



Christian Value - Our Christian Value this half term is Generosity.

Dear Parents,

Thank you for supporting our European Day of Languages on Friday. The children enjoyed learning about the country they were studying and looked tremendous in their outfits and costumes.

We are still waiting for our new website to go live so we can share all the amazing pictures and learning the children have completed since returning to school. We are hoping that we will have our new website up and running in the next week.

Have a good weekend,

Miss Roberts,
 Interim Headteacher

Attendance

Our overall attendance from the beginning of September is 95.7%. Our target attendance is 97% and above. **We are currently well below.** Even one day absence can have an impact on your child's learning. Every day a child is absent from school they can miss up to 6 lessons.



From next week, we will publish a chart of individual class attendance.

Please try to ensure your child is in school as much as possible, unless of course they are ill. A reminder that if your child is going to be absent from school you must ring school (using Option 1) as early as possible on the first morning they are absent and every day after that. Medical evidence may need to be provided. If we do not hear from you we will follow our safeguarding policy and our Pastoral Lead - Mrs Templeton may call or visit.

Holidays/leave of absence in term time will not be authorised.

ParentPay - School Meals

All meal bookings must be completed by **Sunday evening** each week. This allows the kitchen team enough time to prepare and ensures all children receive their meals without any issues.

After the October half-term **we will be unable to take meal bookings in class on the day**, and children who do not have a meal booked will be offered a sandwich lunch.

Meals can be booked in advance up to the next half term.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in helping us provide a smooth and enjoyable mealtime experience for all pupils.

Multi - Skills Cancellation

Year 5 and Year 6 Multi-skills will be cancelled on Monday 29th September.

Special Lunch

On Thursday 2nd October we will be having a Special Lunch Day that ALL the children (Reception - Year 6) are invited to, even if they don't normally stay for school lunch.

The cost of the lunch will be just £1 and will consist of Chicken Mayo / Ham and Cheese Sub, Fruit pot, Carrot or Cucumber sticks and a drink.

This will be the only option available for lunch on this day.

We invite as many children as possible to enjoy this lunch with us on this day as it also provides the school with extra funding for everyone who takes up this Special Lunch.

Toys and Keyrings

Can we please remind parents that any type of toy from home should not be brought into school. This includes extra keyrings on book bags.

We have spoken to the children and explained that they only need one keyring on their book bag for identification purposes. We will ask the children to remove large or extra keyrings to be placed in their bag to take home. We have limited space in school to house the book bags, and we cannot be held responsible for any broken or damaged property brought in.

All black trainers

Can we please remind parents that our PE uniform stipulates all black trainers.

There should not be any white Nike ticks, coloured patterns, Addidas stripes or white heels. If you are unable to buy any all-black trainers, then black pumps should be worn.

The trainers form part of the uniform as do black shoes when the children are in uniform and we very much appreciate your support in this.

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Church News

There is a service of Holy Communion with Baptism this Sunday at Cronton starting at 10:30 - as always, our families are welcome and there will be activities for young children.

Next FRIDAY - we will hold HARVEST WORSHIP in school at 2pm. Our KS2 children will lead this, Cafe Worship families are welcome to join this service.



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Reading challenge

In a drive to reward the children who read at home, Cronton C of E Primary School are continuing to run the Reading Ninja Challenge. The children will be rewarded with 'Reading Belts' in the form of a certificate. To gain a belt they will need to read 25 times. For a 'read' to count towards a band your child needs to share a book with an adult for at least 10-15 minutes. This could be their school reading book, their class Top Ten Reads, library book, book from home or a comic.

An adult must sign their reading record book and only one read per day counts (so there is a maximum of seven reads per week). Older, confident readers may read to themselves but must still have their reading record signed by an adult. A child can continue to read throughout the day but this will only be counted as one read towards the belt.

We recommend a period of a minimum of 15 minutes for a signature in their reading record. Class teachers will ask for your child's reading record every week to total and record the number of reads for each child. As they gain more signatures, they will progress through the coloured belts. We hope that this will be an exciting way of encouraging the children to read at home every day.



The Belts range from a White belt for 25 reads to a 3 Dan Belt for 300 reads.

