for our next cohort of Year 6 pupils. We will be visiting the Robinwood Wrexham site in September 2025 for an action-packed three days of fun! To support with finalising our booking, it is important we are able to provide Robinwood with an approximate number of pupils who will be in attendance.

For those parents/guardians of children currently in Y5, if you would like your child to attend the residential, please complete the 'expression of interest' form by clicking on the link -

<https://forms.office.com/e/FTJxN1yTJw?origin=lprLink>

Places on the trip are very limited and will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. **The deadline to complete the expression of interest form is Thursday 17th October.**

P.T.A. Design a Pumpkin Competition

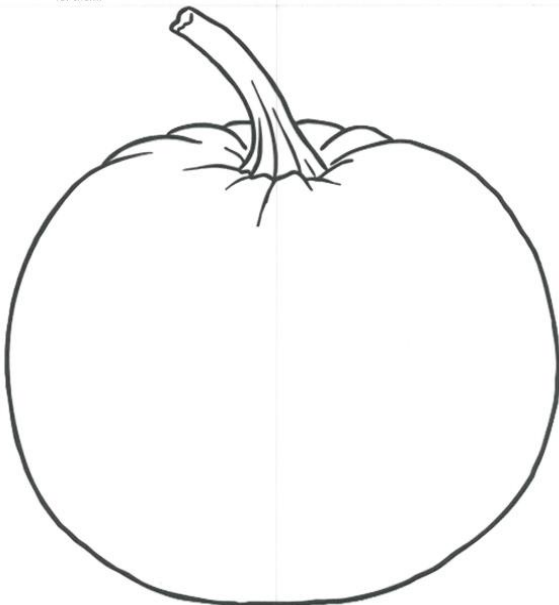
This week, children have been sent home with their P.T.A. Design a Pumpkin Form. It is £1 to enter and this can be paid by either ParentPay or cash can be brought into School.

Get creative and design your pumpkin on the outline using pencils, pens, crayons glitter or any other resource you can think of.

Please ensure your creative designs are returned to your class Teacher by Monday 21st October. Winners will be announced in assemblies on Friday 25th October. Prizes will be awarded to Early Years, Key Stage 1, Lower Key Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2.

£1	Parentpay Or Cash entry	PTA Design a pumpkin competition	£1	Parentpay Or Cash entry
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To enter the competition simply design your pumpkin on the outline below. This could be done using pencils, pens, crayons, glitter, collage materials, or any other resource you can think of! Log on to Parentpay and pay £1 for your entry, or send in £1 cash when returning your design. Return your design to your class teacher by MONDAY 21st OCTOBER and winners will be announced in assembly on Friday 25th. All money raised from the competition will go directly to the PTA to support the children of Churchtown Primary School, subsidising trips and providing other experiences and resources for them.



Designed by _____ Class: _____



First Prize



Runner-Up Prize



Runner-Up Prize



On Friday 4th October 2024, we had our Harvest Assemblies at St. Cuthbert's Church. As part of our Harvest Festival celebrations, children throughout the school took food donations down to the Church. These donations were then collected by Compassion Acts, for distribution to



those who require a helping hand within the local area. We would like to thank all of our families for your kind donations to our Harvest celebration and for taking the time to think about others.





Date	Event
Wednesday 16 th October 2024	Christ The King to visit Y6 Assemblies
Friday 18 th October 2024	Deadline for Christmas design and completed form to be returned to school
Friday 18 th October 2024	INSET DAY
Monday 21 st October 2024	Deadline for pumpkin designs to be returned to class teacher
Friday 25 th October 2024	Break up for half-term (normal times)
Monday 4 th November 2024	Back to school – rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Thursday 7 th November 2024	Sefton School Aged Immunisation Service – Annual Flu Campaign – Nursery through to Y6
Friday 8 th November 2024	Open morning for prospective pupils and families – 9.30am to 11.00am
Sunday 10 th November 2024	Remembrance Day Service at The Monument, Lord Street
Tuesday 19 th November 2024	Y6 height & weight Check
Sunday 24 th November 2024	Churchtown Christmas Fayre 12pm-6pm
Wednesday 4 th December 2024	Open morning for prospective pupils and families – 9.30am to 11.00am
Friday 20 th December 2024	School closes at 1.30pm for the Christmas holidays
Monday 6 th January 2025	INSET Day
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Back to school – rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Thursday 9 th January 2025	Open morning for prospective pupils and families – 9.30am to 11.00am
Friday 14 th February 2025	Break up for half-term (normal times)
Monday 24 th February 2025	Back to school – rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!

- Text in red is a new addition to the calendar



Nursery Snowdrops (open 51 weeks of the year) – closure dates (2024/2025)

CLOSED – Monday 23rd December to Friday 27th December 2024 (Christmas Holidays) - re-open Monday 30th December

CLOSED – Wednesday 1st January 2025 (New Year's Day Bank Holiday)

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:

Friday 18th October 2024 – INSET Day

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024 – Half-Term Holiday

Monday 30th December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025 – Christmas

CLOSED - Monday 1st January 2025 (New Year's Day Bank Holiday)

Monday 6th January 2025 – INSET Day

Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2025 – Half-Term Holiday

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)

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