



**Christian Value - Our Christian Value this half term is Respect.**

### **Dear Parents**

Last week, you will all have received notice of Mrs Thomson's intention to leave Cronton at the end of this academic year. I'm sure you will agree that her drive for outstanding education and leadership has been paramount in Cronton's success, and she will be a significant loss to our school community.

I want to take the opportunity to reassure parents that the Governing body, together with Liverpool Diocesan Schools Trust, are working collaboratively to ensure stability and standards will be maintained for our children as a priority, and throughout the school as a whole.

As such, the initial plan will be for Miss Roberts to take over as temporary Headteacher from September whilst we complete the recruitment process.

I know for sure that we will have the opportunity later in the Summer term to thank Mrs Thomson, and hope that you will join me in wishing her well for the future.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Bank Holiday Weekend. We return to school on Tuesday 6th May.

Thanks

**Debbie Doyle**

**Chair of Governors.**

### **VE Day**

On Thursday 8th May it is VE Day. The children will be learning about this in Picture news and are welcome to come to school in Red/White + Blue clothes rather than their Uniform.

We will also be having a special lunch day and the only option for dinner on this day will be a Sandwich, Jelly, Fruit or Cupcake.

The lunch can be ordered via ParentPay.

### **Chickenpox**

We are just making parents aware that we have had a few cases of Chickenpox over the last few weeks.

Affected children need to stay away from school until the blisters have crusted over but can then return if they are well enough.

Medically vulnerable children and pregnant women can be at risk if they come into contact with chicken pox

### Little Angels Sessions

Have you got children under 3? Why not come and join us on a Tuesday Morning from 9:30 - 10:30am where you and your child can explore our Nursery environment for Free.

Please find all the information in the flyer attached in the Newsletter.

### Mad Science

There are some places still available for the upcoming Mad Science Club starting 11/06 and running until 16/07 (6 weeks). Mad Science have got 7 signed up so far and need a minimum of 15 for the club to run.

This is the same club which we delivered during Spring 2. For any children who missed out the first time and who have been on the wait list, this is another opportunity to join and avoid disappointment!

Parents can book their child's place by following the link below or they can call us on 01772 628844:

<https://northengland.madscience.org/parents-details-a.aspx?regItemSessionID=440995>

Thank you!

### Year 6 Production Dates

We have had to change the dates in which the Year 6 Production will be taking place this year. The dates for Production will be as follow:

Thursday 10th July @ 2pm and 5:30pm

Friday 11th July @ 10am./

### Special Lunch Days

On Thursday 8th May we will be having our £1 special lunch to celebrate VE Day. The only option for dinner will be a Sandwich, Jelly, Fruit or Cupcake.

On Thursday 15th May we will be having our £1 Special Lunch for Census Day. The only option for dinner will be a Party Box consisting of a Sandwich, Cake, Crisp and Drink.

*A vegan option will also be available.*

If your child does not wish to have the above options, a packed lunch will need to be provided.

**If you have booked your meals in advance of these dates, they will be cancelled and need to be rebooked.**

**CAN ALL PARENTS ENSURE THEY ARE BOOKING THEIR CHILDS MEALS VIA PARENTPAY BEFORE MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAY.**

### Classroom Space within Cronton

We currently have the following spaces within our School if you know of anyone looking, please advise them to contact School directly:

Year 1 - x2 places available

Year 3 - x1 place available

Year 4 - x1 place available

We also currently have a few spaces for the new Reception intake for September 2025. If you know of anyone, please refer them to their Local Authority to apply.

## Knowsley Online Safety Workshops

Please find below the link to access the parent/carer session scheduled for Wednesday 7th May 2025 - 4pm - 4.45pm

This session is a repeat session (last delivered Jan 2025) so if parents/carers attended that session, then they don't need to attend again.

