

Churchtown Chatter

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

Newsletter 5






Friday 3rd October 2025



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It has been lovely to see our new values in action around school. Staff are praising children for demonstrating the values in their lessons, while playing outside, or as they move around school. Children are becoming familiar with and remembering all five values:

- Independence 
- Joy 
- Growth 
- Connection 
- Acceptance 

Being on the gate this week, I've enjoyed hearing children talk about our independent cat on their way to school. The list of names for our independent cat is growing! His real name is Paddy, but we initially named him Cuthbert when he first started visiting, as we didn't know his real name. This week, he has also been called Ginger and Tabby!

You may also notice that children are now bringing home a postcard on Fridays. These postcards are linked to our five values, and staff choose a child from each class who has really demonstrated one of these values. It has been lovely reading these out and celebrating them in Friday Praise Assembly. These examples are wonderful for other children and really help bring our school values to life.

Have a lovely weekend – Mrs Payne!

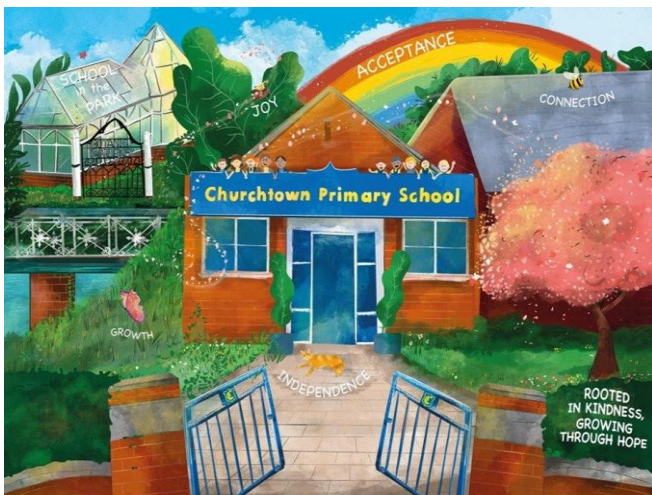
ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance champions are:

Year 2 Swans for 100% attendance!

The year group with the highest attendance this week is:

Year 2!



Values

• Independence

Being self-directed and self-determined — having the confidence to carry out tasks independently, take responsible actions, and be accountable for our choices, all while feeling safe and supported in our environment.

• Connection

Being part of a happy, loving community where positive relationships are built through knowing, supporting, and respecting one another — where we feel valued, learn how to mend friendships, and create meaningful connections by being respectful to all.

• Growth

Growth comes from facing challenges with resilience, knowing that it's okay to find things difficult — because with purpose, determination, and something to strive for, we learn, improve, and become stronger.

• Acceptance

Embracing who we are and valuing others for who they are — celebrating diversity and creating a community where everyone feels they belong.

• Joy

Grows through purposeful, active learning and a broad, balanced curriculum full of variety — creating space for play, shared experiences, and the simple recognition that making time for fun brings energy, connection, and balance to life.



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 website:

<https://churchtown.org.uk/>

or contact our school office on **01704 508500** or email us at office@churchtown.org.uk

Available dates are:

Friday 10th October 2025, Friday 7th November 2025,
Wednesday 3rd December 2025 & Thursday 8th
January 2026

Everyone welcome
Grab a bargain or just
a slice of cake!

Churchtown PTA

TABLETOP SALE

Pick up some bargains and help
raise money for Churchtown
Primary School

25
OCT

St Cuthbert's Village Hall
10am - 2pm

TEA & COFFEE. CAKES. TOMBOLA.

FREE
ENTRY



Butterflies Holiday Club



INSET DAY – Holiday Club will be open on Friday the 24th of October

October Half Term: Monday the 27th of October to Friday the 31st of October

Please place your booking via the ARBOR APP

Please ensure that your ARBOR account is topped up prior to booking onto this service



Age: Nursery (Buttercups) – Year 6 **Time:** 7:30am - 5:30pm **Location:** Dining Hall Entrance/Exit: Butterflies Doors

Price: £30.00

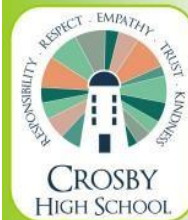


Food: Snack will be provided by school and a packed lunch is to be provided by parent/guardian

National Poetry Day Homework – 2/10/25

Thursday 2nd October was National Poetry Day and this year's theme was 'Play'.