This year we will start collecting dates from Friday 5th September. Our first white belt could be achieved on Tuesday 29th September. We hope we can celebrate all the white belts that week.

Try and get as high as you can!

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Pick up

For the safety of all children, if you are sending a young sibling/child to collect your child from class, we must receive a signed letter of authorisation in advance. Without this, the teacher or supervising adult will not be able to release your child.

Y6 Boys Football

Well done to all the Year 5 and 6 boys who represented the school in the first sports event this year.

The boys played a football tournament at Everton FC training ground, Finch Farm. They all loved this experience, playing 5 games, 2 wins, 2 draws and 1 loss. This placed them 3rd overall and was a great experience for some of the boys first time representing the school.



School Council

The winners of the School Council Elections as voted for by their classmates are:

Year 6 - Rosa + Franky

Year 5 - Maximos + Violet

Year 4 - Roisin + Anais

Year 3 - Penny + Magnus

Year 2 - Toby + Phoebe

Lunch Time Leaders

This weeks Lunch-time leaders are:

Reception - Toby

Year 1 - Ayda

Year 2 - Parker

Year 3 - Kaitlin

Year 4 - Amelia

Year 5 - Harriet

Year 6 - Sammy

Each of the above children have been chosen by the Mid-day supervisors based on behaviour and manners in the lunch hall and get to be in the front of the dinner queue for next week.



Our Celebration Winners Toady -



Well done to all our children who have worked hard this week

CLASS	Winners and Reasons
Year 6	<p>Cole For great work in reading and maths this week!</p> <p>Harrison For having an amazing attitude to all you do - we are so proud of you!</p> <p>Chloe For being a kind and positive role model in our class!</p>
Year 5	<p>Ralph For having an amazing attitude to all you do - we are so proud of you!</p> <p>Larissa For showing great determination in your maths work. Well done!</p> <p>Phoebe For being an amazing role model to our school! Your Kindness and enthusiasm lights up our classroom everyday!</p>
Year 4	<p>Dora For participating more during lessons with wonderful contributions.</p> <p>Violet For creating a brilliant paragraph with vivid, descriptive imagery.</p> <p>Elliot For writing an exceptional story containing creativity and imagination.</p>
Year 3	<p>Elodie For always giving your best, showing kindness to others and being eager to learn.</p> <p>Jessica For always working hard, rising to challenges and always being ready to learn.</p> <p>Esme For always working hard, showing positivity and being eager to learn</p>
Year 2	<p>Freya For always being ready to learn</p> <p>Maeve For never giving up when faced with a challenge</p> <p>Alba For always offering to help others.</p>
Year 1	<p>Ettienne For great listening and following instructions in PE.</p> <p>Una For fantastic effort in phonics sessions.</p> <p>Elsie W For being a responsible member of the class and always being ready to learn.</p>
Reception	<p>Theo For putting lots of effort into you learning.</p> <p>Isabella For great listening at carpet time.</p> <p>Sebastian For being really helpful at tidy up time.</p>

Harvest Services

As part of our aim to be courageous advocates in our local community, we will be supporting the Widnes foodbank during this season of harvest.

Infants (Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2) - On Thursday 9th October our infants will be holding their Harvest Festival at 2:00pm.

Juniors (Years 3 - 6) - Our Harvest service will take place on Friday 3rd October at 2:00pm.

This year we will be supporting the Widnes Foodbank through donations. If you feel able, we would love you to partner with us in this to support our local community.

As of 3rd September, the foods most in need at the Widnes foodbank were:

Soup

Custard

Tinned fruit

Jam

UHT Juice

Coffee

Sweets and Treats

Updated can be found on the Widnes foodbank website.

Other foods that can be donated are:

Food

UHT milk, tinned meat (hotdogs, meatballs etc), tinned fish, tinned fruit, sponge/rice puddings, coffee (small jars), long-life juice, pasta sauce, tinned veg (potatoes, carrots, green beans, tomatoes), tinned meals (spaghetti, chicken or veg curries, chilli), tinned soup, jam and spreads.

Non-food items

Shower gel, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, toilet rolls, washing up liquid, laundry detergent pods.

We will be having a donation collection week where your child is welcome to bring some items in and we will collect these and make a display at the front of the hall.