[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_NzViMDEzNGE+YWM3Ni00MjkzLTg1ODAtZWI2Y2YyZDkwNmFh%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22dcdb1ea5-3b10-49a2-bf8f-5fd59edcd762%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%225772fa8f-9814-4199-aef2-9195804f833e%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NzViMDEzNGE+YWM3Ni00MjkzLTg1ODAtZWI2Y2YyZDkwNmFh%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22dcdb1ea5-3b10-49a2-bf8f-5fd59edcd762%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%225772fa8f-9814-4199-aef2-9195804f833e%22%7d)

Attendees do not need to register, they simply click on the link at the above time to access the session. Cameras and voice/audio will be switched off for all attendees. Attendees can ask questions by typing in the Q&A box, but this will be explained during the session.

The event will be streamed using Teams. Attendees can watch the live event in:

- Teams app—desktop (Windows or Mac) or mobile. (The Teams app is free to download if attendees would like to do that beforehand).

- If they don't have Teams they can access it via one of the following browsers - Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge or Firefox.

As a reminder, this session (and all our virtual sessions) will be recorded and will be subsequently shared so if somebody can't make the live session then they can watch it back at a time that is convenient to them.

## Lunch Time Leaders

This weeks Lunch-time leaders are:

Reception - Jenson

Year 1 - Rae

Year 2 — Eliza

Year 3 - Jack

Year 4 - Gabriella

Year 5 - Luca

Year 6 - Mia

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.

## Church news

WOW - the number of children and parents/carers who attended last Friday's CAFE WORSHIP was amazing. If you have not been before, look for the next date after half term.

There is no service at Cronton Mission this weekend or next weekend. There is a TEAM SERVICE at St Ambrose Church this Sunday, and Morning Prayer at St Lukes Church next Sunday. ALL welcome. Both start at 10.30.

### PTFA News - Cronton Bingo

Our PTFA have arranged for a 'Cronton Bingo' on Sunday 10th May at St Basils Parish Centre, Hough Green Rd, Widnes WA8 4SZ..

Entrance to the Bingo is to be paid on the door with cash/card and the charge will be £10.00 for a family (2 adults and up to 3 children) or £3.00 per individual.

We hope all our Parents our able to help support in this event.

### Healthy Snacks

The children have been enjoying our new swap station at lunchtimes and making good use of it!

Thank you for your support of our healthy snack policy where we have moved to healthy snacks five days a week.

Please be aware that this policy also extends to snacks provided for after school clubs such as multi-skills etc.

### 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 weeks:

#### Orange Belt Winners:

Year 1 - Freya F

Year 3 - Jacob

#### Red Belt Winners:

Year 3 - Isabella-Rose, Jacob

#### Green Belt Winners:

Year 2 - Imogen

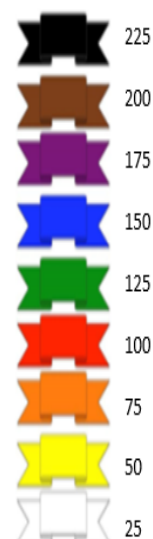
Year 3 - Finley

#### Blue Belt Winners:

Year 4 - Phoebe

#### Black Belt Winners:

Year 1 - Rosabella





## Our Celebration Winners Today -



Well done to all our children who have worked and tried very hard this week.

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>Winners and Reasons</b>
Year 6	<b>Jack</b> - A fantastic score in arithmetic! Well done on your progress. <b>Georgia</b> - Being so switched on this week - you are amazing! <b>Joshua</b> - A 7th consecutive 40/40 on arithmetic - wow! Well done.
Year 5	No Star Badges this week as they are in Llandudno
Year 4	<b>Finley</b> - Showing curiosity towards learning and asking thought-provoking questions. <b>Larissa</b> - Showing perseverance and having a 'can do' attitude towards challenges. <b>Ralph</b> - Being an enthusiastic learner and sharing knowledge with the class.
Year 3	<b>Autumn</b> - For outstanding work when working out fractions of amounts. <b>Finley</b> - For a huge improvement in handwriting and presentation. <b>Anais</b> - For going above and beyond with fantastic contributions in class.
Year 2	<b>Theo</b> - Being a good role model in class and being very helpful all week. <b>Eleanor</b> - Great fraction work this week with unit and non unit fractions <b>Hugh</b> - Great fraction work this week with unit and non unit fractions
Year 1	<b>Maeve</b> - For being a phonics superstar! <b>Freya F</b> - For being resilient when counting groups in maths. <b>Connor</b> - For great effort with his phonics.
Reception	<b>Delilah</b> - For writing a fantastic sentence in Literacy. <b>Dave</b> - For excellent maths learning. <b>Jenson</b> - For amazing effort in all of your learning.

