



**Christian Value - Our Christian Value this half term is Friendship.**

**Dear Parents,**

It has been another busy week in school. Year 5 and Year 6 have taken part in money management lessons from Mr Souter. KS2 children enjoyed a talk from HMRC about taxes and Year 1 had a fantastic time on their trip to the Liverpool Museum.

This week has also been our "Test Week" or special work week in school! I have been very impressed at how well the children have applied themselves to their special work. Outcomes from these assessments will be shared with Parents in the end of term reports which you will receive on the last day of term.

Just a polite reminder that school starts at 8:45am. After 8:55am your child is late. As we move towards Christmas the roads do get busier - please try to leave a little earlier so that your child is on time. It is good to see lots of families who are always on the playground before the doors open at 8:45am. This ensures your child is early and they have a smooth start to the school day. Many thanks.

Have a lovely weekend

**Mrs Thomson**

**Headteacher**

### Little BlueBirds Afterschool Club

Pick up for Afterschool Club will be at the Front of School. There is a Bell on the left of the doors to ring for assistance.

A reminder, there will be **NO** afterschool club on FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER as school closes for Christmas at 2pm.

### Christmas Competitions

Thank you to all the children who entered our Christmas card competition. Your entries were absolutely brilliant, we really do have some amazing artists in our school. After a very difficult time, our independent judges awarded the prizes to the following children:

#### Christmas Cards -

EYFS - Ella in Reception

KS1 - Eleanor in Year 2

Lower KS2 - Darcie Year 3

Upper KS2 - Anayai in Year 6

After much deliberation the overall winner was Darcie in Year 3 who will be invited along with her family to be Guest of Honour at the Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Cenotaph before the Ecumenical Service at Holy Family Church on Wednesday 11th December.

### Movie Nights

The KS1 and KS2 Movie Nights will be on ParentPay to pay from Monday 25th November.

This is not open to Reception children as they are doing a Stay + Play for their Christmas Activity.

Information regarding the Movie Choices will be sent in a letter on Monday along with permission slips to return if your child is attending.

### Multi Skills Cancellation

Multi-skills will be cancelled on Thursday 28th November for the Year 3 Children

### School Nurse - Drop in Sessions

Our school nurse will be in school on Tuesday 26th November.

We have the following appointments available: 2:30pm, 2:45pm, 3:00pm and 3:15pm

If you would like to book in with Alison about any health concerns or would like advice then please email school - [crontonce@ldst.org.uk](mailto:crontonce@ldst.org.uk).

### Y4 Class Worship

"B Tales" will be in school all day on Tuesday 26th November to work with the Y4 class and prepare them ready to lead the class worship, which will take place that afternoon. The worships will still take place in the school hall but due to space, numbers attending will be limited to **2 members per family**.

Year 4 class worship will be Tuesday 26th November starting at 2:30pm.

Please keep an eye on the diary dates section of the newsletter for other classes.

### Non Uniform Days

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

28/11/24 - Non Uniform Day, the 'Fine' being Bottles and Chocolates for the Raffle.

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.

### 30 Hour Nursery Provision

Parents in receipt of 30 hour Nursery Provision need to reconfirm their eligibility every three months. If your details have not changed you only need to tick a box on your childcare service account to confirm this. If you don't reconfirm you may lose your 30-hour childcare provision.

### Church News

There is no Church service at Cronton this weekend, St Lukes are having a Toy Service to which all our families are welcome.

Service starts at 10.30am. New toys or gifts are being collected for the Kings project.

If anyone would like to make a donation, please bring to our school cafe worship next Friday, which starts at 2:30pm.

Thank you

### Celebrating our Patron Saints

Our team colours are linked to our 4 Patron Saints and the country they represent

On their Saint's Day the specific colour team can come into school wearing non uniform in their team colours.

The first of these will be Blue Team representing St Andrew's Day - the **Blue Team** can wear blue next Friday 29th November.

## 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!

### November

- Tuesday 26th - Y4 B Tales, Parents are welcome at 2:30pm.  
Thursday 28th - Non - Uniform day, FINE is Chocolates and Bottles for the Raffle.  
- Y3 Multi-skills CANCELLED  
Friday 29th - St Andrews Day (Blue Team)  
- CAFÉ worship @ 2:30pm

### 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)  
Monday 9th - Raffle Draw  
Tuesday 10th - AM Santa Dash  
Wednesday 11th - EYFS Christmas Production @ 10am and 2pm  
- Ecumenical Service @ Holy Family - 7pm  
Thursday 12th - Christmas Dinner  
- Reception + Y5 Service - Parents welcome @ 2:30pm  
Friday 13th - KS2 Carol Service @ 2pm Parents welcome  
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**

## Reception School Admissions

### September 2025

The application period for 2025 entry to Reception Class in Primary Schools is now open.

