



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

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the final half of the Autumn term, and a very busy and exciting half term it is.

Thank you to all those parents who had a SEND consultation on Tuesday with Mrs King. I hope you found the meetings helpful.

A reminder that Monday sees the start of Anti-Bullying Week and we are asking all the children and staff (and parents!) to wear odd socks on Tuesday 12th November for the day in support of the campaign, along with normal school uniform. There will not be a charge for this.

I have been overwhelmed by the response for the Ukrainian Shoebox appeal. Your kindness and generosity I know will be very much appreciated this Christmas. Thank you so much.

Next week we will be holding our Open Evening on Wednesday 13th November 5-7pm for Nursery and Reception admission in September 2025. Please let anyone know who is looking for a Nursery / School place to come along and find out more about our wonderful school.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Thomson

Headteacher

Anti Bullying Week 11th–15th November 2024

Anti-Bullying Week 2024 is happening from Monday 11th - Friday 15th November and has the theme 'Choose Respect'. It is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, which is based at the National Children's Bureau.

WOOHOO... TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER IS ODD SOCKS DAY!

WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY? Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week!

To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Tuesday 12th November. Andy Day (CBeebies/ CBBC) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are supporting the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year.

WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT? The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way. Most importantly, Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate their uniqueness. There is no pressure on the children to wear the latest fashion or for parents to buy expensive costumes. All they have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school, it couldn't be simpler! We cannot wait to see everyone's funky feet!

Nuts

A gentle reminder, due to allergies, nut products or snacks containing nuts of any kind are not permitted in school. This includes any type of Nutella or Bueno Bars.

Lates

The doors open at 8:45 and close at 8:55 am any arrivals after this time will be classed as late and your child will receive a late mark.

It is really important that your child is settled in school and ready to learn on time.

We believe that being on time helps with the children's mindset for the day ahead. Please plan your journey so you can be early!!

Girls Football

Well done to the girls from Y5 and Y6 who competed in their latest round of games in the football league.

Everyone showed amazing effort in defence against some talented opposition players. As well as scoring plenty of goals, including a halfway line rocket from kick off.

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 - Year 2 - Disco will take place 1pm-2pm

Year 3 - Year 6 - Disco will take place 2pm -3pm

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.

Science Week

We are once again having a science week in school. This year it will be the first week back in the Spring term between Monday 6th January to Friday 10th January.

We would once again like your support. If you have any science background and would like to share this with the children in order to inspire the next generation of scientist then please contact the school office with the information. If you would like to focus your support in one class or as a whole school we would be very grateful.

Miss Roberts.

Church News

This Sunday is Remembrance Day. The congregation from Cronton Mission will meet with schools, other churches and village residents at the war Memorial at 10.45. A short service with refreshments will follow at the Mission. JAM club will also meet at St Lukes church 3-4 pm. All welcome.

No Sunday services at Cronton until 1.12.24 . There is a TEAM SERVICE at St Ambrose church on Sunday 17.11.24 at 10.30 and CAFE WORSHIP on Friday 29.11.24 at 2.30.

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, Rec & KS1 Tuesday 3rd December 3:30pm - 5:15pm and KS2 Wednesday 4th December 3:30pm—5:15pm. This will be charged at £5.00 per ticket payable via ParentPay. More information will be issued near to the time.

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 on , 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.

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

- Sunday 10th - Remembrance Sunday
- Monday 11th - Anti-bullying week
- Tuesday 12th - Odd Sock Day
- Wednesday 13th - Open Evening 5 - 7pm
- Tuesday 19th - Y1 Trip to Liverpool Museum
- Tuesday 26th - Y4 B Tales, Parents are welcome at 2:30pm.
- Thursday 28th - Non - Uniform day, FINE is Chocolates and Bottles for the Raffle.
- Friday 29th - St Andrews Day (Blue Team)

December

- Tuesday 3rd - KS1 Movie Night 3:15pm - 5:15pm
- Wednesday 4th - KS2 Movie Night 3:15pm - 5:15pm
- 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 - Christingle (Reception + Y5)
- Christmas Dinner
- 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 and Secondary 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