Donations can be brought in during the week of Monday 29th September to Thursday 9th October.

Dates for your Diary / Upcoming Events

Please note these are subject to change or may be added to so please check these dates every week!

September

Monday 29th - Children to come in in their PE Kits for Great Athlete Day

October

Friday 3rd - 2:00pm - KS2 Harvest - **KS2 Parents ONLY**

Monday 6th - Reception Audiology + Vision Screening
- PTFA AGM meeting @ 4pm

Wednesday 8th - Year 6 BTales - Parents Welcome at 2:30pm.

Tuesday 14th - Y5 Swimming Tuesday - Friday

Wednesday 15th - PTFA Pop-up Shop and Fashion Show

Thursday 16th - Y3 Trip to Tatton Park

Friday 17th - Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum

Tuesday 21st - Y5 Swimming Tuesday - Friday
- Parents Evening 3:30pm - 6:30pm

Wednesday 22nd - Parents Evening 3:30pm - 6:30pm

Friday 24th **Finish at normal time for Half - Term**

November

Monday 3rd - Back to school
- Individual School Photos

Monday 10th - PTFA Disco

Wednesday 19th - Y1 + Y4 Trip to Liverpool World Museum
- School Open Evening 5pm - 7pm

December

Friday 19th - **Finish for Christmas**

School Lunches

As part of our ongoing commitment to support our children and their families, we would like to inform you about the Free School Meals program and encourage you to apply if you are eligible.

The Free School Meals program is designed to provide nutritious meals to students at no cost to families who meet certain income criteria. By participating in this program, your child can receive healthy meals that are essential for their growth, development, and academic success.

Do I need to apply if my child is already having Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM)?

When more families apply and qualify for free school meals, our school receives additional funding from the government. This funding is used to enhance educational resources, support programs, and improve the overall learning environment for all children. When your child reaches Year 3 they no longer qualify for UIFSM, applying early will ensure that they are registered before reaching Year 3.

Who is Eligible?

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Income Support.
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit.

How do I Apply?

Applying for free school meals is simple and confidential. You can complete the application online at <https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/education-and-schools/financial-support/free-school-meals/apply-free-school-meals>.

Reception and Secondary School Admissions

September 2026

The application period for 2026 entry to Reception Class in Primary Schools and Year 7 of Secondary Schools is now open.

To apply for a place for your child, Parents / Carers must complete the application form from the council in which the child lives regardless of which school they wish to apply to.

All applications are now made on-line.

For Knowsley residents at www.knowsley.gov.uk/schooladmissions

For Halton residents at www.halton.gov.uk/schooladmissions

· **Knowsley Residents** - If you live in the borough of Knowsley you must only complete a Knowsley application form. You must apply online at www.knowsley.gov.uk/schooladmissions. Parents need to list the schools they wish to be considered for in order of preference.

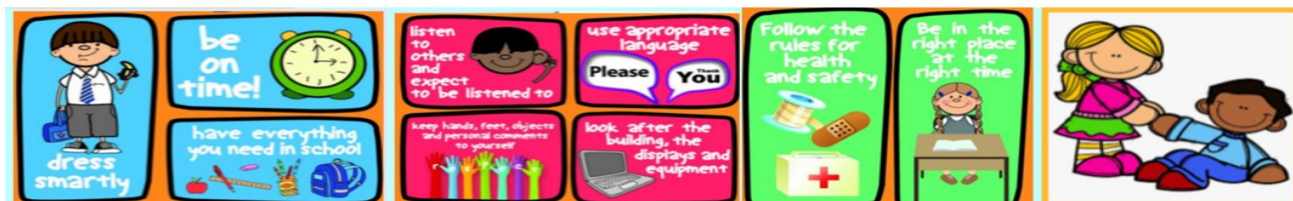
· **Halton & other Borough Residents** - If you live in Halton or any other Borough you must apply online to your home Borough Council website. For Halton residents this is www.halton.gov.uk/schooladmissions. Parents need to list the schools they wish to be considered for in order of preference. If you wish to apply for your child to be considered for a place in our school please name our school in your list of preferences.

Secondary Admission - The closing date for applications is **Friday 31st October 2026**

Reception Admission - The closing date for applications is **Thursday 15th January 2026**

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Good to be Green

We have four rules in school and for when we are out on trips.

