



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

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all our parents who came along to our parents evenings this week. I hope you found them helpful and informative. Thank you to our Year 6 helpers, we were really pleased to receive lots of positive feedback about how helpful they were.

Thank you to Year 6 for leading a wonderful class worship on Tuesday linked to our Christian Value of Hope. I know how much everyone enjoyed your performance.

Please remember the High School applications close on Thursday 31st October. Please see further details later in the newsletter.

It was wonderful to see the excellent attendance from our Year 1, Year 2 and Reception classes last week who managed 100%, 99% and 98% respectively. This is a fantastic achievement—well done!!

I hope everyone has a lovely half term holiday and a good break. Thank you for your continued support. We will return to school on Monday 4th November.

Mrs Thomson

Headteacher

SEND Parents Consultation Day

Mrs King (SENDCO) will be holding SEND Consultations on Tuesday 5th November between 12:30pm—5:30pm.

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.

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.

Reception Door

Reception class door will close the same as the Main Entrance at 8:55am - If the door is closed, your child will need to be taken to the front of school and they will be marked in late.

Individual Photographs

Our school photographer will be in school on Monday 4th November for individual and family photographs.

If you have younger or older children not in our school but would like them to be included in a family photo we have arranged for the photographer to start early, so parents can come into school from 8:15am.

If you have more than one child and they all attend our school or nursery, the photographer will take a family photo as well as individual photos for parents / carers to choose from but this will be done during the school day - **there is no need to arrive early for this.**

If you do not wish your child to have a photo taken please notify your child's class teacher beforehand.

30 Hour Nursery Provision

Parent 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 child-care service account to confirm this. If you don't reconfirm you may lose your 30-hour childcare provision.

School Council

The winners of the School Council Elections as voted for by their classmates are:

Year 6 - Darcy & Joshua

Year 5 - Jacob & Rosa

Year 4 - Ralph & Ruby

Year 3 - Eloise H & Inda

Year 2 - Penelope & Hugh

Girls Football

Well done to our Girls football team who played well in their Football tournament.

They won 2 games, lost 1 to the league leaders but we are 2nd in the league!



Cross Country

Well done to all the children from Y4,5 and 6 who competed in the Knowsley schools cross country race this Thursday. They all showed great effort and determination to finish the race on a cold and windy day.

Congratulations to Frankie in Y6 who finished 1st in the boys race.



Christmas Card Competition -

As usual we are holding our 'Design a Christmas Card' competition. There will be one winner from each area - Foundation Stage (Reception & Nursery), Infants, Lower Juniors (Years 3 & 4) and Upper Juniors (Years 5 & 6).

These winning designs will be made into cards for our school to send out.

From these 4, one overall winning design will be used for the programme for the Ecumenical Carol Service. This child will also be invited as VIP guest at the Tree lighting Service in the village.

The children like to start their designs over the half term holiday so we will be sending out the template next week.

The closing date for the competition is Friday 8th November, so that we can make our cards ready to send out.

Please make sure your child keeps their design is within the lines of the template. Also please ensure they only use crayons, pencils or paints. Do not use any other materials. As we need to photocopy the winning designs, although they look lovely, we cannot choose any card that has things glued on or has glitter on.

All entries should be handed into your child's class Teaching Assistant on 8th November.

Please make sure your child's name and class is on the back of their entry—NOT the front of the template.

We really do want the children's work for this so please try to let them do the card themselves as far as possible.

Bluebirds Autumn Term 1

Just a few photographs from this half term...



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

- Monday 4th
 - Back to school
 - Individual School Photo day
 - Flu Vaccinations
- Wednesday 6th
 - Year 6 SATS meeting @ 5pm
- 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
- Friday 29th
 - St Andrews Day (Blue Team)

December

- Sunday 8th
 - KS1 Nativity (Y1 + Y2)
- Wednesday 11th
 - EYFS Christmas Production
- Thursday 12th
 - Christingle (Reception + Y5)
- 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 and Year 7 of Secondary 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.

Secondary Admission - The closing date for applications is **Thursday 31st October 2024**.

