



Christian Value - Our Christian Value this half term is Friendship

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all the wonderful donations of bottles and chocolates for our Christmas Raffle on Thursday. These will be used to make up the hampers for our Christmas raffle—don't forget to get your tickets either before or after school.

Thank you to Year 4 for leading a wonderful class worship on Tuesday on our Christian Value friendship. I know how much everyone enjoyed your performance. Kerry from B tales also commented on the good behaviour and enthusiasm of all the Y4 children—well done!

Our Blue team looked super dressed in blue for St Andrews Day today. Thank you for supporting this.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Thomson

Headteacher

Multi-Skills Cancellations.

Multi-skills will be cancelled next week on Monday 2nd December (Y5+Y6) Tuesday 3rd December (Y1) and Wednesday 4th December (Y4).

Movie Nights

All payments have now been received for Movie night taking place next week and children will have been given their 'ticket' for entry.

Year 1 + 2 on Tuesday 3rd December have a choice of Artur Christmas or Nativity.

Year 3, 4, 5 + 6 on Wednesday 4th December have a choice of Nativity or The Christmas Chronicles.

Once your child has chosen the movie and it has begun, they will not be able to move rooms.

If you do not wish your child to choose the movie themselves, please let us know via email to the School Office crontonce@ldst.org.uk.

Y2 + Y5 Music Showcase

Parents of Year 2 and Year 5 are invited to watch the Music Showcase taking place on Friday 6th December.

It will begin at 9:30am we therefore, ask parents/grandparents to arrive at 9:15am. The service will last around 40 minutes long.

Due to space we can only accommodate **1 family member per child.**

Widnes Food Bank

Thank you for Cronton C of E Primary School's donation of food to Widnes Foodbank's Harvest Appeal. As donations have dropped considerably in the current financial climate, we are very grateful for this contribution. It is only due to the goodwill of people like you that Foodbank is able to work as well as it does.

Your donation of 308.4 kg of food equates to 734 meals, which is a great help

Non Uniform Days

We are planning to hold non uniform dates as detailed below.

- 10/12/24 - Santa Dash - The children can come dressed in Christmas outfits, hats, jumpers etc on the day, but please remember they will need appropriate foot wear for the event.
- 16/12/24 - Nursery Christmas Party. The Nursery children come into school ready in their party clothes.
- 17/12/24 - Reception, Y1 and Y2 Christmas Party. The Rec / Y1 / Y2 children come into school ready in their party clothes.
- 18/12/24 - KS2 Christmas Party. The KS2 children come into school ready in their party clothes.
- 19/12/24 - Whole School Disco. The children come into school ready in their party clothes.

Church News

This Sunday is a cafe style baptism service at Cronton Mission for Miller at 10.30.

All welcome.

Next Sunday...our key stage 1 children will lead our 10.30 service telling the Nativity in their own special way.

St Lukes church have 2 Christingle services planned on Christmas Eve at 3pm and 5pm. Please bring your own Christingle, candles will be available in church.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Following the resignation of Chris Davey as parent governor, we now have a vacancy on the local governing body. Can I take this opportunity to thank Chris for his work and support in this school over the past 5 years.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

We are inviting you to stand for election as a parent governor, or nominate another parent to do so. In our school we have provision for 2 parent governors and there is currently 1 vacancy.

The governing body, with the headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. Governing bodies have three core strategic functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work.

However, we would particularly welcome nominations from parents with experience in safeguarding. Training is available for all governors and this governing body has an expectation that those new to being a governor, attend free induction training.

Parents/carers who have paid employment in the school for 500 or more hours per academic year or who are elected members of the Local Authority, are not eligible to stand in these elections. Nominations must be from parents or carers with children at the school on the day that nominations close.

If you would like to stand for election please request a nomination form from School and return it no later than 13th December.

Self-nominations will be accepted but if you are nominating another parent, please seek their prior consent.

If you would like further information, please contact the school to discuss your interest with Mrs Thomson or Debbie Doyle (Chair of Governors).

If there are more nominations than vacancies, the election will be by secret ballot. If that is necessary, voting papers will be sent to all parents together with details of the ballot procedure.

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.

Christmas Fundraising.

We are very excited that this year we will be having different approach to our Christmas fundraising in place of the usual Christmas Fair. This year we will be having a few days with different events for the children that we hope our families will support us in. Please see below for our planned timetable :

Movie Nights - We will be holding 2 movie nights, KS1 (Y1 + Y2) Tuesday 3rd December 3:30pm - 5:15pm and KS2 (Y3,Y4, Y5 + Y6) Wednesday 4th December 3:30pm—5:15pm. This will be charged at £5.00 per ticket payable via ParentPay.

