



Christian Value - Our Christian Value this half term is Creativity

Dear Parents,

We are very proud of our school and thank all parents for the support that they give. This is especially in regards to our uniform policy. Decisions that we make are in the best interest of all the children and are so that we can maintain our high standards in outcomes and also children's behaviour and personal development. Parents support is a crucial part of a child's positive experience at our school. Whilst I appreciate that some Parents might not always agree with decisions that are made, I do respectfully ask that Parents support our policies. Should you wish to discuss any aspect of our policies, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to have a further conversation regarding your concerns. I always feel it is better to be fully informed and our aim is always to work in partnership together. Many thanks.

I hope all parents now have their Parent's Evening appointments arranged for next Monday and Tuesday. We appreciate parents adhering to the 10 minutes time slot so all parents can be seen at their appointment time.

If you need to discuss your child further please make a separate appointment with your class teacher. Mrs King will be available after half term for Parents who wish to discuss further their child's SEND needs. Please see further information later in the newsletter.

Little Bluebirds will be held in Nursery for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evening. Please use the Nursery entrance for pick-up for afterschool club.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Thomson

Headteacher

After School Club Cancellations

As we have our Parents Evening on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th February. There will be **NO** afterschool clubs. Therefore the following will be cancelled:

Monday 10th

- Y5 + Y6 Multi-skills
- Jujitsu

Tuesday 11th

- Y1 Multi-Skills
- Choir

PTFA Disco Wednesday 12th February

Children are welcome to come in to school in their party clothes on Wednesday for the School Disco but will need to ensure they are wearing suitable footwear.

Year 2 will need to bring their clothes in a bag to change in to after school. As they are on a School Trip they need to be wearing their School Uniform.

School Football

Well done to our Y6 Futsal team who were brilliant in this week's KSSP Futsal competition. They played really well as a team and showed great resilience and determination. A good experience for all, against a number of very tough oppositions.

It was great to see our new kits on display too - Thanks to our PTFA and the parents who have sponsored the new School Kits.



SEND Parents Consultation Day

Mrs King (SENDCO) will be holding SEND Consultations on Tuesday 25th February and Thursday 27th February between 1:30pm—5:pm.

Consultation afternoons are for any parent who wishes to discuss their child's special educational needs and or disabilities. If your child does not have SEND but this is something you are concerned about, you are invited to make an appointment.

These appointments can be either face to face or by telephone, whichever is more convenient for you.

Please send an email to the SEND email address cronton.send@ldst.org.uk to arrange an appointment with Mrs King.

Robinwood 2025

ParentPay is open for parents to make weekly or monthly instalments for our 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.**

Llandudno 2025

ParentPay is open for parents to make weekly or monthly instalments for the Y5 Llandudno trip. The total cost is £260 so if you have only paid the deposit that leaves a balance of £220. **Full payment is needed by Friday 14th March 2025.**

World Book Day

Not long now until World book Day!

On the Day: Thursday 6th March

- Come dressed as your favourite character or
- Come in the colours of the country you are having a story from:

Nursery - Africa

Reception - Tanzania

Year 1 - India

Year 2 - Australia

Year 3 - North America

Year 4 - African Tales

Year 5 - Spain

Year 6 - South America

World Book Day Costumes

On Thursday 27th February, PTFA are holding a world book day costume stall. A stall will be set up afterschool and you can come and pay £1 and choose an outfit for World Book Day.

If you have any old costumes you wish to donate, please do so from Monday 24th February.

Cross Country

On what was a bright but very chilly Saturday morning, 6 of our KS2 children took part in the Merseyside Schools Cross Country Championships. Luca (Y4), Ava, Nyla, Dylan and Jacob (Y5) and Frankie (Y6) showed resilience and determination as they took part in their races and represented our school brilliantly.

We are so proud of them! Well done runners!



Lockdown Practise

As part of our Health and Safety, we will be carrying out a ' Lockdown' practise after the Half term break.

We will be speaking to the children before the practice in an age-appropriate way. This practice is mandatory in line with our Health & Safety Policy.

We are informing parents of our plan in case the children speak to you about it.

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!