## 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!

### May 2025

- Monday 5th - **Bank Holiday - School Closed**
- Tuesday 6th - Y3 Swimming Starts (Tuesday - Friday)
- Friday 9th - Whole School Photograph
- Sunday 11th - PTFA Bingo (Times to be confirmed)
- Monday 12th - Y6 SATS week
- Tuesday 13th - Y3 Swimming Week 2 (Tuesday - Friday)  
- Reception Welcome Evening @5pm
- Tuesday 20th - School Class Photos  
- Nursery Open Evening 4pm - 6pm.
- Wednesday 21st - Y2 BTales - Parents welcome @ 2:30m.  
- Y6 Robinwood Residential. (Weds - Fri)
- Friday 23rd - **Finish for Half-term @ normal time**

### June 2025

- Monday 9th - **School opens at normal time**
- Tuesday 10th - Y1 BTales - Parents welcome @ 2:30pm
- Wednesday 11th - Y6 leavers service
- Friday 13th - Father Day Coffee Morning/Afternoon
- Tuesday 17th - Sports Day
- Wednesday 18th - Reserve Sports Day
- Friday 20th - Y4 Trip to Knowsley Safari Park

### July 2025

- Tuesday 1st - Big Sing @ Liverpool Cathedral Y2 & Y5
- Thursday 10th - Y6 + Choir Production @ 2pm & 5:30pm
- Friday 11th - Y6 + Choir Production @ 10am  
- PTFA Colour Run 3:30pm - 6pm
- Friday 18th - BEST Awards
- Wednesday 23rd - Leavers Service @ 9:15am  
- **School Closes @ 2pm - No Wraparound**



## Cronton CE Primary School - Nursery



Have you got children aged 3 or under? Come and join us for [our](#)

### Little Angels Club

Every Tuesday 9:30 – 10:30

Parents, carers, grandparents or childminders can bring any children along, 3 years of age or under, for a chance to explore our Nursery environment. Free of charge.

During the one hour taster session, you will be expected to supervise your child/ren, encouraging them to interact with the other children, use the resources and tidy away any resources they use. The Nursery staff will be involved in a variety of focused / enhanced activities within the setting.

You will enter through the Nursery gate and be signed in as you arrive. In order to safeguard all children, you will have to arrive on time, as we will not be able to continually open / lock the gate.

Due to Fire and Health & Safety regulations we ask that *where possible*, no prams are brought to Little Angels Club. We cannot leave them where other children are playing and our nursery is not big enough to house them.

In accordance with our Safeguarding Policy, mobile phones must not be used whilst on the school premises. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Your child will enjoy exploring all our areas of learning...

Making area, dough area, mark making, small world play, home corner, book area, construction area, plus our well-resourced outdoor provision.

We hope you enjoy sharing our Foundation Stage setting. We look forward to meeting you!

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## Wonderlab+

Are you looking for something fun to do online with your child? The Science Museum group have a wide array of activities, games and quizzes on their website:

<https://wonderlabplus.sciencemuseumgroup.org.uk/home>

## Minecraft

Minecraft is rated as PEGI 7, meaning it is suitable for those over 7 years of age.

Minecraft is a game where players can create worlds using blocks. There are two different modes – creative and survival. In creative mode, users can build what they wish and have unlimited resources whereas in survival mode, players must gather resources, find food and defend themselves against mobs. Survival mode may include mild violence and scary characters.

