

Churchtown Chatter

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Newsletter 8

Thursday 23rd October 2025

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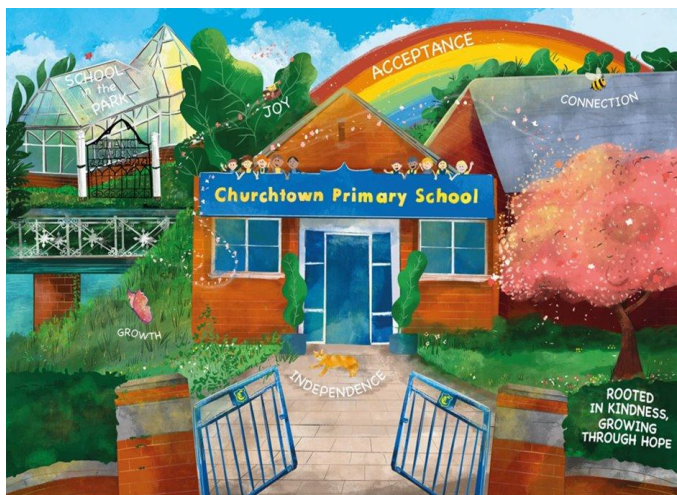
We hope you all have a lovely half-term break! We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 3rd November for the start of Autumn 2, as we begin an exciting run-up to December.

After half-term, winter uniform will be in place and expected. Please see the information further down in the newsletter for full details. If you have any questions, please contact the school office on 01704 508500.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTA for their fantastic work so far this year. They have met twice already, and it's been wonderful to see an increased level of parent involvement – your support is greatly appreciated. On Saturday 25th October, there will be a table sale taking place at St Cuthbert's Church Hall from 10am–2pm. Please do pop along if you can to support. A total of 25 tables have been sold, offering a mixture of items – from second-hand goods to crafts and refreshments.

As you'll see from the PTA poster further down in the newsletter, we also have a number of exciting Christmas events coming up for all ages, including Stories with Santa (for Nursery–Year 4), a Christmas Movie Night (for Years 5 and 6), a Reception Disco, and of course, the ever-popular Elf Raffle!

Have a lovely half-term break – Mrs Payne.



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.

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance champions are:

Y1 Rabbits for 99.2% attendance!

The year group with the highest attendance this week is:

Year 6!



Apply for your secondary school place



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.



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:

Wednesday 3rd December 2025 & Thursday 8th January 2026

Scholastic Book Fair – 3rd/4th November



We are excited to welcome the Scholastic Book Fair back to our school on the following dates:

- **Monday 3rd November (3.20-3.50pm) – Old Hall**
- **Tuesday 4th November (3.20-3.50pm) – Old Hall**

Please note, the book fair is cashless and to enable you to purchase a book, please bring a credit/debit card and a mobile phone as all sales are made via a QR code.

20% of the book titles are under £5 and there are a range of texts to purchase.

Every book purchased helps to earn 'Scholastic Rewards' for our school to allow us to purchase new books.

Thank you for your support.



INSET DAY REMINDER

Please be reminded that School will be closed on Friday 24th October 2025 for an INSET Day.

School will re-open on Monday 3rd November.

Butterflies
Holiday Club and
Snowdrops
Nursery will be
open on Friday
24th October
2025



Major McEntee, as part of The Royal British Legion, has organised for all children to receive a Poppy Appeal item. If children would like to make a donation towards this, then the Poppy Appeal money box will be taken around school during the week commencing 3rd

November to enable children to make their donations.
We would like to thank Major McEntee for his donations.



Churchtown PTA

What's going on in the Christmas Term

ELF RAFFLE

On sale 3rd Nov – 24th Nov
Winner Announced 25th

£1.50 – From the Office or Arbor



RECEPTION DISCO

13th November 3.10–4.00pm

£3 Includes drinks, sweets
and a party hat!