EYFS Stay & Play - On Thursday 5th December Nursery & Reception parents are invited to stay and play making Christmas crafts with their child/ren. Nursery will be from 9:15 to 10:00 and Reception from 2:15 - 3:15pm. The cost will be £3 per family, payable via ParentPay. we will notify parents when this goes 'live' on the system.

Raffle - from Monday 25th until Friday 6th December we will be selling raffle tickets before and after school at both the front and back doors. These will be £1 for the strip. (please bring the correct money as we don't keep change in school) . The raffle will be drawn in front of the children as part of our morning worship on Monday 9th December.

Non-Uniform day will be Thursday 28th November, the 'FINE' will be Bottles and Chocolates to go towards hampers for the raffle.

Santa Dash - on the morning of Tuesday 10th December we will be holding a Sponsored Santa dash around the playground. We will be sending our sponsor forms one per family via the eldest child in school unless parents specifically request a sponsor form for each of their children. Please email school if you wish us to issue 1 form to each of your children. The children can come dressed on Christmas outfits, hats, jumpers etc on the day, but please remember they will need appropriate footwear for the event.

Ecumenical Service - This will be held at 7:00pm on Wednesday 11th December at Holy Family Church in Hall Lane. We will send more information out to parents, especially those children who will be taking part in the service.

Christmas Lunch - we will be having our delicious Christmas Lunch on Thursday 12th December and all the children are invited to join us for it. The lunch will be sliced Turkey or Quorn fillet roast dinner with ice cream for pudding. Parents need to order and pay for this the Sunday before via their ParentPay account.

Parties - Our parties will be held in the afternoon on the following days:

16th December - Nursery

17th December - Reception, Years 1 & 2

18th December - KS2.

On the day of their party, the children can come into school ready in their party clothes, but please ensure they wear appropriate footwear.

School Disco - We will be having a School Disco as a Christmas treat for the Children on Thursday 19th December. This is **free of charge** and the children can come to school in their party clothes.

Nursery, Y1 & Y2 - 1pm - 2pm

Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 - 2pm - 3pm

Talent Show - On Thursday 19th December we will be holding our very popular Cronton's Got Talent Show. The children are invited to get up on stage and show their singing, gymnastic, joke telling, dancing, musical instrument playing abilities, so get practicing children!

Breakfast with Santa - we have it on good authority that despite being a very busy time for him, Santa has heard how good our children are so he will be calling into our school to join our EYFS and KS1 children for breakfast. We believe he will also be paying a visit to our Nursery children.

School Closing - Our school will close for the Christmas holiday at **2:00pm on Friday 20th December.** There will be no Little Bluebirds or any after school clubs that day.

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!

December

- Tuesday 3rd - KS1 Movie Night 3:15pm - 5:15pm
- Wednesday 4th - KS2 Movie Night 3:15pm - 5:15pm
- Thursday 5th - Choir singing @ The Dandelion - 6pm
- Friday 6th - Y2 + Y5 Music Showcase 9:30am
- Sunday 8th - KS1 Nativity (Y1 + Y2) @ 10:30am start
- Monday 9th - Raffle Draw in school worship
- Last Ju-Jitsu session before Christmas
- Tuesday 10th - AM Santa Dash
- Last Choir session before Christmas
- Wednesday 11th - EYFS Christmas Production @ 10am and 2pm
- Ecumenical Service @ Holy Family - 7pm
- Thursday 12th - Christmas Dinner - £2.00 charge per child
- Reception + Y5 Service - Parents welcome @ 2:30pm
- Friday 13th - KS2 Carol Service @ 2pm Parents welcome
- Last Football session before Christmas
- Monday 16th - Nursery Christmas Party (PM)
- Tuesday 17th - Rec + KS1 Christmas Party (PM)
- Wednesday 18th - KS2 Christmas Party (PM)
- Thursday 19th - Talent Show
- School Disco (PM) More details to follow.
- Friday 20th - Breakfast with Santa
- **Finish for Christmas @ 2pm - NO Bluebirds Afterschool Club**

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:

White Belt Winners:

Year 1 Lottie

Year 3 Beau, Inda

Yellow Belt Winners:

