



**Christian Value - Our Christian Value this half term is Justice**

Dear Parents,

What a busy, exciting last week it has been with all the fun of Christmas parties and our fabulous Talent Show. Well done to all our performers - you are so talented!

Thank you to everyone who purchased a Raffle ticket and congratulations to all of our winners, we raised £447.90. Our Santa Dash was also a great success this year, the children really enjoyed it, we are still to tally up a total for this. Thank you to all our parents and families for the support. All monies raised will go towards activities and events for the children.

Our Christmas dinner was a big hit this week. A huge thank you to Paula and all the staff for making it possible.

A big thank you to Mr Tunstall for organising the Christmas by Candlelight Concert with our amazing choir. They were all wonderful and it was such a special service.

Thanks to the Friends of Cronton for your organisation of Breakfast with Santa. I know the children really enjoyed this.

As I come to the end of my interim headship, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks for the incredible support you have shown me during this time. Your encouragement and partnership have made a real difference, and I am truly grateful for the trust you placed in me.

I also want to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of the staff, who have continued to put the needs of our pupils first and maintain high standards throughout a very busy term.

It has been a privilege to serve this wonderful school community, and I am delighted to hand over to Mrs. Willis, who I know will lead with dedication and vision. Please join me in welcoming her warmly as she takes on this important role.

Thank you once again for your support—it has meant so much to me.

I hope everyone has a lovely Christmas and New Year, and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 5th January 2026.

Have a very happy Christmas everyone  
 Miss Roberts,

**Magic Keys Experiences**

Our Magic Keys Experience books have been sent home this term. Teachers have been busy identifying all the things we do in school. These are located at the top of the list. The last part, which is highlighted in yellow are for the children to complete at home. You can use the book to share pictures, writing or drawings.

This Magic Keys Passport aims to record and celebrate just some of the incredible achievements of our pupils whilst at Cronton C.E. Primary School and gives them some challenges to do at home as well! We hope you enjoy taking part. There will be a celebration assembly at the end of the year for those who have completed the list.

### On behalf of governing body.

Can I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and pray for a happy and peaceful New Year for everyone.

Can I thank Miss Roberts, Mr Tunstall and Mrs Durr for their leadership of our school this term. Miss Roberts will return to her Year 5 class as acting Deputy Head, Mr Tunstall and Mrs Durr will remain with their classes with leadership responsibilities in teaching and learning and early years respectively.

On the first day of the Spring term we welcome our new headteacher Mrs Willis to the Cronton family. I know she is totally committed to the children - may she lead us and help us to grow, driven by her love of God and our Christian values.

We say goodbye to Mrs.Buckley and Miss Egan today....thank you all you have done at Cronton for our children and good luck for the future.

### Afterschool Clubs

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 12th January as we have the Pantomime Monday 5th January- Payment via ParentPay to book your place available after Christmas.

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

### LATENESS Counts

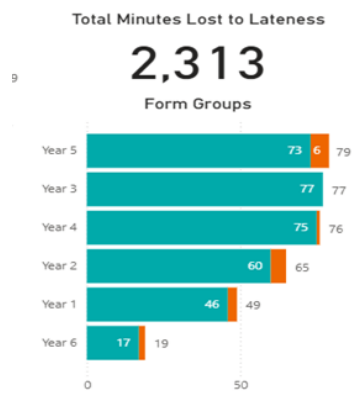
Children should be in school on time, doors opens at 8.45am and shuts at 8.55am. Ater that time your child is deemed as late.

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



### Mad Science

We are now offering a Mad Science After School Club on a Tuesday at 03:20 PM - 04:20 PM  
Dates: 24/02/2026 - 24/03/2026

The deadline for registrations is 15/01/26. You can register your children online at the following link on a first-come, first-served basis:

<https://northengland.madscience.org/parents-register-a.aspx>

Payment by instalments is available. If you have any problems or queries with booking, please call Mad Science directly on 01772 628844, and they'll be happy to help!

**There is a flyer at the end of the Newsletter**

### Church News

Church news

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

### Christingle

Thank you to **Sainsbury's Woolton** for generously donating oranges for our Christingles this year. We really appreciate your support!

# Sainsbury's



## Message from the PTFA

### Santa's Breakfast Bash: Mission Accomplished!

Ho ho WHOA! The halls were certainly jingling today as our Key Stage 1 (KS1) superstars enjoyed a magical, merry, and utterly memorable Breakfast with Santa! The excitement was high, building up to the main event like a perfectly wrapped present! It was truly heartwarming to see all those beaming little faces getting ready for the big day!

### Sweet Treat Alert!

But the fun didn't stop there! Thanks to the unbelievable generosity of our amazing sponsors, EVERY SINGLE CHILD in school was sent home with a festive selection box!

That's a whole lot of chocolatey cheer!

We want to give a massive, sleigh-bell-ringing THANK YOU to our four phenomenal sponsors who made the smiles happen:

Steph Austin (Roby Glazing) - Helping us glaze over with holiday joy!  
Natalie Dignam (Natalie Dignam Theatre School) - Putting the star quality into our celebrations!  
Georgia & Chris Cannon - Cannon-balling us straight into the festive spirit!  
Sarah (Ellevo Group) - Elevating our event to absolute legend status!