February 2025

- Monday 10th - Parents Evening (3:30 - 6:30pm)
- **Y5/Y6 Multi - Skills and Ju-Jitsu cancelled**
- Tuesday 11th - Parents Evening (3:30 - 6:30pm)
- **Choir and Y1 Multi - skills cancelled**
- Wednesday 12th - Y2 Trip to The Blue Planet Aquarium
- PTFA Valentines Disco
Rec + KS1 - 3:15pm - 4:15pm
KS2 - 4:30pm - 5:30pm
- Friday 14th - **Finish as normal for Half-term.**
- Monday 24th - School Open at normal time.
- Friday 28th - St Davids Day (Yellow Team)
- Café Worship @ 2:30pm

March 2025

- Thursday 6th - World Book Day
- Monday 10th - Book Fair
- Tuesday 11th - Y3 B Tales - Parents welcome @ 2:30pm
- Monday 17th - St Patricks Day (Green Team)
- Friday 28th - Mothers Day Coffee Morning

April 2025

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

Lunch Time Leaders

This weeks Lunch-time leaders are:

Reception - Ernie

Year 1 - Toby

Year 2 - Ralph

Year 3 - Dora

Year 4 - Ellis

Year 5 - Jude K

Year 6 - Harry

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.

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.



Our Celebration Winners Today -



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

CLASS	Winners and Reasons	
Year 6	Freddie Jack Harper	For Outstanding progress in maths. You are amazing! For Fantastic work solving algebraic equations in maths. Well done! For Amazing presentation in maths and English always.
Year 5	Whole Class	- For a lovely service at St Lukes .
Year 4	Ralph Robyn Harriett	For always being focused and engaged in lessons! For Beautiful presentation and completing work to sn exceptional standard. For Having an excellent attitude to learning.
Year 3	Sia Anais Darcie	For being a responsive learner in all lessons. For an outstanding information report about foxes. For fantastic effort when looking at column addition and subtraction.
Year 2	Ralph Eliza Rosie	For writing a super fact file on the Bog Baby using lots of description. For a super fact file on the Bog Baby with subheadings and lots of description. For super work with money this week, adding and subtracting and making amounts.
Year 1	Liberty Rosabella Charlotte	For lovely handwriting when writing her story in English. For fantastic arithmetic work. For great doubling in maths.
Reception	Iris Delilah Ella	For giving 100% effort to all that you do! For amazing effort in phonics and great Fred Talk, Read the Word! For fantastic reading in our phonics lessons.

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.

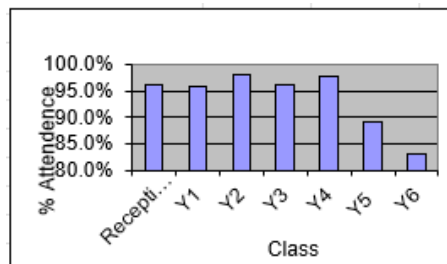
Any further absences will result in prosecution in the Magistrate Court for the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date of the first penalty was issued.

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 31.01.2025 were: 1st place - Year 3 with **99.5%**, 2nd place - Year 2 with **98%**, 3rd place - Year 4 with **97.6%**.



As you can see from the graph above, the last week of terms school attendance was **93.6%**.

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.**

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:

Yellow Belt Winners:

Year 2 - Esme

Year 3 - James, Finley

Year 4 - Henry

Year 5 - James

Orange Belt Winners:

Year 1 - Emily, Connor

Year 2 - Genenieve

Year 3 - Noah, Elliot

Year 5 - Evelyn, Ethan, Nethiraa

Red Belt Winners:

Year 2 - Lowenna, Evie, Felix, Penelope

Year 4 - Phoebe

Green Belt Winners:

Year 2 - Arthur

Year 4 - Sadie

Year 5 - Chloe

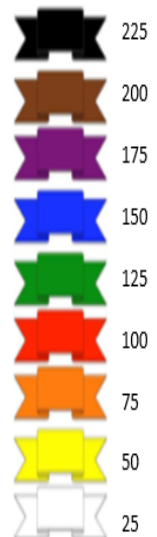
Blue Belt Winners:

Year 1 - Freya S

Year 2 - Jessica, Eliza, Magnus

Year 4 - Ralph, Luca, Erika

Year 5 - Sammy



Church News

There is NO SERVICE this Sunday at Cronton.

St Lukes Church - 10.30 Morning Prayer, and 3pm JAM club services. All welcome

Next Sunday - cafe worship 10.30 at Cronton

23rd Feb - Holy Communion 10.30 at Cronton

The next CAFE WORSHIP in school will be on Friday 28th Feb at 2.30.

Established by the UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC), Safer Internet Day is celebrated around the world. This year, on Tuesday 11th February 2025, it will be celebrated with the theme:

'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'

How can I get involved?

