



Christian Value - Our Christian Value this half term is Creativity

Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week in school. It has been good that all the children have been able to get outside to play - it certainly makes a difference!

We enjoyed a wonderful singing assembly on Tuesday with Mr Holland - the children all enjoyed themselves and it was a great start to the day.

I met with the Friends of Cronton on Tuesday evening. They are a wonderful group of Parents who organise great activities for children and families whilst also fundraising for our school at the same time. At Cronton, all Parents are automatically members of the group - so why not come along to their next meeting to help out. There will be a regular slot in each week's newsletter where you can find out more.

We are looking forward to our St Luke's service which will take place at approx. 9:30am on Friday 7th February. This year it will be led by our Gardeners and seedlings from Year 5 and Reception. All Parents are invited to join us - there will be more information to follow.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Thomson

Headteacher

Parents Evening

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

Invites for the Parents Evening will be sent via the new school app (*The issue we experienced previously, MyEd have advised has been fixed*).

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.

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.

School Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor & Wrap Around Support Worker/Teaching Assistant. If you would like more information, please visit our website:

<https://www.crontonce.co.uk/vacancies/>

PTFA

Thank you for all that took the time to attend the AGM meeting on Wednesday evening. We are happy to announce, the current PTA is continuing in their current roles, apart from the new Secretary's role which has been appointed to Maxine.

We want to Thank, Rebecca Sidwell and Helen O'Leary for all their continued support with the PTFA over the last 3- 4 years and you will be missed by us all.

We have planned a School Valentines Disco after school on Wednesday 12th February, more information will be sent out next week.

There is a leaflet at the end of the Newsletter relating to Bags 2 School that we are taking part in on Friday 14th February. **We ask any bags to be passed in to school on the morning of Friday 14th February before 9am.**

Our next PTA meeting will be taking place on Wednesday 22nd January at 4:30pm in school. Please come along and have a chat with us. We need your help!

Spaces at Cronton CE Primary School

We currently have class spaces in our Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4 classes if you know anyone who may be interested, please ask them to contact the School Office for more information.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming caps are part of the equipment needed for our swimming lessons and should be worn by children with shoulder length or longer hair and this also eliminates the need for children to wear hair wrap towels.

We will allow hair wrap towels to be worn if necessary from the Swimming baths back to school, however they can not be worn once back at School.

Church News

This Sunday is CAFE WORSHIP at Cronton starting at 10.30. This is an informal service suitable for all ages with family focussed activities and refreshments. If you have not been before, just come along - ALL WELCOME.

Our rota for the month has now changed:

1st Sunday - TEAM SERVICE (this may be at Cronton, St Lukes or St Ambrose churches)

2nd Sunday - Morning Prayer at Cronton, JAM club at St Lukes Church

3rd Sunday - CAFE WORSHIP at Cronton

4th Sunday - Holy Communion/Holy Baptism at Cronton

5th Sunday - TEAM SERVICE (this may be at Cronton, St Lukes or St Ambrose churches)

All services are 10.30am other than JAM club which starts at 3pm.

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 2025

- Tuesday 21st - Y5 B Tales - Parents welcome @ 2:30pm
- Y4 Swimming Starts (Tues - Fri)
- Thursday 23rd - Y3 Theatre Trip @10am

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)
- Tuesday 11th - Parents Evening (3:30 - 6:30pm)
- Wednesday 12th - Y2 Trip to The Blue Planet Aquarium
- PTFA Valentines Disco
- Friday 14th - **Finish as normal for Half-term.**
- Monday 24th - School Open at normal time.
- Friday 28th - St Davids Day (Yellow Team)

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

Could you be eligible for free school meals and extra support in the Christmas, 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 -

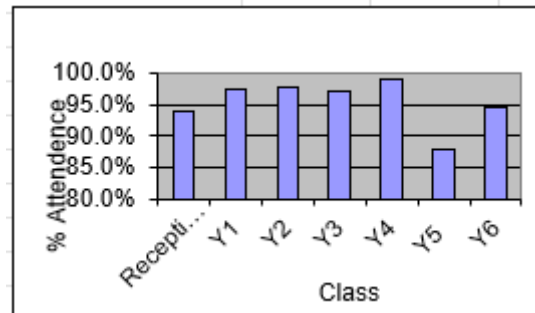


Well done to all our children who have worked and tried very hard this week.