MUFTI DAY

11th December
Own Clothes & Christmas Jumpers
£1 on Arbor



STORYTIME WITH SANTA

15th and 16th December
Nursery – Year 4

£3.50 on Arbor – includes a present



CHRISTMAS MOVIE

16th December 3.20–5.15

£3.50 on Arbor
includes popcorn, sweet & drink
Year 5/6 only



Churchtown PTA

ELF RAFFLE

Tickets on sale 3rd – 24th November
£1.50 from the Office or on Arbor



Winner will be announced on 25th November
and presented in Assembly on 28th November



APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE

Is your child born on or between
01/09/2021 and 31/08/2022?

If so, your child is due to start
school September 2026!



You MUST apply for a school place
online before 15 January 2026

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

Admission to Reception: September 2026

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 2026'.



Churchtown PTA

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Winter School Uniform

After half-term, winter uniform will be in place and expected.
Please ensure that all white shirts are tucked in.



Churchtown Primary School v-neck jumper or cardigan

Grey long trousers

Grey skirt or

Grey pinafore dress



White, plain shirt suitable for school tie

School Tie

Black school shoes (No boots)

Grey socks or grey tights

School bookbag with logo



In Nursery & Reception

Yellow polo shirt, plain or with school logo

Navy sweatshirt (not a hoodie)

Navy jogging bottoms

Black or navy trainer style shoes suitable for P.E.
and outdoor play

Waterproof suit for outdoor play



Hair

All shoulder length/long hair must be tied back using a navy, black, white or yellow hair band, scrunchie, bobble or small bow.



Jewellery

If your child has pierced ears, small studs are permitted. Studs must be removed by the child for PE or will be covered with a plaster during the lessons. Children who wear watches must take full responsibility for them. **No other jewellery must be worn to school.**

The link below takes you to Whittakers and you will be able to see the required uniform. You of course do not need to buy it from this shop and items without logos are acceptable provided they are the correct colours.

<https://www.whittakersschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/southport/churchtown-primary-school/>

Support available over the October Half-Term Holidays

Sefton Children's Social Care (CHAT) 0151 934 4013 or Emergency Duty Team 0151 934 3555.

Lancashire Children's Social Care 0300 123 6720 or Emergency Duty Team 0300 123 6722.

Sefton Family Advice and Support Team (FAST) 0151 934 4545

Sefton Women's And Children's Aid - 0151 922 8606 or help@swaca.com

24hr National Domestic Abuse Helpline - 0808 2000 247

Childline - 0800 1111

NSPCC - help@nspcc.org.uk

If you require support for a person under 18 experiencing a mental health crisis please contact **CAMHS** on 0151 293 3577.

If you feel that you need help immediately call for an ambulance on 999 or attend the nearest **A&E**.

If you require support regarding domestic abuse, you can attend a local chemist and ask for ANI (Action Needed Immediately)

ANI is a codeword scheme that enables victims of domestic abuse to discreetly ask for immediate help in participating pharmacies.

Online Safety

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>



Talk with your child about responsible use of their phone

Discuss what is okay and not okay to use their phone for. Talk about time limits and expectations of where the device can and cannot be used, this could include things like the phone being charged outside their bedroom overnight.



Discuss what to do if something upsetting or worrying happens

Give them the strategies they need in case something concerning happens whilst they are using their device. This could be to lock the screen and tell an adult, to make a report to the platform they are using, or to block the user.



Explore parental controls

Take a look at the controls available both on the phone itself and on your home Wi-Fi. Talk these through with your child too. Parental controls are a helpful tool, but an open conversation with your child is the most important thing.

School Council News

On Tuesday 14th October, we went on our first official trip as **Churchtown School Councillors** to watch **Singing in the Rain** at **Ormskirk High School**. Excitement and nerves filled the journey there as we didn't know what to expect - but we were absolutely blown away by the performance, it was phenomenal. From the impressive use of pyrotechnics and real rain to the professional-level singing, dancing, and tap routines, the show was unforgettable.