To apply for a place for your child, Parents / Carers must complete the application form from the council in which the child lives regardless of which school they wish to apply to.

All applications are now made on-line.

For Knowsley residents at [www.knowsley.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

For Halton residents at [www.halton.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.halton.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

· **Knowsley Residents** - If you live in the borough of Knowsley you must only complete a Knowsley application form. You must apply online at [www.knowsley.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk/schooladmissions). Parents need to list the schools they wish to be considered for in order of preference.

· **Halton & other Borough Residents** - If you live in Halton or any other Borough you must apply online to your home Borough Council website. For Halton residents this is [www.halton.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.halton.gov.uk/schooladmissions). Parents need to list the schools they wish to be considered for in order of preference. If you wish to apply for your child to be considered for a place in our school please name our school in your list of preferences.

**Reception Admission** - The closing date for applications is **Wednesday 15th January 2025**

## 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 - Freya

Year 6 - Elsie

### Yellow Belt Winners:

Year 1 - Phoebe, Alba, CJ

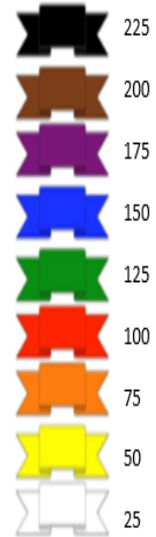
Year 3 - Amelia

Year 6 - Maya, Frankie

### Orange Belt Winners:

Year 1 - Parker, Freya S

Year 3 - Kennedy, Autumn, Dora, Bella



## Lunch Time Leaders

This weeks Lunch-time leaders are:

Reception - Harley

Year 1 - Liberty

Year 2 - Ralphie

Year 3 - Kennedy

Year 4 - Adalyn

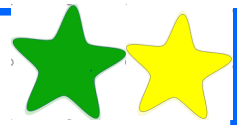
Year 5 - Isla T

Year 6 - Harper

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 -

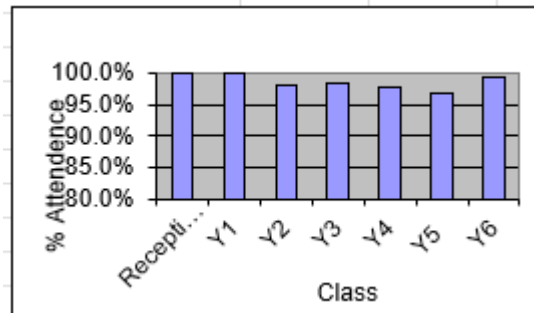


Well done to all our children who have worked and tried very hard this week.

CLASS	Winners and Reasons
Year 6	<b>Darcey</b> - For showing real perseverance this week - well done! <b>Jack</b> - For great work adding and subtracting fractions this week. <b>Phoebe</b> - For fantastic work with the long jump and triple jump in PE.
Year 5	
Year 4	<b>Finley</b> - A fantastic attitude to learning and being enthusiastic everyday! <b>Aimee</b> - For improved resilience and confidence in class discussions! <b>Tallulah</b> - For always being ready and exceptional creative writing in English!
Year 3	<b>Whole Class</b> - For working exceptionally hard during 'Test Week' and still always having a huge smile on their faces! Well done, Year 3!
Year 2	<b>Ralphie</b> - For working independently with his writing and choosing great adjectives to describe <b>Oliver</b> - For super hard work improving his presentation and handwriting in his written work. <b>Theo</b> - For super geography work finding countries that are north, south, east and west of the British Isles.
Year 1	<b>Jamie</b> - For being a Spanish superstar and impressing Mrs Kimmins with his effort in Spanish. <b>Sofia</b> - For being resilient when working on subtraction calculations in maths. <b>Freya</b> - For working hard to complete subtraction questions independently.
Reception	<b>Finley</b> - For excellent writing linked to our focus text Star in the Jar <b>Ettienne</b> - For amazing creativity in small world play. <b>Elsie</b> - For great listening at carpet time.

## 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 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>

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](http://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](http://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](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk) and access the 'Knowsley Primary Admission Composite Prospectus'.

For further advice, contact Knowsley School Admissions Team

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