CLASS	Winners and Reasons
Year 6	Georgia For an amazing attitude to maths and English this week - well done! Anayai For being on it from minute one, every single day. You have led by example! Elsie For showing great confidence this week - you are amazing!
Year 5	Ava For being an excellent editor for our Book of Knowsley Project Dollie For being an excellent editor for our Book of Knowsley Project Dylan For being an excellent editor for our Book of Knowsley Project
Year 4	Finn For fantastic effort and independence in Maths. Jess For outstanding effort and participation in Maths. Sadie For Beautiful presentation and always giving 110% effort.
Year 3	Jack C For having an excellent attitude in class and always pushing himself further. Autumn For having a positive attitude and showing a resilience in her Maths. Isabella-Rose For being an outstanding role model and always giving 100%.
Year 2	Esme For a super setting description and using conjunctions Penny For consistently taking care with her handwriting and presentation in her work Mateusz For super math's meeting work and money arithmetic.
Year 1	Parker For writing great sentences containing the prefix un. CJ For fantastic arithmetic work. Neve For writing great questions to ask our new character Hermelin.
Reception	Freddie For always listening carefully, trying his best and working hard. Harry For great effort in all your learning and being a kind friend. Kerenza For fantastic work on number bonds to 5.

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 06.01.25 were: 1st place - **Year 4** with **99%**, 2nd place - **Y2** with **97.7%**, 3rd place - **Year 1** with **97.5%**.



As you can see from the graph above, last weeks school attendance (excluding Nursery) was **94.9%**.

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.

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>

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 1 - Thomas

Year 6 - Sienna

Orange Belt Winners:

Year 1 - Alice

Year 2 - Penny, Imogen, Thea

Year 3 - Eloise H

Year 4 - Ruby, Violet, Ellie

Red Belt Winners:

Year 1 - Vinnie, Emilia

Year 2 - Brodie H, Eliza

Year 3 - Eloise D

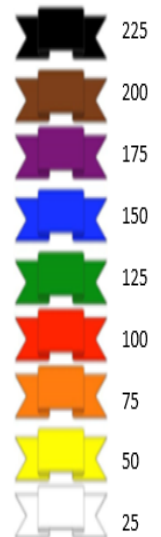
Year 6 - Freddie

Green Belt Winners:

Year 1 - Rosabella

Year 2 - Magnus

Year 3 - Autumn





Social Media Influencers

What is an Influencer?

An influencer is somebody on a social media platform such as YouTube and Instagram, who have a high number of followers. Influencers share their opinions/ideas and may be paid to advertise/promote products through their account.

What should I be concerned about?

Whilst there are some great influencers, there are some that choose to share content that is for example, misogynistic, racist or misleading. These opinions can be expressed or interpreted as fact, so it is important to talk to your child and encourage them to fact check and critically analyse what they see and hear online.

What we see on social media

What we see is influenced by algorithms, which predict what type of content we are most likely to interact with. Whilst there are benefits of algorithms, it can mean that once we start looking at certain content, our social media feed can become more aligned with that opinion, creating an echo chamber and therefore we do not see a balanced picture. Find out more here: <https://www.childnet.com/blog/algorithms/>

What can I do to help my child?

Talk to your child about social media and who they follow. If there is anybody that you are unsure of, then check their feed and discuss with your child if you find anything worrying.

Further information

<https://swgfl.org.uk/topics/social->

Fortnite Battle Royale



Fortnite Battle Royale is rated PEGI 12 due to moderate violence, meaning it is not suitable for children under the age of 12.

What is Fortnite?

