



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

Dear Parents,

It has been another very busy week in school. Well done to the green team who arrived in school on Monday ready to celebrate St Patrick's day! I enjoyed the St Patrick's day fun during worship that morning!

It has been good to experience some better weather this week and children have benefitted from being able to get onto the field to play.

We do have a number of planting areas in school that we would like to continue to develop. If you happen to have any spare seeds or bulbs as you are gardening please could you send them into school. Also any compost/soil. We have a number of children with green fingers!!!

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Thomson

Headteacher

World Oral Health Day

Please see the leaflet at the end of the Newsletter in regards to World Oral Health day and the importance of looking after our teeth,

Can we also remind parents, children should only be coming in to school with water in their water bottles.

Robinwood 2025

ParentPay is open for parents to make payment for the Robinwood trip. The total cost is £425 so if you have only paid the deposit that leaves a balance of £375.

All balances must be paid by Friday 4th April 2025. Please contact school if you are experiencing any issues.

Parental Questionnaire

Please find the link below to our Parental Questionnaire. We value your opinions on our school and ask that as many parents complete the questionnaire as possible.

We would appreciate parents not using the names of any specific children or staff and inputting any details regarding any complaints they may have.

Any specific complaints/issues should be raised using the appropriate channels.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=U9gdjHaqak6KIGKwm00Z-IGcKVMxveJPn7MFfZTyx21UQIE1TFdPNdZTR1ROM1BUVDRPQVZUS1IGRSQIQCNjPTEu>

The link will also be sent via the School App and the questionnaire will close on Monday 31st March.

Church News

This Sunday is Holy Communion at Cronton Mission starting at 10.30. Next Sunday, there is no service at Cronton, but a Special Mothering Sunday service at St Lukes led by the Sunday Club. All welcome.

Clare, our lay reader will be in school on the 2nd April helping with an experience Easter day for the children. The day will conclude with cafe worship at 2.30. Parents welcome.

Magic Keys

This year we have launched our Magic Keys Award Scheme. As introduced at the Meet the Teacher evenings in September, each year group has their own set of Magic Keys to collect across the year. These are simple targets for the children to try to achieve.

Most of Keys are ones the children will achieve in school but each year group also has three Keys for the children to do at home. The children will be bringing home a small exercise book containing the list of the Keys. The book is for you to keep at home and use to evidence the three 'Home Keys'. These can be evidenced in anyway you prefer - photos or a written entry - it is up to you. We will ask for the books to be returned to school in the Summer term so that the children can share them with each other and so we can further update the keys we have achieved in school.

At the end of the year the children will have an award ceremony where they will be awarded their Magic Key badge for the year and a pennant to keep them on.

Each year group has a different colour badge to collect and keep. Eventually, by the end of their time with us the children will have collected a Key for each of their years in school.

There will be a small charge of £2.00 for the badges which can be done via parent pay in the Summer term.

Easter Bonnet / Cap Competition

On Friday 4th April we will be having our popular Easter Bonnet / Cap or Hat parade in school.

We are asking the children to decorate a bonnet / cap / hat with an Easter theme.

They can come to school wearing their creation. We will have one prize winner in each class, but everyone who takes part will receive a small prize.

Get your thinking Easter hats (or caps) on children.

Lunch Time Leaders

This weeks Lunch-time leaders are:

Reception - Louie

Year 1 - Charlotte

Year 2 - Milo

Year 3 - Jacob

Year 4 - Ralph

Year 5 - James

Year 6 - Jude

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.

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!

March 2025

Wednesday 26th - Spring Concert 6pm - 7pm - Y4 Violins

Friday 28th - Mothers Day Coffee Morning

9:15 - 10am Y3 + Y4

10:15 - 11am Y5 + Y6

1:30 - 2:15pm N + R

2:30 - 3:15pm Y1 + Y2

- Y4 Trip to Catalyst @ 10am

April 2025

Friday 4th - Easter Bonnets

Friday 4th - **Finish as normal for Half-term**

Tuesday 22nd - **School opens at normal time**

Wednesday 23rd - St George's Day

- Y3 Trip to Chester

Thursday 24th - Rec trip to Norton Priory

Friday 25th - Café Worship

- Non - Uniform Day for PTFA Bingo - Fine is Bottles

Wednesday 30th - Y5 Llandudno Residential

May 2025

Friday 2nd - Non - Uniform Day for PTFA Bingo - Fine is Chocolates/Gift Sets

Monday 5th - Bank Holiday - School Closed

Tuesday 6th - Y3 Swimming Starts (Tuesday - Friday)

Monday 12th - Y6 SATS week

Tuesday 13th - Y3 Swimming Week 2 (Tuesday - Friday)

Friday 16th - Quidditch

Tuesday 20th - School Class Photos

Wednesday 21st - Y2 BTales - Parents welcome @ 2:45pm.

- Y6 Robinwood Residential.

Friday 23rd - **Finish for Half-term @ normal time**

June 2025

Monday 9th - **School opens at normal time**

Tuesday 10th - Y1 BTales - Parents welcome @ 2:45pm

Wednesday 11th - Y6 leavers service

Tuesday 17th - Sports Day

Could you be eligible for free school meals and extra support in the February and Easter 2025 holidays?

If you receive certain benefits, your child or children may be eligible for free school meals. This provides nutritious lunch options to support your child's learning and well-being, and until Easter 2025, they also entitle you to vouchers worth £15 for each child, each week of the following school holidays: Christmas 2024, February half-term and Easter 2025*.

Who is eligible:

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you receive any of the following benefits:

Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (wages below £616.67 a month)

Income Support

Income-based Jobseekers Allowance

An income-related Employment and Support Allowance

Child Tax Credit with an annual income of £16,190 or less (but not if you are in work and receive Working Tax Credit)

The guarantee element of State Pension Credit

Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

How to apply

Check the list above and if you are eligible, visit the Council's website and use the Parent Portal to apply for free school meals.