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<p>Stay on a green card it's,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GOOD TO BE GREEN!!</p>	<p>Following the school rules at all times will ensure you stay green!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be Ready! - Be Respectful! - Be Safe! - Be kind!
<p>Green Speech Bubble</p> <p><i>This is a record of a verbal warning to follow the rules. It still counts as staying green.</i></p>	<p>Speech Bubble: First instance of not following the rules - minor incidents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low level disruption. • Shouting out. • Pushing in lines. • Using outside equipment before or after school
<p>Yellow card</p> <p>Miss 15 minutes of the next playtime. In EYFS a time out appropriate to their age.</p>	<p>Yellow Card: Second instance of not following the rules or a more serious incident, examples are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ignoring an adult's direct instruction. • Unwanted behaviour that does not physically hurt another person. • Anti- social behaviour.
<p>Red card.</p> <p>Miss 15 minutes of the next two playtimes. In EYFS a second time out appropriate to their age. All age groups receive a red letter from Mrs Thomson, Miss Roberts or Mrs Jones to go home explaining why the card has been issued. The incident and contents of the letter will uploaded onto CPOMS.</p>	<p>Red Card: Third instance of not following the rules or a very serious incident, examples are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spitting. • Deliberately pushing, slapping, hitting, punching or kicking with use of body or object. • Deliberate damage to school property. • Swearing. • Racism. • Persistent bullying. • Stealing. • Fighting (before, in or after school). • Abusive/inappropriate behaviour on social media or inappropriate use of the internet.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>If a serious instance of not following the rules has occurred - a child may move straight to yellow or red without going through the previous sanctions.</i> • These are examples only and not a definitive list of the behaviours that might incur a sanction. • Extremely serious cases of not following the rules may result in a temporary suspension from school. 	

Show you are **READY** by:



- Attending school everyday
- Arriving to school on time
- Immediately following a teacher's instruction.
- Always following a silent signal.
- Having all your equipment ready for your lesson.

Show you are being **RESPECTFUL** by:



- Listening carefully.
- Showing you are paying attention.
- Taking care of school equipment, furniture and the school building / environment.
- Waiting your turn to speak.
- Sitting correctly and still.
- Remembering your manners.
- Come into class/school/worship quietly using SMART walking.
- Always treating someone else's belongings with respect and not touching or taking them without their permission.

Show you are being **SAFE** by:



- Always using kind hands and never physically hurting another person deliberately.
- Lining up carefully and considerately without pushing.
- Always using SMART walking when moving around school.
- Only using outside equipment during breaks and lunchtimes.
- Always being respectful to each other in corridors and especially around doorways.

Show you are being **KIND** by:



- Always using your mouth for kind things: kind words, smiling and not for unkind things like spitting - never swearing or using racist or homophobic language.
- Always using kind hands, kind mouths and kind feet and never physically hurting another person deliberately.
- Always treating others how you would like to be treated and never bullying anyone or being unkind to someone either once or repeatedly.
- Always remember that we all have equal rights and should be treated with kindness and respect regardless of our gender, ethnicity, age or religion.
- Always remember that when we are online we should always treat others with the same kindness and respect as if we are in the same room as them.

ABSENCE = LOST OPPORTUNITY



Did You Know... ?

If Your Child's Attendance During the School Year...

Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...

or They Would Have Missed Approximately...

was 95%

9 Days from School

50 Lessons

was 90%

19 Days from School

100 Lessons

was 85%

29 Days from School

150 Lessons

was 80%

38 Days from School

200 Lessons

was 75%

48 Days from School

250 Lessons

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Wednesday 15th October 2025

Friends of Cronton C of E Primary School

Cronton C of E Primary School, Smithy Lane, Widnes WA8 5DF

Doors open 6.30pm, show starts 7pm

Tickets: £10 *includes a welcome drink*

Tickets to be purchased in advance

Raffle: FABULOUS prizes to be won at the show!

Tickets available on parentpay or

Contact Maxine 07966178869 or Sarah 07834400923



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Cronton C of E Primary School

Well done for taking part in **Story Garden**.

Congratulations on 17 pupils successfully taking part in Story Garden!



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