There are different versions of Fortnite, including Fortnite Battle Royale, which is free to play (although it contains in-app purchases). In Battle Royale, up to one hundred players compete against each other until one winner remains.

What do I need to be aware of?

- **Chatting and inappropriate language:** Fortnite includes voice and text chat, which may mean your child encounters strangers and may hear inappropriate language. Ensure your child knows how to report/block any players that make them feel uncomfortable.
- **In app purchases:** Players can purchase V-Bucks so make sure you restrict purchases and do not store your card details.

Parental Controls

Fortnite provides several parental controls in your child's Epic account to help you create a safer environment for your child. The controls allow you to:

- disable voice chat
- filter language
- manage which experiences your child can access based on their age
- set a PIN to add friends
- set a PIN for purchases
- set time limits
- set appropriate privacy settings.

Also, remember to set up age-appropriate parental controls on the device your child is playing on.

Reporting/Blocking Features

As always, ensure your child knows how to use the reporting and blocking features and that they know they should talk to you or another trusted adult if anything concerns them.

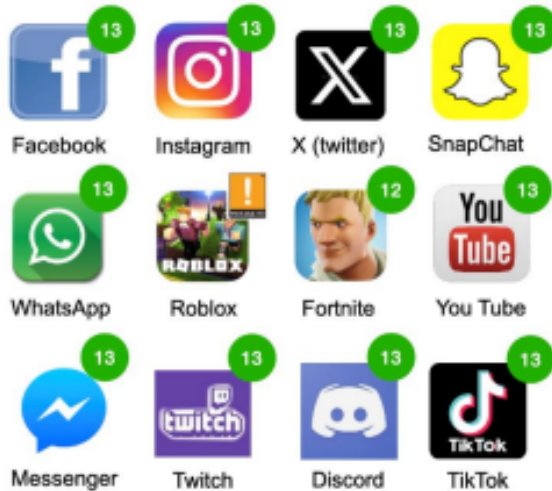
Further information

You can find out more here:

- <https://safety.epicgames.com/en-US/parental-controls>
- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/fortnite>

Get to know age ratings

Age ratings exist to help protect your child, so we thought we'd provide you with a little reminder of how important it is to check the age ratings of what your child is accessing online. Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are accessing.



Whether your child is viewing films, accessing apps, playing games online or using social media – make sure you check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough. In addition, the likes of PEGI (Pan European Game Information) provide further content descriptors, which will give you an indication of the type of content that your child might view e.g. violence or bad language.

What else should I review?

It is important to note that whilst age ratings do allow you to see if something may be appropriate for your child, it is also important to review the content yourself. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable for your child to access and if it would be beneficial to apply further parental controls. For example, does it include the ability to communicate with others and are in game/app purchases available?

What else can I do?

- Explain the importance of age ratings to your child and how they protect them.
- Go online together to see what your child is accessing.
- Set up parental controls on your broadband, devices and on any individual apps that your child is using. This will reduce the chances of them accessing or viewing anything unsuitable.
- Chat to your child regularly about what they are doing online and as always, remind your child that if anything is worrying them then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.

Further information

You can find out more here:

<https://eegamesmart.co.uk/articles/how-age-ratings-help-families/>

Smartphone Free Childhood



Smartphone Free Childhood is a parent-led movement whose mission is to protect children from the dangers of using smartphones too young.

The premise behind this movement is that all parents/carers of a class all agree not to give their children smartphones (therefore the level of peer pressure is reduced) for a set time or until a specific age. Are you ready to join? Find out more here:

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk>

Digital differences between men and women revealed

Ofcom have released their annual report into our daily habits. The findings show that women and teenage girls are more worried about online harms. You can read the full report here:

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/media-use-and-attitudes/online-habits/digital-differences-between-men-and-women-revealed/>

X (Twitter) Checklist

You should be at least 13 years of age to have a Twitter account. The SWGfL have created a free Privacy and Security checklist for you to download. The resource is available here:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/introducing-the-x-checklist-keeping-your-profile-under-control/>

BAG 2 SCHOOL

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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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