



Christian Value - Our Christian Value this half term is Creativity

Dear Parents,

Next Friday we will be having our New Year Service at St Luke's Church. All children from Year 5 and Reception will be involved. We will be transporting the children by coach straight after registration so please ensure your child is in school on time.

We expect the service to start at approximately 9:30am and last around 1 hour. All parents are warmly invited to join us for this special service. It is always a lovely start to the new year.

Thank you to Clare Liptrott who led Café worship on Friday afternoon. It was wonderful to be joined by so many parents and have the opportunity to worship together. Many thanks Clare for supporting our school with this.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Thomson

Headteacher

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.**

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.**

Parents Evening—Mon 5th and Tues 6th Feb

All parents should have now received the link to the Parents Evening booking system on our School App.

Parents evening will take place on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th February from 3:30pm with the last appointment being at 6:20pm.

If you have any issues with the app, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

We ask where possible parents attend these meetings without your child.

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.

Knowsley Childminder Recruitment

Want to make a difference every day? Childminding could be for you

If you love spending time with children and helping them develop and grow, childminding could be the ideal career for you.

You may also be eligible for up to £3,000 to support with your start-up costs.

Want to find out more?

If you would like more information about becoming a childminder in Knowsley, please contact the Childcare & Family Information service on 0151 443 5633 or by email Childcare.information@Knowsley.gov.uk

Please refer to the leaflet also at the end of the Newsletter

PTFA

Permission slips have been sent home today for the Valentines Disco on Wednesday 12th February. **Please return by Friday 7th February.** Payment will be via ParentPay.

We have the bags2school on Friday 14th February, more information as to the items that can be collected are at the end of the newsletter.

On Thursday 27th February, we will be having a Pancake flipping contest (with Tortillas) - It will be 50p to participate and children will receive a sponsor form to complete in regards to the amount of times they can flip the pancake.

Afterschool on Thursday 27th February, we will be holding a Swap Shop in preparation for World Book Day on Thursday 6th March. If you wish to donate any World Book Day costumes, we will be collecting these when we return to school on Monday 24th February.

To celebrate Shrove Tuesday on Tuesday 4th March, the PTFA are holding a Crepe sale on the playground after school.

All the money we raise helps towards pantomimes, breakfast with Santa including selection boxes, contributing to Year 6 leavers party, replenishment of school iPads and much more.

We are currently discussing with Mrs Thomson what our next fundraising goal could be and once a decision has been made, we will be creating a Target Board in the School Reception.

We would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

Our next PTFA meeting will be hold on 06.02.25 at 4.30pm in school.

Many thanks Sarah and all of the PTFA members.

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 3rd - Children's Mental Health Week
- Friday 7th - Safer Internet Day
- Y5 + Reception @ St Lukes Service @9:30am
- 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**

Church News

There is no service at Cronton this Sunday 2nd February.

A TEAM SERVICE will be held at St Ambrose Church starting at 10.30. All welcome.

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	Jessica Evan Addison	For beautifully creative and detailed writing - you are amazing! For brilliant independent writing. Lovely use of sentence openers. For outstanding arithmetic work - welcome to the 40 club!
Year 5		
Year 4		
Year 3	Noah Amelia Jack	For outstanding, creative ideas in his writing. For creating a fantastic 2 page spread about Scotland being special. For giving 100% in all lessons and challenging himself further!
Year 2	Brodie J Magnus James	For working hard on his sentence writing this week and writing a fact file on a Bog Baby. For his great understanding of forces; pushes and pulls in our science this week. For working really hard on his handwriting and presentation in his written work.
Year 1	Amelia James Thomas	For trying hard with her handwriting in English. For great speedy reading in phonics. For fantastic independent writing of a detective narrative.
Reception	Elsie W Mason Emilia	For fantastic progress in reading and phonics. For being independent and trying your best. For amazing independent writing.

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.

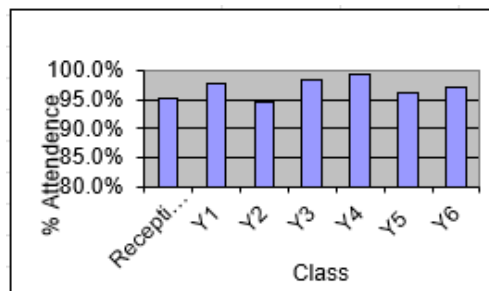
Any further absences will result in prosecution in the Magistrate Court for the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date of the first penalty was issued.

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 20.01.2025 were: 1st place - Year 4 with **99.3%**, 2nd place - Year 3 with **98.5%**, 3rd place - Year 1 with **97.9%**.



As you can see from the graph above, the last week of terms school attendance was **96.5%**.

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 3 - Roisin

Orange Belt Winners:

Year 1 - Neve

Year 2 - Max, Ralph, Paul

Red Belt Winners:

Year 1 - Phoebe, Charlotte

Year 2 - James

Year 3 - Sia, Eloise H, Amelia

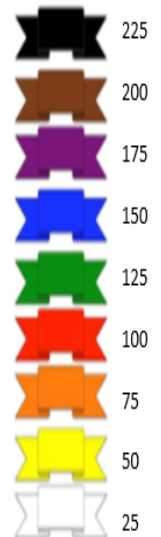
Green Belt Winners:

Year 3 - Kennedy

Blue Belt Winners:

Year 1 - Parker

Year 3 - Dora



Lunch Time Leaders

This weeks Lunch-time leaders are:

Reception - Ettienne

Year 1 - Jamie

Year 2 - Theo

Year 3 - Darcie

Year 4 - Max

Year 5 - Jacob

Year 6 - Harrison

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.

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



01609 780 222



www.bag2school.com



helpdesk@bag2school.com

Childminding - is it for you?

**We are currently looking to recruit
in Knowsley and you may be
eligible to receive up to £3,000**

**Are you passionate about giving
children the best start in life?**

**A career that suits your own
family commitments?**

**Childminding could be the perfect
choice for you.**

You could set up your own small business
working from home, be available for your
own children, earn extra money and access
free training and support which could lead to
further career opportunities.

You may be eligible for up to **£3,000** to support
your journey. You will also receive a free
treasure basket resource and a full PACEY
toolkit which includes templates for accounts,
registers, child record forms and much more.

The grant will be available to all new
childminders who register with OFSTED or
a childminder agency between 1 January 2025
and 31 December 2025.

(Closing date may be subject to change)



If you would like more information on what options are available to you please
contact the Childcare & Family Information service on 0151 443 5633 or by
email Childcare.information@Knowsley.gov.uk