



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

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all our parents who came along to our parents evenings this week. I hope you found them helpful and informative. Thank you to our Year 6 helpers, we were really pleased to receive positive feedback about how helpful they were.

It has been a very busy term with lots of extra curricular and enhancements for the children and I want to thank all of our hard working staff who always go above and beyond to make our school amazing. From trips out, to football stars and sporting activities our curriculum has been enhanced so much. This week, in year 6, we had a visitor from the Northern Holocaust education Group. Alison Cooper spoke to the children about herself and her families lives during the Holocaust. This was linked to their history topic for the term.

This week we have also completed our Courageous Advocacy week. Each class has taken part in raising funds or awareness regarding important aspects of our society. Whether that be climate change, charity work such as DEBRA and Cancer support. The children have helped and been so generous in their time and gifts. We would like to thank all the parents who supported this and the children for being so inspiring and thoughtful.

I hope everyone has a lovely half term holiday and a good break. Thank you for your continued support. We will return to school on Monday 3rd November.

Miss Roberts,
 Interim Headteacher

Message from the Chair of Governors

Dear parents

I have the pleasure in informing you that the directors of LDST alongside the local governing body, have appointed ANNE MARIE WILLIS as the new Headteacher at Cronton.

She will commence her post on the 1st of January 2026, but we are hoping she can spend some time in school in the lead up to Christmas.

She is a proven and driven leader with lots of energy. She can't wait to join us and become part of our wonderful school.

Individual Photographs

Our school photographer will be in school on Monday 3rd November for individual photographs.

If you do not wish your child to have a photo taken please notify your child's class

Choir Cancellation

There will be NO choir on Tuesday 4th November.

Be Bright Be Seen

With the clocks going back on Saturday night, Knowsley have started their Be Bright Be Seen competition. Letters and application forms have gone out today and can be returned to school by 5th November

Y6 Fun Run

Thank you to all of our Y6 families for their support in sponsoring our Y6s for their fun run, in support of Sam's Diamonds. Thank you also to Mrs Myler who has sponsored each of the children!

Unfortunately, due to staff illness, we have had to postpone the run until the Friday of the first week back: Friday 7th November.

Children are once again welcome to wear pink with their PE kits on that day.

Hopefully the sun is shining on the day and we can make it a really positive event

Many thanks

Mr Tunstall

Christmas Card Competition -

As usual we are holding our 'Design a Christmas Card' competition.

There will be one winner from each area - Foundation Stage (Reception & Nursery), Infants, Lower Juniors (Years 3 & 4) and Upper Juniors (Years 5 & 6).

These winning designs will be made into cards for our school to send out.

From these 4, one overall winning design will be used for the programme for the Ecumenical Carol Service. This child will also be invited as VIP guest at the Tree lighting Service in the village.

The children like to start their designs over the half term holiday so we will be sending out the template next week.

The closing date for the competition is Friday 7th November, so that we can make our cards ready to send out.

Please make sure your child keeps their design is within the lines of the template. Also please ensure they only use crayons, pencils or paints. Do not use any other materials. As we need to photocopy the winning designs, although they look lovely, we cannot choose any card that has things glued on or has glitter on.

All entries should be handed into your child's class Teaching Assistant on 7th November.

Attendance and Punctuality

Weekly attendance 20th October - 24th October

Reception	95.3%
Year 1	94%
Year 2	98.3%
Year 3	99.3%
Year 4	98.8%
Year 5	95.5%
Year 6	94.9%

Whole School 95.7%

Winning Class - Year 3

Each week, the winning class receive extra playtime.

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.

Letters have been sent home today regarding attendance. If parents would like to discuss the contents, please contact Mrs Templeton after half term.

Electrical Work - Hampton Drive 3rd Nov - 14th November

There will be electrical work taking place on Hampton Drive from 3rd November until 14th November. We have been asked to make parents aware for anyone who uses this road to access school

Nursery - January 2026

Please share with friends and family if you know of anyone looking for a Nursery place in January 2026.

We still have full-time positions within our 'Outstanding' Nursery and we also offer Full time wraparound care from 7:45am - 5:45pm.

Church News

This Sunday will be a little different at Cronton Mission. We will hold a relaxed service of Morning Prayer with our usual children's activities and refreshments, starting at 10.30.

Next Sunday is a TEAM service also at Cronton at 10.30, and Cafe worship will take place in school on the first Friday after half term.. 7th November at 2.30. If you haven't been before, please come along and school will arrange for your child to join you from class.

ParentPay - School Meals

A reminder that 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.

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.

The Winter menu has now been uploaded on to ParentPay and meal bookings can be completed up until March 2026.

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

Spare wool or needles

Mrs Templeton would like to ask if anyone has any spare knitting needles, crochet needles and odd balls of wool please as Ishe would like to start up a 'knit and natter' group after half term. Thank you

Ninja / Accelerated Readers

Our Ninja Readers have really been doing really well. This scheme is always extremely successful and hopefully we will beat the scores of previous years.

Each time your child reads at home please ensure you sign their book. Once they have read 25 times they will get their first colour 'belt' - White. When they have read another 25 times (and all signed for) they will get their next colour "belt" - Yellow. Each time they read for another 25 times they will achieve their next colour 'Belt', all the way through the colours up to black and then move onto Dans. But please make sure your child's book is signed by an adult or their reading will not count towards their certificate.