National Poetry Day is an annual, national celebration that encourages everyone to create, experience and share poetry with family and friends. To mark this special day, like last year, children at Churchtown Primary School will take part in a poetry competition. Children should write their poem in their homework books (or sheets provided) based around this year's theme and winners will be selected from each year group. The poems can be in any form, from a haiku to an acrostic poem, we just want pupils to get creative!



Open Day Schedule 2025-26

Contact: Paula Morgan
Crosby High School, De Villiers Avenue,
Crosby, L23 2TH Tel: 0151 924 3671
Email: paula.morgan@crosbyhigh.org
if you require further information or wish to book an
alternative appointment



30th September 2025

2nd December 2025

19th March 2026

14th May 2026

18th June 2026



**Tours are at
1.00pm and 2.00pm**

A large photo of a young boy with dark hair, smiling and looking towards the camera.

The logo for Churchtown Primary School, featuring a shield with a stylized 'C' and 'P' inside.

PARENT COUNCILLOR VACANCY

We are looking for a Parent Councillor to join our Local Academy Council.

As a Parent Councillor, you will help guide school decisions, champion pupil success, and strengthen our community. Your valuable time will make a big impact!

If you are interested, please click the Apply Now button for further information.

Apply Now

A circular inset photo showing a young girl with braided hair, smiling while writing in a notebook.

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**THERE IS
SOMETHING
GOOD ABOUT
SOUTHPORT**

Prior to the summer holidays, Adventure Coast invited local school children and college students to capture what they love most about our town through art. The response to this was incredible and all the artwork submitted has been proudly displayed outside the park entrance in a striking 'outdoor gallery' of large-scale banners, complete with mock frames and plaques.

There was a shortlist of 10 standout pieces and one of these was from Churchtown Primary School - Ellie S who is in Y6 Sycamore.

Ellie was short listed from hundreds of entries and Adventure Coast welcomed former world boxing champion Tony Bellew to say a few words when the shortlisting was announced and help celebrate the amazing talent in our community.



CHRISTMAS DESIGNS 2025

It's that time of year when the children will be creating their special Christmas designs in school to be transferred onto a range of professionally printed Christmas cards, A3 poster calendars, tea towels, mugs, gift labels, tote bags and much more.

Your child will be sent home with their completed design on Friday 10th October 2025.

Please complete the form on the reverse of your child's artwork and return it to school by **Friday 17th October** – you will not need to place an order at this stage. The P.T.A. will then forward the children's designs to Xmas4schools. Once they have received your form, they will send you a text and an email containing your order link, which you can follow to your child's ordering portal. From here, you can place your order and make payment.



Arrangements for admission to secondary schools September 2026

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 2026 entry.

Please click [here](#) to access a copy of the letter on our website titled: **'Secondary Admissions – September 2026'**.

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 2025 until the **national closing date of 31st October 2025** for you to submit your application.

Chief Champions

In school this week, we have been voting for this year's Chief Champions. There were eight final candidates, with four children being voted in as Chief Champions:

Chief Champions

Scarlett B - Sycamore
Evie P - Cedar
George M – Beech
Freddie H – Aspen

Junior Leadership Team

Ellie S - Sycamore
Sam B - Beech
Carys M - Cedar
Reuben S-P - Aspen



Well done to you all for putting yourselves forward!



We would like to say a heartfelt goodbye and thank you to **Miss Gannon**, who has been an invaluable member of our team since 1999. Her passion and expertise in Early Years education have touched the lives of countless children. She has

inspired a love of learning through reading, outdoor play, Christmas nativities and creative activities within the curriculum. Beyond her work with the children, she has built amazing relationships with parents, making a lasting impact on our school community. We will miss her greatly and wish her all the best in the next chapter of her life.