For Halton residents at 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. 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. 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 - Arabella, Rae, Thomas, Phoebe, Amelia S

Year 3 - Autumn, Finley

Year 4 - Ellie

Year 5 - Dollie

Year 6 - Joshua, Evan, Isla, Tom, Sienna, Florence

Yellow Belt Winners:

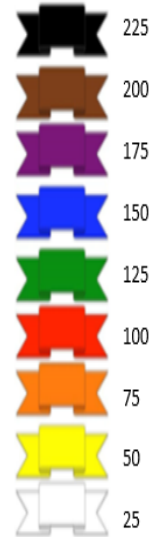
Year 1 - Luca, Ayana, Freya S, Vinnie, Emilia, Charlotte

Year 2 - Eleonor, Lowenna, Jesica, Brodie H, Evie, Eliza, Milo, Theo, Magnus

Year 3 - Autumn, Penelope

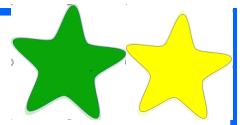
Year 4 - Finley, Ralph, Luca, Erika, Robyn

Year 5 - Dylan, Chloe





Our Celebration Winners Today -

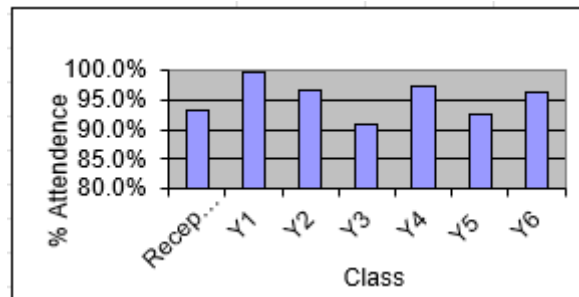


Well done to all our children who have worked and tried very hard this week.

CLASS	Winners and Reasons
Year 6	Anayai For great working with BIDMAS this week. Julia For being a reading role model - keep it up! Max For having an exceptional attitude to your work.
Year 5	Ava For being an exceptional role model and always doing the right thing.
Year 4	Erika For being a fantastic role model to others. Ralph For excellent participation in class discussions. Henry For having an excellent attitude to learning.
Year 3	Ariana For an improvement with presentation and handwriting. Ruben For being a responsive learner and having a 'can do' attitude. Harley For an amazing effort when practising the column method.
Year 2	Felix For super writing and putting in a lot of effort to improve his handwriting and presentation. Hugh For always being the BEST role model and giving 100% all day every day. Magnus For excellent maths meeting work every day and super mental maths calculations.
Year 1	Charlotte For listening well during carpet time and having a positive attitude towards learning. Liberty For trying hard in maths and completing tasks independently. Phoebe For always giving 100% effort and having a 'can do' attitude.
Reception	Harry For always putting 110% effort into your learning. Kerenza For excellent learning behaviour. Ayda For super listening and excellent effort in your learning.

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 25.10.2024 were: 1st place - **Year 1** with **99.7%**, 2nd place - **Year 4** with **97.2%**, 3rd place - **Year 2** with **96.7%**.



As you can see from the graph above, last weeks school attendance (excluding Nursery) was **95.2%**.

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>



NURSERY & SCHOOL OPEN DAY



CRANTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Wednesday 13th November 2024
5pm to 7pm

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How can I find age-appropriate games?

Do you need suggestions on age-appropriate games? You could use either of the following websites to search suitable games.

Remember, PEGI rates the gameplay so whilst it is important to review age ratings, you must also check if it has a communication feature as this might mean you decide a game is not suitable for your child.

- <https://www.askaboutgames.com/find-the-right-game>
- <https://www.familygamingdatabase.com/home>



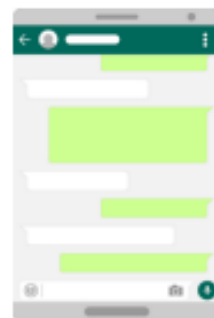
How to Remove Social Media Access After Granting It

Have you given your child access to social media but are now regretting that decision? Bark have published this article to help you take back control by removing social media:

<https://www.bark.us/blog/removing-social-media/>

WhatsApp

Users should be at least 13 years old to use WhatsApp. We frequently receive reports of children not using WhatsApp appropriately, such as sharing images to embarrass others, sending hurtful messages, spreading rumours, or excluding people from group chats to make them feel left out.