UKSIC Resources

As usual, the UKSIC have created some fantastic resources, which includes top tips, help and advice and quizzes to help you start a conversation with your child. Find out more here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025/tips-for-parents-and-carers>

Your free Self-Help Tool Centre from Get Safe Online

Get Safe Online have several free tools that you can use to help protect you and your family. The tools include checking a website, how to spot a phishing email, how to check your social media footprint as well as a fun tool to see if you can spot what has been generated by AI.

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

Free Cyber Action Plan from the NCSC

The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) have a wealth of advice and tips on how to protect you and your family online, including a short questionnaire to assess how you can improve your cyber security. Once completed, they will provide you with a personalised plan:

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/section/information-for/you-your-family>

How to deal with online scams: a parent guide from Parent Zone

Parent Zone have published an article outlining how to deal with online scams. The article includes how to report scams, further support, and preventive measures you can put in place:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/how-deal-online-scams-parent-guide>

Interactive online scams guide from Internet Matters

Internet Matters have produced an interactive guide to help you understand scams. They also provide further links to additional resources. Find out more here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/tackling-online-scams-guide/>

Resources from London Grid for Learning (LGfL)

LGfL have produced this video titled "Life Online - What Grownups Just Don't Get!"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lde52EtIjIQ>

In addition, they have a selection of resources available here:

<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/home>

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Messaging others

There are many ways in which our children can communicate online, for example via messaging apps, social media apps and online games such as FIFA and Fortnite. We need to understand how and who our children are communicating with to keep them safe online.

Ensure your child knows to talk to a trusted adult should they need to. However, remind them that it is not appropriate to contact teachers online, they should only use official school communication methods.

What are the risks?

- Bullying and inappropriate chat.
- Contact from strangers.
- Sharing personal information including images.
- Sextortion - this is a form of extortion where somebody threatens to share a nude/sexual image of you.

How can I mitigate the risks?

- Ensure your child is accessing age-appropriate apps/games and that appropriate parental controls are set up.
- Chat to your child about the risks so they are aware of what can happen online.
- Depending on the age of your child, it may be more appropriate for devices to be used in family rooms so you can monitor what they are doing.

Further information

- <https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/Concerned-about-your-child/Online-contact-and-staying-safe/>
- <https://www.brightcanary.io/what-to-do-when-your-child-sends-inappropriate-texts/>

Squid Game – rated 15+

Season 2 of Netflix's Squid Game is now available and has been **rated 15** by the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC). You can find out why Squid Game has been rated 15 by visiting the BBFC: <https://www.bbfc.co.uk/release/squid-game-g29sbgvidglvbipwwc01mzm3ndg>.

Due to its popularity, Squid Game related content can be found on numerous other platforms such as YouTube, TikTok and Roblox, so your child may come across this show without even viewing it on Netflix. Content may range from trailers of the show or content that other people create such as memes and games.

What can I do?

- **Parental Controls** - Set up appropriate parental controls on your broadband, devices and on individual apps to reduce access to content that is not appropriate for their age.
- **Talk** - Chat to your child about age ratings and why this means certain programmes are not suitable for them to watch.
- **Individual Profiles** - Set up child profiles on any streaming services to ensure your child is only viewing content appropriate to them.
- **Reporting** - Make sure your child knows how to report and block on all platforms that they use.
- **Explore** - Watch and explore things online together so you can see what your child is doing and how to support them.

More information:

It is important to talk to your child regularly about what they are watching and ensure that they know they should always tell you or another trusted adult if they do see anything upsetting. You can find out more about the type of inappropriate content your child might come across online here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/inappropriate-content/learn-about-it/>

Should children have mobile phones?

The Children's Society explore this important question in their recent blog titled "Should children have mobile phones?" The article discusses concerns such as excessive screen time being linked with mental health issues as well as the benefits of a child friendly phone rather than a smart phone. You can read the full article here:

<https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/what-we-do/blogs/should-children-have-mobile-phones>

Snapchat

What is Snapchat?

Snapchat is a social media app used for messaging and sharing photos and videos. **You must be 13+ to sign up.** Users can send messages (snaps) to others that are only seen for a set time e.g., 10 seconds and users can also upload snaps to stories, which disappear after 24 hours.



Key Concerns

There are potential risks to using Snapchat, including:

- the risk of your child viewing content that is not appropriate for their age.
- location sharing (via Snap Map) (this can be switched off).
- cyberbullying.
- contact from strangers.
- excessive screen time.

