



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

Dear Parents

This week we say goodbye to Mrs Jones who is retiring and will be leaving school at the end of the summer term after 25 years service. We are indebted to Mrs Jones for her loyalty and commitment to the children and families at Cronton. We know she will be dearly missed.

We also say good bye to Mrs Hill who will be retiring at the end of term after 27 years service. Mrs Hill has been a long standing member of our staff and has supported the children in so many ways including teaching the children to swim.

I would like to say a personal thanks to both these members of staff and I wish them well as they leave Cronton. Your dedication and loyalty to the families and community is amazing. We send you both love and best wishes in your retirements.

In other staffing news, we wish Miss Wallis well as she will be getting married in August. She will be returning as Mrs Williams and we wish her and Mr Williams a wonderful wedding day.

Congratulations to Mrs Durr and Mr Tunstall who were successful at interview for the interim positions as Assistant Headteachers for the Autumn Term. They will be supporting Miss Roberts through the Autumn in her role as acting Headteacher. I wish this new leadership team the best of luck in their new roles. I know the school will be in very safe hands.

On a final note I would like to wish all the children, parents, staff and governors well as I too leave Cronton as I semi retire and move onto a new part time position as Education Officer for Liverpool Diocesan Schools Trust. I have spent 33 years as a teacher and 18 years as Head here at Cronton. Whilst this is a demanding role, I would like to thank all children, staff, parents and governors for your support and encouragement through this time. Together we have made Cronton CE Primary School the outstanding place that it is. Thank you and I send you all the very best wishes as you move forwards in your educational journey. A new permanent Headteacher will be appointed through the Autumn Term to start in January. Mrs Doyle (Chair of Governors) will keep parents updated on this through the Autumn Term!

Have a wonderful summer—signing off for the last time!

Mrs S Thomson
Headteacher

Words from the Governing Body

On behalf of the governing body at Cronton, I would like to take the opportunity at the end of this academic year to thank all staff for their commitment to Cronton CE school and the provision of outstanding education for ALL our children. Driven by our vision, teaching and learning is embedded with our Christian values each and every day, to enable children to flourish. All our children deserve a massive WELL DONE for all they have achieved this year.

Cronton CE is due to enter a time of change from September. This summer Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Thomson are leaving our school after many years of committed service. This, in addition to other staff who have retired throughout the year, means the school will look different in the next academic year. Thank you to Miss Roberts, Mrs. Durr, and Mr. Tunstall who will lead the school through the Autumn term in partnership with the governing body, and the recruitment process to ensure we employ a new headteacher who can continue to work with the whole school community to drive continued improvement in the current local and nation landscape, has already commenced alongside LDST.

Mrs. Thomson has led this school as headteacher for 18 years. She has consistently given more than 100% commitment throughout this time, to providing outstanding education for all children at Cronton and beyond. She is a driven leader who has fully worked in partnership with the wider school community and with a passion to ensure all children receive the highest quality education and opportunities they need to develop as individuals. She will be missed by the children, staff and governing body, but I ask that you join me in thanking her for her outstanding contribution to this school and wish her well in her new venture in working part time as Education Officer for LDST. We pray that this allows her to enjoy an improved work, life balance with her family, as reward for her the challenging and demanding work she has consistently provided at Cronton.

Uniform for all children Rec - Year 6 from September 2025

There will be no set summer / winter uniform. Parents can decide whether to choose for a cooler option when the weather is warmer - this can be at any point throughout the year.

White polo shirt; **(No tie)**

Grey trousers / shorts / skirt / pinafore,

Royal blue cardigan / V Neck sweatshirt or V Neck Knitted jumper with or without the school logo,

Grey socks or grey tights

Black shoes **(no trainers please)**

Blue gingham dress (with white socks)

Please note, trainers and white sandals / shoes are not part of the school uniform.

Coat - children should wear a sensible and weather appropriate coat - there is no specified colour.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Last day of Term - 23/07/2025 @ 2:00pm

On the last day all children except Year 6 will come in to school via their own class doors. All children **except Year 6** will be released at 2:00pm. From their classes, Year 6 will be held back until approximately 2:10pm.