[Apply here](#)

Is your child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2?

Children in these years receive 'Universal Free School Meals'. You do not need to apply for this, every child will automatically receive a free school lunch. However if you meet the criteria above for free school meals and apply, your child's school will also receive extra money (known as the Pupil Premium) which can help pay for extra resources and support for pupils.

Extra support

Visit the benefits calculator on the Turn2Us webpage to check your benefit entitlement

Visit the Council's Household Support Fund page to find details of organisations who can help if you are struggling with the cost of food or essentials

Visit the Council's Benefits page to find details of benefits and entitlements you could receive including Council Tax Reduction

*£15 per child per week supermarket vouchers are available to and including Easter 2025 for each child who is in receipt of free school meals.

Changes to the Law on School Attendance -

Please read carefully if you are planning to book term time holidays in 2024/25

The Government have introduced new laws regarding attendance from August 19th 2024.

The main changes are:

ALL term time holidays will be unauthorised, including holidays which involve a circumstance such as a wedding abroad, trip to see family etc.

In a 10 school week period, pupils who have more than 10 sessions unauthorised (a session is a morning or afternoon) may be fined, whether the absences are 5 days together or single days taken over a ten week period.

An increase in the amount of the penalty notice (fine) from £60 to £80 (if paid within 21 days) and £120 to £160 (if paid within 28 days) for the first penalty notice issued. This is fine is per parent per child. It is not per day but per period of absence (10 sessions+)

Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within 3 years of the date the first penalty notice, will be £160 to be paid within 28 days. No discount is offered.

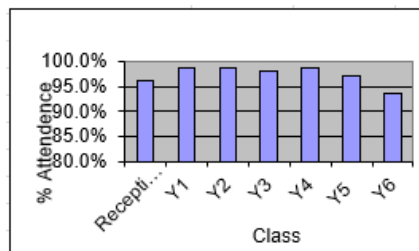
Any further absences will result in prosecution in the Magistrate Court for the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date of the first penalty was issued.

Further information can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>

Attendance and Punctuality

Every week we will publish a chart of individual class attendance. The class with the highest attendance over the half term receives a reward. The winners for week ending 10.03.25 were: 1st place - **Year 1, Year 2 + Year 4** with **98.6%**, 2nd place - **Year 3** with **98%**, 3rd place - **Year 5** with **97.2%**.



As you can see from the graph above, the last week of terms school attendance was **96.3%**.

Please try to ensure your child is in school as much as is 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 this must be followed up with an absence form available from our website explaining the absence on their return to school. **Holidays in term time will not be authorised.**

World Oral Health Day

A happy mouth is a happy mind!



Why is oral health so important in Cheshire & Merseyside?

A healthy mouth helps children to:

- Talk
- Eat and enjoy different food
- Socialise
- Attend school and learn
- Have more confidence and self esteem



The effects of dental decay:

- Pain and discomfort
- Sleepless nights
- Trouble eating
- Time off from school



Children under the age of 7 should:

Use fluoride toothpaste

Spit, don't rinse after toothbrushing



Brush twice a day

Children under 7, may need help from an adult when brushing teeth

Adopt a healthy & balanced lifestyle:

- Limit sugary drinks and snacks

Visit a dentist regularly:

- Regular check ups help to prevent, find and treat any issues early

For more advice on children's toothbrushing in English and other languages please visit:



[bspd.co.uk/Patients/PatientInfo](https://www.bspd.co.uk/Patients/PatientInfo)

World Oral Health Day
Website:





Knowsley Council

'BIN IT TO WIN IT! Competition

PRIZES
TO BE
WON!

Knowsley Council is inviting primary school children in the borough aged 4-11 to take part in our litter poster competition. Help keep Knowsley clean and tidy by designing a poster that encourages people to put their litter in a bin.

THEME

Your poster should show why littering is bad and encourage everyone to take pride in keeping our community clean.

WHO CAN ENTER?

This competition is open to all primary school children in Knowsley aged from 4-11 years.

POSTER REQUIREMENTS

- **Size:** A4 paper (210mm x 297mm)
- **Materials:** Use crayons, coloured pencils, paints or markers
- **Message:** Include a clear anti-litter message, like a slogan
- **Ideas for images:** Drawings of bins, litter, parks, wildlife and people cleaning up
- **Original Work:** All designs must be created by children aged between 4-11 yrs

JUDGING CRITERIA

Posters will be judged on:

- Creativity and originality
- Clear anti-litter message
- Visual impact and design

HOW TO SUBMIT

- **Deadline:** All entries must be submitted by **Friday 25 April 2025**
- **Submission Method:**
 - o **Post to:** Knowsley Council Environmental Health Team, Second Floor, Municipal Buildings, Archway Road, Huyton, L36 9YU
 - o **Email a copy to:** environmentalhealth@knowsley.co.uk or
 - o **Collection:** we can arrange for the posters to be picked up from schools after the closing date

Please include the pupil's name, age, school and a contact number on the back of the poster.

PRIZES TO BE WON

The winning submission will be made into a poster to raise awareness of littering across the borough. The winner will also receive a £25 art/eco kit and an entry for their school to sign up to the Eco-Schools Green Flag programme.

TIPS FOR YOUR POSTER

- Use bright colours to grab attention
- Think about places where litter is a big problem, e.g. a park or a playground
- Use catchy phrases like "Don't be a litter bug!"

We can't wait to see your amazing designs! Together, we can keep Knowsley litter-free!

Contact Information:

If you have any questions, please contact Environmental Health
Email: environmentalhealth@knowsley.gov.uk Phone: 0151 443 4712