Year 1 Maeve

Year 2 James, Rosie, Imogen, Genevieve, Penelope, Max, Ralph, Thea

Year 3 Ethan, Finley, Jack C, Elliot, Eloise H

Year 4 Harriett, Jack, Gabriella

Year 6 Julia, Anayai

Orange Belt Winners:

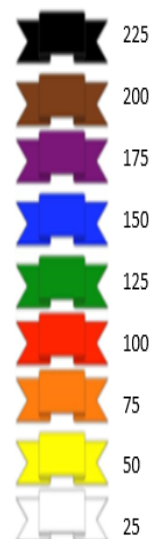
Year 1 Luca, Rosabella

Year 2 Elenor, Jessica, Evie-Rose

Year 3 Penelope, Anais, Eloise D

Year 4 Robyn

Year 6 Henry, Freddie



Lunch Time Leaders

This weeks Lunch-time leaders are:

Reception - Finlay

Year 1 - Phoebe

Year 2 — Thea

Year 3 - Heidi

Year 4 - Finn

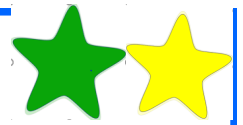
Year 5 - Sammy

Year 6 - Jake

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.



Our Celebration Winners Today -

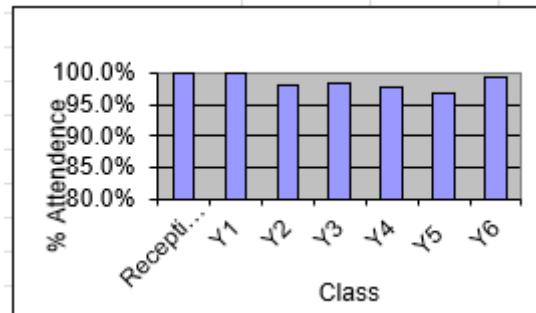


Well done to all our children who have worked and tried very hard this week.

CLASS	Winners and Reasons
Year 6	Harry For playing a key role in our athletics team - well done! Mia For a fantastic attitude to maths this week. Ruby For being a real joy to have in class.
Year 5	Dylan For having an excellent learning attitudes and excellent art work Chloe For have an excellent week and always smiling
Year 4	Archie For picking up litter during lunchtime voluntarily Jess For picking up litter during lunchtime voluntarily Bertie For being a great team player and working well with others.
Year 3	Kennedy For being a responsive learner and having a fantastic learning attitude. Scarlet For outstanding contributions in English. Roisin For an improved effort in lessons and contributing to lessons with fantastic ideas.
Year 2	Elodie For consistently taking care with her handwriting and presentation in her work. 29.11.24 Eleanor For consistently taking care with her handwriting and presentation in her work. 29.11.24 Imogen For consistently taking care with her handwriting and presentation in her work. 29.11.24
Year 1	Toby For confident singing in our nativity rehearsals. Emilia For being a phonics superstar and identifying new sounds in tricky words. Alice For great knowledge around 3D shapes in maths.
Reception	Elsie For excellent progress in your learning. Addison For beautiful writing in Literacy. Madison For always demonstrating excellent learning behaviour.

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 08.11.2024 were: 1st place - **Reception & Y1** with **100%**, 2nd place - **Y6** with **99.4%**, 3rd place - **Year 3** with **98.3%**.



As you can see from the graph above, last weeks school attendance (excluding Nursery) was **98.1%**.

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 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>

Parents of pre school children
It's time to apply for a school reception class place
September 2025 Intake

Knowsley residents - Apply online by visiting www.knowsley.gov.uk

CLOSING DATE 15TH JANUARY 2025

- If your child's date of birth falls on or between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, now is the time to apply for a reception class place in school for September 2025.
- There is no automatic transfer from nursery – everyone must apply between 12 September 2024 and 15 January 2025 by completing the application form of the Local Authority in which you live.
- Knowsley residents should apply by accessing the online application portal via the Knowsley website www.knowsley.gov.uk.
- It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure they have read the admission policy of each school they are considering applying for and provided all the information required to support their application – this may include completing a supplementary information form with some individual schools where requested.
- For full information about the application and allocation process and admission policies for individual schools, visit the school admission pages at www.knowsley.gov.uk and access the 'Knowsley Primary Admission Composite Prospectus'.

For further advice, contact Knowsley School Admissions Team

Email: schooladmissions@knowsley.gov.uk

Tel: (0151) 443 5143 / 5142 / 3372



Knowsley Council



Online Safety Newsletter

Dec 2024

Talkie AI App

This app is rated as 17+ by the App store and 12+ by Google Play.