Thanks to your kindness, the children have a sweet reminder of a truly special 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

### 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!

#### 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>.

## 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 4 - Jack T

Year 5 - Louie, Tallulah

### Yellow Belt Winners

Year 1 - Isobel, Ruby, Laith, Ettienne

Year 4 - Isabella-Rose, Eloise D, Jacob

Year 5 - Ellis

### Orange Belt Winners

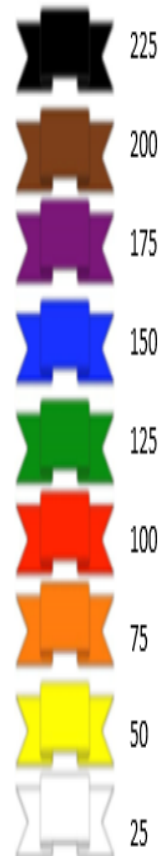
Year 1 - Summer, William, Emilia, Madison, Mason

Year 5 - Eibhleann

### Red Belt Winners

Year 1 - Otto

Year 6 - Jude M





## Our Celebration Winners Toady -



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

CLASS	Winners and Reasons
Year 6	<p><b>Cole</b> For a fantastic performance as the king of Pop/MJ! Wow!</p> <p><b>Harrison</b> For getting fully involved with all of our Christmas fun!</p> <p><b>James</b> For showing great kindness this week.</p>
Year 5	<b>Whole Class</b> - Thank you for being such an amazing class. I'll miss you all so much , keep shining and being incredible.
Year 4	<p><b>Finley</b> For having an infection, fantastic learning attitude.</p> <p><b>Isabella-Rose</b> For writing outstanding technical sentences about polar bears.</p> <p><b>Ruben</b> For brilliant work in History when looking at different civilisations.</p>
Year 3	<p><b>Penny</b> For always bringing a bright smile, a positive spirit, and a strong work ethic to everything they do.</p> <p><b>Genevieve</b> For bringing festive cheer and performing impressively in our Christmas service</p> <p><b>Felix</b> For always joining in with enthusiasm and showing a genuine eagerness to learn.</p>
Year 2	<b>Whole Class</b> - For an outstanding Nativity performance and a great term. Well done!
Year 1	<p><b>Mason</b> For amazing progress with his handwriting and working on presentation.</p> <p><b>Lulu</b> For being a wonderful role model in class and working more independently.</p> <p><b>Dave</b> For being a wonderful role model in class and trying hard with his writing.</p>
Reception	<b>Whole Class</b> - For an amazing Christmas Concert!

### Christian Value Winners:

**R** - Charlotte + Thea    **Y1** - Elsie W + William F    **Y2** - Jamie + Ayanna  
**Y3** - Hugh + Imogen    **Y4** - James + Inda    **Y5** - Phoebe + Isabelle  
**Y6** - Dollie + Jacob

## 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;"><b>GOOD TO BE GREEN!!</b></p>	<p>Following the school rules <u>at all times</u> will ensure you stay green!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Be Ready!</li> <li>- Be Respectful!</li> <li>- Be Safe!</li> <li>Be kind!</li> </ul>
<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"> <li>• Low level disruption.</li> <li>• Shouting out.</li> <li>• Pushing in lines.</li> <li>• Using outside equipment before or after school</li> </ul>
<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"> <li>• Ignoring an adult's direct instruction.</li> <li>• Unwanted behaviour that does not physically hurt another person.</li> <li>• Anti- social behaviour.</li> </ul>
<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"> <li>• Spitting.</li> <li>• Deliberately pushing, slapping, hitting, punching or kicking with use of body or object.</li> <li>• Deliberate damage to school property.</li> <li>• Swearing.</li> <li>• Racism.</li> <li>• Persistent bullying.</li> <li>• Stealing.</li> <li>• Fighting (before, in or after school).</li> <li>• Abusive/inappropriate behaviour on social media or inappropriate use of the internet.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <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></li> <li>• These are examples only and not a definitive list of the behaviours that might incur a sanction.</li> <li>• Extremely serious cases of not following the rules may result in a temporary suspension from school.</li> </ul>	

**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.



**After School Programme at  
Crnton CE Primary School (WA8 5DF)**

**Tuesday at 03:20 PM - 04:20 PM  
Dates: 24/02/2026 - 24/03/2026**

**5 weeks, £52.50 per child  
Split the cost options!**

**Your deadline date to register is: 15/01/2026**

**Max 23 per club, first come, first served! Thank you!**

**Optical Illusions**

Look through a camera obscura while learning about optics, reflection and sight. Watch images change before your very eyes!

**Watts-Up**

Learn about static electricity, its properties and its role in natural phenomena. Make indoor lightning whilst conducting hair-raising experiments with our electro-static generator.

**Magnetic Magic**

Investigate the powers and daily uses of magnets. Test for electromagnetic fields and then use what you have learned to build your own floating magnet lab defying gravity with magnetic powers!

**Lights ... Colour... Action!**

Uncover the hidden components in ordinary light, spectacular chemical energy display and use our fantastic diffraction glasses to see the full spectrum of every day light!

**Slime!**

Explore the exciting world of polymers, the chemical reactions we use to create them & make silly putty. Transform two regular liquids into an oozing batch of slime...

**Mission Nutrition**

Learn about nutrition and fitness while focusing on a healthy diet and lifestyle. Investigate how your body breaks down the food that you eat!

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