Family Centre features

Snapchat's Family Centre is a set of parental controls and includes tools such as allowing you to:

- see who your child is friends with.
- see who your child has sent messages (not the contents of conversations though), photos or videos to in the last week.
- view a list of group members for groups that your child has been active in.
- restrict content to limit access.
- report any accounts that you are concerned about.

You can learn more about Family Centre here:

<https://parents.snapchat.com/parental-controls?lang=en-GB>

Safety tips

Please make sure the appropriate privacy settings are set up on Snapchat, including who can see their location and also ensure your child knows how to block and report other users if necessary:

- <https://help.snapchat.com/hc/en-gb/articles/7012343074580-How-do-I-change-my-privacy-settings-on-Snapchat>

More information

For more detailed advice and information:

- <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-we-do/blogs/the-risks-snapchat-poses-to-children>
- <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media/snapchat/>

Do you need help managing your child's device?

You can use Google Family Link or Apple Family Sharing to help you depending on your child's device.

Google Family Link

This is a free parental control app from Google that lets you:

- View activity reports showing how long they spend on each app.
- Approve or block new app downloads.
- Set screen time limits.
- Find their location.

You will need to download an app and then decide appropriate settings.

<https://families.google/familylink/>

Apple Family Sharing

You can set up Family Sharing in the settings of your device. Family Sharing allows you to:

- Share Apple subscriptions and purchases from the App Store.
- Approve what children purchase/download.
- Limit screen time.
- Share locations and find devices.

<https://www.apple.com/uk/family-sharing/>

Monitoring Apps (paid for)

In addition, there are apps that you can pay for that you may find provides a better solution for you. Whilst we cannot recommend/endorse a specific product, these are some examples that you could review and test using a free trial:

- Norton Family: <https://uk.norton.com/products/norton-family>
- Qustodio: <https://www.qustodio.com/en/>
- Family Time: <https://familytime.io/>

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T&C's apply. See website for details.

BAG 2 SCHOOL

FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation



Cronton CofE Primary School



Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

The more we weigh the more we pay!
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

Please return your Bag2School on:

Friday 14th February 2025 by 9am



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helpdesk@bag2school.com

Support for Dads, Partners and Non-birthing Parents



Halton Family Hubs bring lots of services together in one place, making it easier to find information and services for you and your family.

Working with Halton Family Hubs, NCT Parents in Mind offers friendly, non-judgmental, free, low level mental health support for dads, partners, and non-birthing parents during the early stages of parenthood, run by local parents who understand the challenges it can bring.

Come and connect with a community of local dads



- One-to-one phone calls with a local dad volunteer who has had similar experiences
 - An open WhatsApp chat to connect when challenges through the week arise
 - A weekly relaxed Zoom chat
 - A range of digital support including podcasts

All our services are free to access

“ I felt hopeless and angry but having the WhatsApp available gave me the strength I needed to keep going ”



NCT Parents in Mind
Warrington & Halton



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To find out more scan the QR code
Call: 07709 841829
Email: parentsinmind.nw@nct.org.uk



To find your nearest Family Hub visit:
www.haltonfamilyhubs.co.uk
Email: familyhubs@halton.gov.uk





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Kids Camp

Inspiring young minds through sport

St.Bedes Juniors
Catholic primary
Widnes
WA8 6EL

St.John Fisher
Catholic primary
Widnes
WA8 0BW

St.Josephs
Catholic Primary
Great Sankey
WA5 2AU

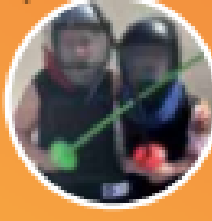
Lunts Heath
Primary school
Widnes
WA8 9RJ

St Clements
Catholic primary
Runcorn
WA7 4NX

Time:
9:00am
to 2:45

February
17th - 19th

Daily Prizes
Ages 4 - 11
Bring : Lunch, Trainers
& Water



Check out our social media Facebook and Instagram for pictures and information from other camp venues [@Champkidcamp](https://www.instagram.com/Champkidcamp)



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Kids Camp

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Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
FREE CHOICE	FREE CHOICE	FREE CHOICE
AXE THROWING	BENCHBALL	ARCHERY
SWEDISH LONGBALL	TENNIS	PENALTY SHOOTOUT
TEAM BUILDING	HOCKEY	DODGEBALL
OLYMPICS	DIAMOND CRICKET	FOOTBALL WORLD CUP

£20.00 Daily
20% Discount for siblings

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or on social media @champkidcamp