Talkie is an AI chatbot app. Users can use the app to create and interact with AI characters.

You should also be aware that this app includes in app purchases ranging from £4.99 - £49.99.

Talkie does offer a Teenager Mode; however, the content still may not be appropriate for your child. Bark reviews this app here, and recommend that your child **should not be using this app**:

<https://www.bark.us/app-reviews/apps/talkie-app-review>

Tips to help you talk about cyberbullying

Internet Matters have collated their tips to help you talk about cyberbullying with your child based on different age categories. The information is divided into four sections:

1. Before you start the conversation
2. Things to talk to them about such as how to deal with cyberbullying
3. What to do next
4. Where to get further help

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/cyberbullying/cyberbullying-conversation-starter-guide>

New Technology

With Christmas nearly here and with some children receiving new technology or related games, here is a quick reminder of the importance of setting up appropriate parental controls.

Games/Consoles

- Check age ratings: look at the PEGI rating of any new games.
- Remember, PEGI rates the gameplay so whilst it is important to review age ratings, you must also check to see if it has any communication elements.
- If a game does allow your child to communicate with others, then adjust or disable the settings as appropriate to your child.
- On the device itself, set up applicable controls such as restricting spending limits and managing who they can communicate with. Follow the links below to find out how to set up Parental Controls for some devices here:

Xbox: <https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/family-hub>

PSS: <https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/ps5-parental-controls-spending-limits/>

Nintendo Switch: <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Hardware/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-1183145.html>



Tablets/Smart phones

Set up parental controls on the device to prevent purchases, restrict content viewed and adjust privacy settings. Furthermore, remember to check any apps your child requests to check that they are suitable for their age. Follow the links below to find out more:

iPhones/iPad: <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/105121>

Android Device: <https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/1075738>

Why is it important?

Parental controls are important to help provide a safer experience for your child by reducing/preventing access to inappropriate content, cyberbullying, communication with strangers and restricting purchases.

Further information

You can find out more about parental controls here: <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/parental-controls/>

Roblox

You may have seen the recent investigation about Roblox by Hindenburg, which highlights very worrying concerns about the content that can be seen on Roblox, even when users have listed their age as under 13. You can read the full report here: <https://hindenburgresearch.com/roblox/>

What is Roblox?

Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. It is free to download (however subscription options and in game/app purchases are available) and can be played across numerous devices. **A lot of the content is user generated, which may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play.** If your child is playing Roblox, it is important to monitor what your child is accessing and set up appropriate parental controls.

PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance label, this is because it is difficult to rate due to the huge level of user generated content.

What should I be aware of?

Game content – as mentioned, users create games so the content/themes may not be appropriate for your child.

Chat Facility - Players can chat to each other. You can turn communication off completely or add restrictions, such as only communicate with friends.

Virtual Currency - Players can buy Robux (their virtual currency) to buy in-game upgrades or accessories.

Age Categories

This article discusses the difference in accounts based on age (under age 13 and aged 13 – 17):

<https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/30428367965460-What-happens-as-I-get-older-on-Roblox>

Roblox accounts with Parental privileges - NEW

Roblox have just launched a new system to manage your child's experience on Roblox through 'Roblox accounts with parent privileges.' The new format allows you to view and update parental controls from your own device. Controls include setting content restrictions, managing screen time and setting a spending limit. You can find out more here:

<https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/30428248050068-Parental-Controls-FAQ>

Content Labels - NEW

Roblox have begun labeling experiences based on the type of content rather than by age. You can set limits on which content labels are accessible in parental controls. The labels are Minimal, Mild, Moderate and Restricted. You can find descriptions of each here:

<https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/30428310121620-Parental-Controls-Overview>

How do I report abuse and block users?

This article outlines the different reporting facilities:

<https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/203312410-How-to-Report-Rule-Violations>

What else can I do?

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.

Positively online

The NSPCC have published six tips to help you improve your family's online wellbeing. They also provide you with a guide on how to talk to your child about what they are doing online as well as a quiz that you can play together. You can find our more here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-wellbeing/positively-online/>

The 'Add Everyone' Explicit WhatsApp Group

The INEQE Safeguarding group have issued an alert regarding a WhatsApp group known as 'Add Everyone.' Find out more here:

<https://ineqe.com/2024/10/31/safeguarding-alert-add-everyone-whatsapp-group/>



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