Changes to the last week

- There will be NO toasty Tuesday next week due to the Party morning in school.
- **All** afterschool clubs have now finished until we return in September. This includes Multi-skills

Tuesday 22nd July

Tuesday 22nd July is our Party Lunch Day in school - This has been updated on ParentPay and the only option for lunch is the Party Box.

If you have booked your child's meal in advance for next week, this will need to be rebooked due to the menu change. .

International Award

We are pleased to announce that we have regained our "International Award" status. We have received details this week that our application had been successful. We are very proud of our International work and see it as an integral part of our curriculum.

The British Council noted, "The careful curriculum development planning will mean that pupils will leave the school with a real depth of knowledge and understanding which will shape them as future citizens. We hope that the scope of your excellent international activities will continue to develop and benefit the school community; your support, commitment, creativity and innovative international work is greatly appreciated. Your school is hereby accredited from 1 September 2025 to 31 August 2028."

Thanks to all the staff and children and our link partners in Spain and the Arise School in Tanzania.

ParentPay

With only a few weeks left until we finish for Summer, can we ask all Parents check on their Parentpay to ensure all payments are up to date before we finish.

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!

July 2025

Tuesday 22nd - Special Picnic Lunch (Will be updated on ParentPay)

Wednesday 23rd - Leavers Service @ 9:15am

- **School Closes @ 2pm - No Wraparound**

Sunday 27th - Cronton Mission Service for Mrs Thomson

September 2025

Tuesday 2nd - Return to school at 8:50am

Uniform Changes

We are writing to inform you of some upcoming changes to our school PE kit, which will officially come into effect from **September 2026**. However, families are welcome to opt into the new kit from September 2025 if they wish to do so earlier. If you are unsure, we have some examples in the office and see images below.

New PE Kit Details

Top: Royal blue PE top with the school logo (logo item—please note new material)

Shorts: Royal blue (same material as the top)

Hoodie: Royal blue with the school logo (logo item)

Jogging Pants: Royal blue to match the hoodie

Socks - Royal Blue or White (can be knee high or ankle high)

Footwear:

Full Black trainers (no white or coloured logos and black soles) or black pumps for general PE

Indoor gym: Black pumps or bare feet only - trainers are not permitted on apparatus

All items can be purchased from Boydells or Kits for All and we have worked to keep costs to a minimum. Only the PE top and hoodie will feature the school logo.

PE Day Changes

From September, we will move to one longer PE session per week. On their designated PE day, children should come to school wearing their full PE kit.

Teachers will confirm your child's PE day when we return in September.

Earrings Policy

For safety reasons, **earrings are not permitted**. We have listened to concerns from parents about ears closing and will be permitting the clear plastic retainers if children are unable to take earrings out until they are fully healed. For PE, these must still be covered with secure tape for safety reasons which needs to be provided by parents. Please be aware that wearing retainers are still a safety risk.



Church News

This Sunday is **CAFE WORSHIP** at Cronton 10.30.

27th July - There is a service to celebrate the work of Mrs Thomson at Cronton. 10.30

ALL WELCOME

Services at **CRONTON MISSION** continue though the school holidays.

Knowsley Communication.

We have been asked to share the below with all parents.



Dear parents and carers,

You may be aware of the concerning rise in the misuse of **Ketamine (Ket, Special K, Super K, Vitamin K, Kit-Kat, Horse Tranquiliser)** amongst young people, both nationally and locally. An anonymised 2023 survey of more than 13,000 secondary school children from 185 schools across England reported 11% of 15-year-olds had been offered ketamine at some point. The same study, conducted for NHS England, suggested the use of ketamine among school children had more than doubled in the last decade from 0.4% in 2013 to 0.9% in 2023. (Source: [Generation K: The disturbing rise of ketamine abuse among young people - BBC News](#)).

This is becoming a more common issue for the [0-25 Service](#) in Knowsley and we want to make sure parents and carers are informed and supported in having important conversations about Ketamine misuse with their children and young people at home.

What is Ketamine?

Ketamine is a powerful dissociative anaesthetic that is sometimes used illegally as a recreational drug. It can have **serious short term and long-term effects** on both physical and mental health, especially in developing young people. It can be addictive and carries risks including memory loss, bladder damage, and serious injury due to its dissociative effects.