You should be aware that there is a multiplayer option available where players can chat to each other. In-app purchases are also available to buy items such as skins, so ensure purchases are disabled or that a password or PIN is required to make them. Ensure appropriate parental controls are applied, on both Minecraft and the console itself. Find out more here:

<https://www.minecraft.net/en-us/article/parental-controls>

### Further information

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/min>

## Cyberbullying

### What is cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying is a form of bullying that takes place online and can take many forms, such as sending malicious messages. Cyberbullying can happen at any time of the day, so often feels unrelenting. It can take place across many different platforms, such as on messaging apps like WhatsApp and Snapchat, on social media platforms such as Instagram and TikTok and via online games. Here are some examples of what cyberbullying can look like online:

- Sending nasty or hurtful messages
- Leaving unkind comments
- Sharing photographs of somebody else without their permission
- Excluding somebody on purpose
- Impersonating somebody with a fake account
- Telling/sharing lies
- Blackmailing

### What should I do if my child is being bullied online?

If your child is being bullied, then try to stay calm and let them know that it is not their fault.

It is always useful to keep evidence of any online bullying and inform their school so

that they are aware. Show your child how to block and/or report any users/content and review their privacy settings to limit what others can see. You may also wish to review/set up any available parental controls.



### Further information

There is a vast amount of information available online about cyberbullying. The following links provide further information on types of online bullying, and who you can contact if you need any further advice or support.

- <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/online-bullying/>
- <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-and-support/advice-parents-and-carers/sources-information-advice-and>

# Roblox

## New parental controls

### What is Roblox?

Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. It is free to download (however subscription options and in game/app purchases are available) and can be played across numerous devices.

A lot of the content is user generated, which may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play. If your child is playing Roblox, it is important to monitor what your child is accessing and set up appropriate parental controls.

PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance label, this is because it is difficult to rate due to the huge level of user generated content.

### New Parental Features

Roblox have released three new parental controls for your child's Roblox account. These are:

1. **Friend blocking** - you can now block anyone on your child's friends list that you do not want them direct messaging.
2. **Experience blocking** – you can now block any specific experiences (games) that you do not want your child to access.
3. **Top game insights** - you can now see the 20 experiences (games) your child has spent the most time on in the last week.

You can find out more here:

<https://corp.roblox.com/newsroom/2025/04/new-parental-controls-on-roblox>

### Further information

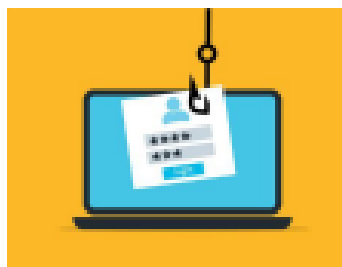
You can find out more about Roblox here:

<https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/30428248050068-Parental-Controls-FAQ>

## Ask Silver Scam Checker

Ask Silver is a tool that anyone with a smartphone can use to protect themselves from scams. To use the service, you will first need to sign up and then you can simply upload a screenshot of anything that you are unsure of, and think could be a scam. Ask Silver will let you know whether they think it is safe or not. Find out more here:

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/asksilver/>



## How to best use location tracking apps within your family

Location tracking gives us the ability to see where somebody is via their smart device and is often one of the reasons children receive their first device.

Internet Matters have published an article discussing location tracking, including the benefits and risks and provide links to other supporting resources. You can read the article here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/expert-opinion/how-to-use-location-tracking-apps-in-your-family/>

## JusTalk

Users can use this app to video chat, call, and text. There are two versions – JusTalk and JusTalk Kids with both versions having the option to unlock further functions via a premium subscription. JusTalk is rated as 12+ and JusTalk Kids is rated as 4+ on the App store.

Even though the apps may be rated as age appropriate for your child, there are still risks in using either version.

The Ineqe Safeguarding Group provide an overview of JusTalk, including the risks you need to be aware of:

<https://ineqe.com/2023/02/08/what-is-the-justalk-app/>

## Keeping up with technology

It can be difficult to keep up with what our children are doing online as it can change so quickly. UK Safer Internet Centre have published an article with suggestions on what we can do:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers/things-change-so-fast-online-its-hard-to-keep-up-with-what-my-child-is-doing>