Well done to all our Ninja Readers this week:

White Belt Winners

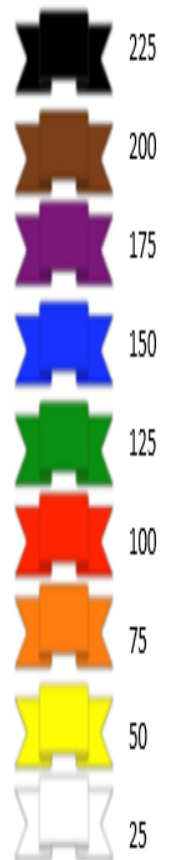
Year 1 - Kerenza, Delilah, Lulu, Ruby, Ella, Laith

Year 2 - Thomas, Arabella, Amelia S

Year 4 - Eloise D, Inda

Year 5 - Max, Ralph, Gabriella, Sadie

Year 6 - Ava, Noah, Finlay, Thomas





Our Celebration Winners Toady -



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

CLASS	Winners and Reasons
Year 6	Rosa For being responsive in all lessons. Well done! Isla B For giving 100 per cent in all lessons. Well done! Isabelle For engaging in all lessons and giving 100 per cent! well done
Year 5	Finley For always showing great enthusiasm in your maths lessons. Harry For showing amazing determination throughout our maths topic. You are amazing! Ruby For your amazing work in all your lessons this week. Well done!
Year 4	Kennedy For an exceptional piece of writing to summarise our History/ Egyptians unit. Roisin For an outstanding effort within lessons and taking pride over her books. Jack J For a great effort reading his sounds within words.
Year 3	Milo For always being eager to learn and showing curiosity and enthusiasm - especially in maths! Theo For always working hard and giving your best in everything you do. Eliza For always working hard and bringing a smile to our classroom every day!
Year 2	Liberty For working super hard to complete all work to a great standard! Arabella For working super hard in all lessons and giving 100% effort. James For having a positive outlook and always having a can do attitude
Year 1	Summer For great effort with her reading and being focussed in phonics. Dave For taking pride in his work and neat presentation. Louie For a fantastic effort with his instruction writing in English.
Reception	Patrick For excellent maths work. Sofia For taking her time to decorate a beautiful Rangoli pattern. Cooper For fantastic learning in Phonics.

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!

November

- Monday 3rd - Back to school
- Individual School Photos
- Friday 7th - Y3 Children's book collection.
- Café Worship @ 2:30pm
- Monday 10th - PTFA Neon Disco
- Wednesday 12th - Y5 BTales - Parents welcome at 2:30pm
- Wednesday 19th - Y1 + Y4 Trip to Liverpool World Museum
- School Open Evening 5pm - 7pm

December

- Sunday 7th - KS! Nativity
Friday 19th - **Finish for Christmas**

January

- Monday 5th - **Return to School**
- Science Week
- PTFA Pantomime PM
- Tuesday 20th - Y3 Swimming Tuesday - Friday
- Wednesday 21st - Y5 Bikability
- Tuesday 27th - Y3 Swimming Tuesday - Friday
- Wednesday 28th - Y4 BTales - Parents welcome at 2:30pm

February

- Friday 13th - **Finish at normal time for Half-term.**

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**

digital arts get together

These **FREE** half-term sessions for families living within our community in Halton, from any background, to come together, socialise and create!

dates + locations:

Tuesday 28th Oct - Halton Lea Library Runcorn
Thursday 30th Oct - Widnes Library, Widnes

times:

10:30 am
- 12:30 pm

sign up now:

info@digitalartsbox.org
0151 433 2223
www.digitalartsbox.org



Digital Arts Box



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Good to be Green

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

Be Ready! Be Respectful! Be Safe! Be Kind!



<p>Stay on a green card it's,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GOOD TO BE GREEN!!</p>	<p>Following the school rules <u>at all times</u> 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 Miss Roberts, Mr Tunstall or Mrs Durr to go home explaining why the card has been issued. The incident and contents of the letter will <u>uploaded</u> 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.



Parents of year 6 Children It's time to apply for a secondary school place (year 7) September 2026 Intake

Knowsley residents – Apply online by visiting www.knowsley.gov.uk

CLOSING DATE 31ST OCTOBER 2025

- If your child is currently in year 6 of primary school or their date of birth falls on or between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015, now is the time to apply for a year 7 secondary school place for September 2026.
- There is no automatic transfer – everyone must apply between 12 September 2025 and 31 October 2025 by completing the application form of the Local Authority in which you live.
- Knowsley residents should apply by accessing the online application portal via the Knowsley website www.knowsley.gov.uk.
- It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure they have read the admission policy of each school they are considering applying for and provided all the information required to support their application – this may include completing a supplementary information form with some individual schools where requested.
- For full information about the application and allocation process and admission policies for individual schools, visit the school admission pages at www.knowsley.gov.uk and access the 'Knowsley, Secondary Admission Composite Prospectus'.

For further advice, contact Knowsley School Admissions Service

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