We strongly encourage you to have **open and age-appropriate conversations with your child** about the risks associated with using drugs like Ketamine. Young people often hear about substances from peers or social media, and a calm, honest discussion with a trusted adult can make a real difference.

Additional information to support your conversations

Here are some helpful resources that explain more about Ketamine and how to talk to children and teenagers about drug use:

- [Honest information about drugs \(FRANK\)](#)
- [Drugs and Alcohol | Mental Health | Guide for Parents \(YoungMinds\)](#)
- [Ketamine - advice for staying safe \(Change Grow Live\)](#)
- [Ketamine factsheet - parents and carers.pdf \(Cumbria Youth Substance Misuse\)](#)

If you have any concerns about your child or would like further support, please do not hesitate to contact the team on **0151 514 2666**.

We are here to help.

Kind regards,

The 0-25 Service Knowsley

Visit the children and young people's website - www.wcho.nhs.uk/children



Knowsley Council

Staying healthy on your summer holiday

Dear Parents,

Are you going on holiday this summer?

If you are going on holiday or to visit family or friends in another country, you need to keep your family safe and healthy.

Check the travel health advice at [TravelHealthPro](https://www.travelhealthpro.org.uk) for the country you are visiting to find out if you and your family need any vaccinations or medicines before you go.

Why is this important?

Currently there are rising measles cases here in Cheshire & Merseyside, as well as elsewhere in England and abroad. There is a risk of more measles cases, especially over the summer months, as families with unvaccinated children and adults travel to countries where measles outbreaks are occurring.

Children are also particularly at risk of catching infections, which can spread through contaminated food and water.

If your child gets sick, they might:

- Feel very unwell on holiday
- Miss school when they come back
- Make other people in your family sick
- Make other children at school sick

Get vaccinations before you go

Your doctor may recommend some vaccinations before going away, for example:

- Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)
- Hepatitis A
- Typhoid

These vaccinations are free on the NHS.

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KNOWSLEY AREA MMR SUMMER CLINICS

Measles is spreading in Knowsley, and can make children seriously unwell. In rare cases, children with measles can die. **If your child has not already had two MMR vaccinations, please bring them to one of these drop in clinics** – a nurse will be able to answer any questions you may have and can vaccinate your child. You do not need an appointment. If you cannot attend one of these clinics, please call the Knowsley Schools Aged Immunisation Team on 0151 351 8805 or contact your GP surgery. **Please make sure your child is protected from measles.**

DATE	TIME	VENUE
Wednesday 16th July	1pm-4pm	First Floor, Prescot PCRC, Sewell Street, Prescot, L34 1ND
Thursday 17th July	10am-1pm	First Floor, Manor Farm PCRC, Manor Farm Road, L36 0UB
Thursday 17th July	2pm-4pm	First Floor, Halewood PCRC, Roseheath Drive, L26 9UH
Wednesday 30th July	9.30am-4.30pm	Halewood PCRC, Roseheath Avenue, Halewood, L26 9UH
Thursday 31st July	9.30am-4.30pm	St Chads Clinic, St Chads Drive, Kirkby, L32 8RE
Friday 1st August	9.30am-4.30pm	Manor Farm Clinic, Manor Farm Road, Huyton, L36 0UB
Tuesday 5th August	9.30am-4.30pm	Whiston PCRC, Old Colliery Road, Whiston, L35 3SX
Wednesday 6th August	9.30am-4.30pm	Prescot PCRC, Sewell Street, Prescot, L34 1ND
Tuesday 19th August	9.30am-4.30pm	North Huyton PCRC, Woolfall Heath Avenue, Huyton, L36 3TN
Wednesday 20th August	9.30am-4.30pm	Prescot PCRC, Sewell Street, Prescot, L34 1ND
Thursday 21st August	9.30am-4.30pm	St Chads Clinic, St Chads Drive, Kirkby, L32 8RE
Tuesday 26th August	9.30am-4.30pm	Halewood PCRC, Roseheath Avenue, Halewood, L26 9UH
Thursday 28th August	9.30am-4.30pm	Manor Farm Clinic, Manor Farm Road, Huyton, L36 0UB