



Christian Value - Our Christian Value this half term is Justice

Dear Parents,

School has been buzzing with the excitement of Christmas this week and I have been very impressed and extremely proud of our children taking part in the various Christmas productions and events.

Our Infant Nativity last Sunday was magnificent - the children gave a wonderful performance and I know from the many positive comments how much Parents enjoyed it. Well done to our Year 1 and Year 2 children.

Well done to our Nursery and Reception children who took part in their EYFS Carol Concerts on Tuesday & Wednesday - its always a very special service and all the children performed beautifully.

I am so proud of our wonderful school choir, they joined with Holy Family School to form the choir at the Ecumenical Service on Tuesday evening. Well done to them and our Year 6 children who helped to lead the service - a truly wonderful community event. Congratulations to Jessica who was the VIP and switched on the lights!

Wednesday night our Choir sang at The Dandelion Tavern and Thursday at The Unicorn, they sang a medley of Carols and raised £209.40 for the School. Thank you to all that attended or supported. The children were amazing ambassadors for the school and we are really proud of them.

We ended the week with our KS2 Carol Service celebrating Christingle and learning more about advent with some amazing singing from everyone.

After eight years of dedicated service, we say goodbye to our valued Teaching Assistant, Mrs Buckley. During her time with us, she has been a consistent source of support for both students and staff, helping to create a positive and productive learning environment. Her hard work and commitment have made a real difference in the classroom and beyond.

Although we're sad to see her leave, we're grateful for everything she has contributed and wish her the very best in the next chapter of her journey. She will be missed, and her impact will be remembered.

Next week we look forward to the Christmas parties!

Have a great weekend,

Miss Roberts,

Interim Headteacher

Afterschool Clubs

Multi-skills, Friday Football, Monday Ju-Jitsu and Tuesday Choir have now all finished until we return in January 2025.

Multi-Skills will resume the first week we return on the 5th January.

Choir will resume from Tuesday 6th January.

Ju-Jitsu will resume Monday 5th January - Payment via ParentPay to book your place

Football will resume Friday 9th January - this will be added to ParentPay once we return to school.

A few pictures from the Carol Services school has taken part in this week



Proposed Admissions Arrangements 2027-28

We invite you to consider the policy which can also be found on the school website at:

<https://crontonce.web12.juniperwebsites.co.uk/admissions>

Consultation Period - 8th December 2025 to 19th January 2026

Summary

This consultation Notice outlines proposals for the admission arrangements for Cronton CE Primary Academy.

Proposed changes:

Criterion 6: A change is proposed from "Children of parents/carers who attend worship at other Anglican churches" to "Children of parents/carers who attend worship at other Church of England Churches"

Clarification note G will read: Church of England Church refers to 'Any church designated as Church of England or belonging to the Anglican Communion'.

Other Christian denomination refers to any church which is designated under the Ecumenical Relations Measure nationally by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York or locally by the diocesan bishop, or is a member of churches Together in England, or the Evangelical Alliance, or a partner church of Affinity'

Note J will read: Please note, throughout this policy and supplementary form, the term "Parent/carers" refers to the legal guardian of the child".

The remainder of the policy is unchanged.

The consultation is open for 6 weeks between **8th December 2025 to 19th January 2026** and any comments or objections regarding the proposed changes only, should be submitted by email for the attention of Jo Holland, admissions governor at crontonce@ldst.org.uk

Following the consultation period, all submitted comments/objections will be considered and the final arrangements will be published on the school website no later than 15 March 2026.

LATENESS Counts

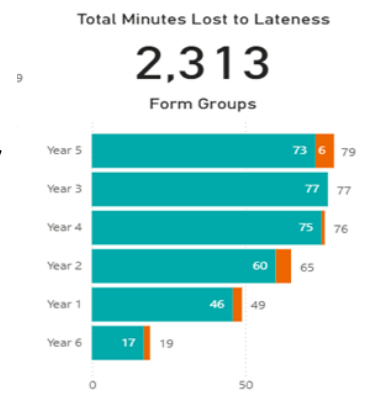
Children should be in school on time, doors opens at 8.45am and shuts at 8.55am. After that time your child is deemed as late.

For parental information, Year 5 have the most lates since September, 79 in total, closely followed behind by Y3 and Y4.

The school as a whole have lost 2,313 minutes missed learning due to lateness.

Please support school and your child by making sure their bags, coats, shoes, homework etc are at hand, a morning routine is essential when you have small children.