Pokémon Cards in School

We kindly ask that children **do not** bring Pokémon cards into school.

While we understand how popular they are, we've found that cards can easily become misplaced or damaged, which can lead to children becoming upset. If any cards are brought in, they will be kept safe by a member of staff and returned at the end of the school day to be taken home. Thank you for your understanding and support.



SEFTON children's UNIVERSITY



Dance lessons

There are many local Learning Destinations where your child can gain credits for participating in learning activities. We can award a maximum of 10 hours for each activity per term. Here are a few of the many learning destinations and activities that will stamp your passport in our local area.



Rainbows, Brownies and Guides



Acting, singing, cheerleading and Musical Theatre lessons



Music lessons



Forest School



Chocolate Whirled



SOUTHPORT
COMMUNITY
SPORTS



Gymnastics and Aerobic Gymnastics



Please contact the school office to purchase a passport or if you have any questions.



Date	Event
Friday 10 th October 2025	World Mental Health Day
Friday 10 th October 2025	9.30am - Churchtown Primary School Open Morning for prospective families
Friday 10 th October 2025	Children's Christmas Card design sheets to be sent home
Friday 10 th October 2025	Y6 visit to Stanley High School
Thursday 16 th October 2025	Myfoto – individual/sibling photographs
Friday 17 th October 2025	Myfoto – individual/sibling photographs
Friday 17 th October 2025	Children's Christmas Card design sheets to be returned to school. More information to follow regarding the ordering process.
Wednesday 22 nd October 2025	Scholastic Book Fair – in the Old Hall during parents' evening
Wednesday 22 nd October 2025	School closes at 2pm Parents Evening from 2.30pm
Thursday 23 rd October 2025	P.T.A. Mufti Day/optional fancy dress
Thursday 23 rd October 2025	Y6 height & weight check
Thursday 23 rd October 2025	Break up for half-term (normal times)
Thursday 23 rd October 2025	Scholastic Book Fair – after school in the Old Hall
Friday 24 th October 2025	INSET Day (Butterflies & Snowdrops will be open)
Monday 3 rd November 2025	Back to school – rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Monday 3 rd to Friday 7 th November 2025	Children's Book Week

Friday 7 th November 2025	9.30am - Churchtown Primary School Open Morning for prospective families
Wednesday 3 rd December 2025	9.30am - Churchtown Primary School Open Morning for prospective families
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Butterflies Holiday Club.....

will be open to Churchtown Primary School children on

Friday 24th October 2025 – INSET Day

Monday 27th to Friday 31st October 2025 – Half-Term Holidays

Monday 29th December to Friday 2nd January 2026 – Christmas

CLOSED – Thursday 1st January 2026 (New Year's Day Bank Holiday)

Monday 5th January 2026 – INSET Day

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February 2025 – Half-Term Holiday

Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April 2026 – Easter Holidays

CLOSED – Friday 3rd & Monday 6th April 2026 (Good Friday and Easter Monday Bank Holidays)

CLOSED – Monday 4th May 2026 (Early May Bank Holiday)

CLOSED – Monday 25th May 2026 (Spring Bank Holiday)

Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th May 2026 – Half-Term Holiday

Monday 20th July 2026 – INSET Day

Tuesday 21st July to Friday 28th August 2026 – Summer Holidays

CLOSED – Monday 31st August 2026 (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: £30.00

Food: Snack provided school
Packed lunch to be provided

OPEN ALL INSET DAYS



Nursery Snowdrops (open 51 weeks of the year) – closure dates (2025/2026)

CLOSED – Monday 22nd December to Friday 26th December 2025 (Christmas Holidays) – re- open Monday 29th December

CLOSED – Thursday 1st January 2026 (New Year's Day Bank Holiday)

CLOSED – Friday 3rd & Monday 6th April 2026 (Good Friday and Easter Monday Bank Holidays)

CLOSED – Monday 4th May 2026 (Early May Bank Holiday)

CLOSED – Monday 25th May 2026 (Spring Bank Holiday)

CLOSED – Monday 31st August 2026 (Summer Bank Holiday)