The accents were amazing (even squeaky Lena Lamont). Personal highlights included the classic numbers 'Good Morning' and 'Singing in the Rain', which were performed with energy and passion. The set design, especially the umbrellas on the ceiling, and the cast moving through the aisles made the whole experience feel magical. It was clear a lot of hard work had gone into the production. We all felt incredibly lucky to have been invited to such a jaw-dropping show. Well done to all involved, you were truly inspirational!





National Poetry Day Homework Competition 2025 Winners

Thursday 2nd of 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, children from across the school were encouraged to write a poem to celebrate this year's theme of 'Play'. Our winners from each year group are below:



Year Group:	Name:
1 (Rabbits)	Isla
2 (Owls)	Freya
3 (Fir)	Fraser
4 (Pine)	Heath
5 (Alder)	Elliot
6 (Beech)	Joe

Our winners received a book as a prize for their fantastic poetry and their winning entries will be shared in our celebration assemblies next half term. Well done to all children who participated, there were so many fantastic entries to choose from. Winning entries can be viewed on social media:

<https://www.facebook.com/ChurchtownPrimarySchool/>

Black History Month 2025

During October, we have been celebrating Black History Month in school. Throughout the last few weeks, we have been reading and learning all about key figures, both modern figures and those from the past, who have helped shape our world including key politicians, scientists, musicians and other historical figures. In assemblies, we have also celebrated Black History Month and considered this in the context of our own school values.

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DIG DEEPER, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY



Date	Event
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
Monday 3 rd November 2025	Scholastic Book Fair – after school in the Old Hall
Monday 3 rd November 2025	P.T.A. Elf raffle tickets go on sale
Tuesday 4 th November 2025	Y1 Educational visit to Waterfields Bakery
Tuesday 4 th November 2025	Scholastic Book Fair – after school in the Old Hall
Friday 7 th November 2025	9.30am - Churchtown Primary School Open Morning for prospective families
Sunday 9 th November 2025	Remembrance Day Service at The Monument, Lord Street
Thursday 13 th November 2025	P.T.A. Reception Disco in the Early Years Hall – 3.10pm to 4.00pm
Friday 14 th November 2025	Children in Need
Tuesday 18 th November 2025	Sefton School Aged Immunisation Service – Annual Flu Campaign – Snowdrops Nursery through to Y6
Tuesday 18 th November 2025	P.T.A. Meeting in The Lodge – all welcome to attend
Sunday 30 th November 2025	Churchtown Village Christmas Fayre 12pm–6pm
Tuesday 2 nd December 2025	Y2 Owls Class Assembly – 2.15pm
Wednesday 3 rd December 2025	9.30am - Churchtown Primary School Open Morning for prospective families
Wednesday 3 rd December 2025	Y2 Swans Class Assembly – 2.15pm
Thursday 4 th December 2025	Y2 Robins Class Assembly – 2.15pm
Monday 8 th December 2025	Nursery Show in the Early Years Hall – 2.30pm
Thursday 11 th December 2025	Reception Show at St. Cuthbert's Church – 10am
Thursday 11 th December 2025	Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day with P.T.A. Mufti Day
Friday 12 th December 2025	Y5 Carol Concert at St. Cuthbert's Church – 9.30am
Monday 15 th December 2025	Early Years & Key Stage 1 Party Day (mufti/party clothes)
Monday 15 th & Tuesday 16 th December 2025	P.T.A. Storytime with Santa (Nursery to Year 4)
Tuesday 16 th December 2025	Key Stage 2 Party Day (mufti/party clothes)
Tuesday 16 th December 2025	Christmas Movie (Year 5 & 6) – 3.20pm to 5.15pm
Friday 19 th December 2025	Christmas Assemblies in St. Cuthbert's Church
Friday 19 th December 2025	School closes at 1.30pm for the Christmas Holidays
Monday 5 th January 2025	INSET Day
Tuesday 6 th January 2025	Back to school – rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Thursday 8 th January 2025	9.30am - Churchtown Primary School Open Morning for prospective families

- Text in red is a new addition to the calendar



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)



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