If you need additional advice or support please let us know



Boys Football

Well done to these members of our boys' football team who were brilliant in Wednesday's football competition. In their previous competition they won the competition which qualified them for this one. They once again were exceptional and came 2nd in this; they therefore have qualified once more for the next round! We are so proud of the children and all members of the squad. Very exciting times in school. Well done all!

Christmas Fundraising.

For our Christmas fundraising this year, we will be having a few days with different events for the children that we hope our families will support us in. Please see below for our planned timetable :

EYFS Stay & Play - On Monday 15th December Nursery & Reception parents are invited to stay and play making Christmas crafts with their child/ren from 2pm - 3pm. The cost will be £4 per family, payable via ParentPay. we will notify parents when this goes 'live' on the system.

Santa Dash - on the morning of Monday 15th December we will be holding a Sponsored Santa dash around the playground. We will be sending our sponsor forms one per family via the eldest child in school unless parents specifically request a sponsor form for each of their children. Please email school if you wish us to issue 1 form to each of your children. The children can come dressed on Christmas outfits, hats, jumpers etc on the day, but please remember they will need appropriate footwear for the event.

Christmas Lunch - we will be having our delicious Christmas Lunch on Thursday 18th December and all the children are invited to join us for it. The lunch will be sliced Turkey or Quorn fillet roast dinner with ice cream for pudding. Parents need to order and pay for this the Sunday before via their ParentPay account. This will be our school Christmas jumper day.

Parties - Our parties will be held on the following days:

15th December - Nursery

16th December - Reception, Years 1 & 2

17th December - KS2.

On the day of their party, the children can come into school ready in their party clothes, but please ensure they wear appropriate footwear.

Talent Show - On Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th December AM, we will be holding our very popular Cronton's Got Talent Show. The children are invited to get up on stage and show their singing, gymnastic, joke telling, dancing, musical instrument playing abilities, so get practicing children!

Breakfast with Santa - we have it on good authority that despite being a very busy time for him, Santa has heard how good our children are so he will be calling into our school to join our EYFS and KS1 children for breakfast. We believe he will also be paying a visit to our Nursery children.

School Closing - Our school will close for the Christmas holiday at **2:00pm on Friday 19th December.** There will be no Little Bluebirds or any after school clubs that day.

Celebrating our Patron Saints

Our team colours are linked to our 4 Patron Saints and the country they represent On their Saint's Day the specific colour team can come into school wearing non uniform in their team colours.

Science Week

CALLING ALL SCIENTISTS!

We are currently organising our Science week for the first week back of the year (6th to 8th January 2026). We are really excited! If you think that you, or somebody you know, might be interested in offering us a workshop or assembly or anything at all science related to add to our week, then please get in touch with us and let us know. We would love to know about your job, do some experiments or complete some work linked to it. There are lots of possibilities! If you think yours would be suited to a particular year group, then this can be organised too.

We have lots of exciting things going on and are looking forward to adding some more!

Many thanks for your support

Please contact Mr Tunstall

Church News

Thank you to those who attended our Church/School carol service today

This Sunday 14th December

Holy Communion at St Lukes Church 10.30

JAM CLUB at St Lukes Church 3pm

21st December Cafe Worship at Cronton Mission 10.30

24th Christingle 3pm and 5pm, then Holy communion at 11pm. All at St Lukes Church

25th Holy Communion at St Lukes Church 10am

28th Holy Communion at St Lukes Church 10.30

All welcome

PTFA Christmas Project

All of the Xmas gifts should have made it home to you by now and we hope you loved them as much as we do. If you have any problems please contact Maxine Silk. A few of you have asked if you could have the original drawing back. These are with each class teacher so please ask your child to request to bring it home. Once again thank you for your support. We have raised £233 towards the school from this project. As yet we have no plans for where the money is to be spent but will update you as soon as we do.

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!

December

- Monday 15th
- Nursery Christmas Party AM
 - Santa Dash AM (**Children to wear School Uniform with Christmas Accessories**)
 - N & R Stay and Play 2pm - 3pm
- Tuesday 16th
- Rec + KS1 Christmas Party PM
- Wednesday 17th
- School Talent Show AM
 - KS2 Christmas Party PM
 - Christmas by Candlelight Concert - 4:15pm - 5:30pm
- Thursday 18th
- School Talent Show AM
 - Christmas Dinner + Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 19th
- PTFA - Breakfast with Santa
 - **Finish for Christmas @ 2pm**

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 School Admissions

September 2026

The application period for 2026 entry to Reception Class in Primary 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.

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

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>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.