Since WhatsApp lacks parental controls, it is important to think about whether it is really the right platform for your child. For example, you should consider if your child has the critical thinking skills to recognise bullying. Furthermore, do they understand how to manage peer pressure and refrain from joining in on harmful behaviour?

If your child is using WhatsApp, it is crucial to have regular conversations with them. Talk about who they are chatting with, encourage them to think carefully about the messages they send and how they might be perceived by others. Finally, make sure to model good digital behaviour yourself, as children often learn by observing the adults around them.

What should I be aware of if my child is using WhatsApp?

- **Group chats:** Everyone within a group, even if they are not one of your child's contacts, will be able to see all messages within that group. If your child is added to a group with someone that they have previously blocked, that person can still see their messages and send them messages within the group chat. If your child is using WhatsApp, check their group privacy settings to see who can add them to groups. Ensure your child understands that they can leave a chat at any time, and they know how to report users. Find out more here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/424124173736394>
- **Inappropriate content:** users can be exposed to content that is not suitable for their age.
- **Location sharing:** talk to your child about when this would be appropriate to use and the potential danger of sharing their location.
- **Chat lock/secret code:** users can lock chats as well as apply a secret code setting so a chat does not appear in the main chat.
- **Blocking/Reporting:** Show your child how to block and report other users. Find out how here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/1142481766359885/>

Further information

Internet Matters have produced a how to guide available here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/whatsapp-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/>

YouTube

YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13, however, younger children can still access YouTube with consent from a parent/legal guardian. When giving your child access to YouTube, there are different options you could choose depending on your child's age:



- **YouTube Kids** – this is a separate app that includes a smaller selection of videos based on the age category you select: Preschool (ages 4 and under), Younger (ages 5–8) or Older (ages 9–12).

- **Supervised accounts** – this is a parent-managed version of YouTube that allows you to control the content your child can access. You can select one of the following options:

- **Explore** - Generally for viewers aged 9+.
- **Explore more** - Generally for viewers aged 13+
- **Most of YouTube** - This setting includes almost everything on YouTube except for videos marked as 18+ and other videos that may not be appropriate for viewers using supervised experiences.

Google have created a guide to show the differences between YouTube Kids and a Supervised account to help in your decision:
<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/10315420>

My child wants to be a YouTuber

Many children want to start their own YouTube channel, but it is important to be aware of the potential risks and ensure that your child understands what information they should keep private and what to do if they receive negative comments. YouTube have produced these safety tips for teens when posting content:

<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802244>

You should be aware that there are different settings available when posting videos:

1. Public: anyone can view the video.
2. Private: video can only be viewed by users that you select.
3. Unlisted: only people who have the link to the video can view it.

What are the benefits and negatives of a YouTube channel?

Before allowing your child to start a YouTube channel, review the benefits and risks. This article discusses the pros and cons as well as provides recommendations to help minimise any risks:

<https://www.brightcanary.io/should-your-kid-become-a-youtuber-weighing-the-pros-and-cons/>

Further information

- <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802272?hl=en-GB>
- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/youtube>

Among Us

This game has been rated as PEGI 7, meaning it is not suitable for those under the age of 7. **However**, whilst the gameplay may be suitable, there are communication features available, where issues such as inappropriate language and bullying may arise.

Additionally, it is important to note that Among Us does have the option for in app purchases so please ensure that a password (that your child does not know) is required for all purchases.

Find out more about Among Us from Parent Zone:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/among-us>

The NSPCC discuss online games in more detail here:

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

Screen time and your family

Vodafone discuss screentime and what you should consider when setting your own rules in this useful article:

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/smart-living/digital-parenting/screen-time-and-your-family-a-guide-to-what-works-and-what-doesnt/>

Band Runner Game

Band Runner is a fun interactive game created by CEOP to help 8-10 year olds learn how to stay safer online. Your child can play it here:

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/band-runner/>