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 - Emily, Maeve, Neve, Cooper

Year 2 - Kaitlin, Oliver, Max

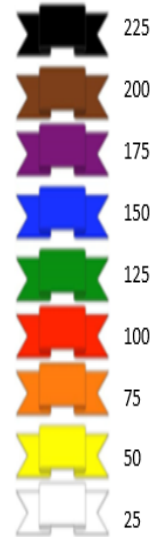
Year 3 - Jacob

Year 4 - Ellis, Henry

Yellow Belt Winners:

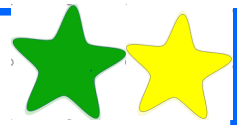
Year 1 - Parker

Year 3 - Dora





Our Celebration Winners Today -

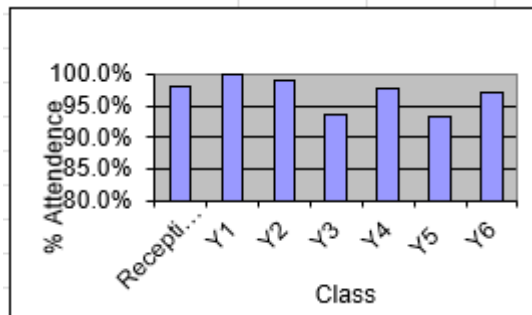


Well done to all our children who have worked and tried very hard this week.

| CLASS | Winners and Reasons |
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| Year 6 | No star badges today with the School Trip |
| Year 5 | |
| Year 4 | <p>Adalyn Showing a resilient attitude towards challenges.</p> <p>Phoebe Being a fantastic role model and a helpful friend to all!</p> <p>Ruby Having a contagious smile and bringing joy to our classroom every-day.</p> <p>Isabelle Being a responsible learner and always trying your best.</p> |
| Year 3 | <p>Inda For a fantastic attitude when tackling the column method.</p> <p>Bella For being a wonderful role model and always embracing our school values.</p> <p>Kennedy For being a responsive learner and always giving 100%</p> |
| Year 2 | <p>Max For working with enthusiasm in our art workshop this week and producing some lovely pieces of work.</p> <p>Eliza For working with enthusiasm in our art workshop this week and producing some lovely pieces of work.</p> <p>Milo For working with enthusiasm in our art workshop this week and producing some lovely pieces of work.</p> |
| Year 1 | <p>Amelia For always being respectful and being a kind friend to everyone</p> <p>Jamie For working hard on his handwriting, trying to keep his writing on the lines.</p> <p>Thomas For working hard on his instructions writing, using his phonics knowledge to spell words.</p> |
| Reception | <p>Elsie For putting lots of effort and enthusiasm into your learning.</p> <p>Charlotte For great progress in your writing.</p> <p>Delilah For super listening at carpet time.</p> |
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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 14.10.2024 were: 1st place - **Year 1** with **100%**, 2nd place - **Year 2** with **99%**, 3rd place - **Reception** with **98%**.



As you can see from the graph above, last weeks school attendance (excluding Nursery) was **96.9%**.

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>

Cronton CofE - Ukraine Appeal – Shoeboxes

Dear Parents/Carers,

As a school seeking to make a difference to our global community, we have chosen to support children in Ukraine this Christmas. We have been paired up with a school in Chernihiv, in Northern Ukraine and will be sending collected items over to the children there. The school is called Chernihiv Collegium No. 11. Mr Tunstall's Dad, Eddie, will be driving over on November 14th. Eddie regularly delivers aid to Ukraine and has been doing so since the conflict broke out. This will be his ninth trip over.

As we have done in the past, we are aiming to fill shoeboxes with items that can provide some hope to children in an ever-toughening situation.

There are two ways that you can support our appeal:

1. Fill a shoebox

You could fill a shoebox as a family. If possible, the shoebox should be wrapped (lid and box separate) and closed with a rubber band. Please then label it to show who the contents are for (e.g. Girl 5-8 years).

If you are struggling to find a shoebox IKEA are selling them for 50p each on their website. Search: **VATTENTRÅG**

2. Donate items to be sorted in school

Items can also be donated separately. Children will be sorting any donated items into boxes in school.

Items that you could fill a shoebox with or donate:

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| gloves | sensory items | flannels |
| scarfs | wind-up torch | art supplies |
| hats | wrapped chocolate | stationery |
| socks | packeted sweets | small games |
| small toys | soaps | skipping rope |
| teddles | toilettries | colouring pads |
| playing cards | toothbrush/toothpaste | tape measure |

Other items that are in need:

nappies
baby formula
baby food
young children's clothing/coats

When should we bring in donations?

We will be collecting shoeboxes and other items after half term and sorting them in school. They will be being picked up on Monday 11th November before being taken to Ukraine on the 14th. Therefore, we would ask that all donations and shoeboxes be **in school during the first week back after the half term break: Monday 4th November to Friday 8th November** at the very latest.

If you feel able, we would love to partner with you in this and be hope givers in those places that need it most.

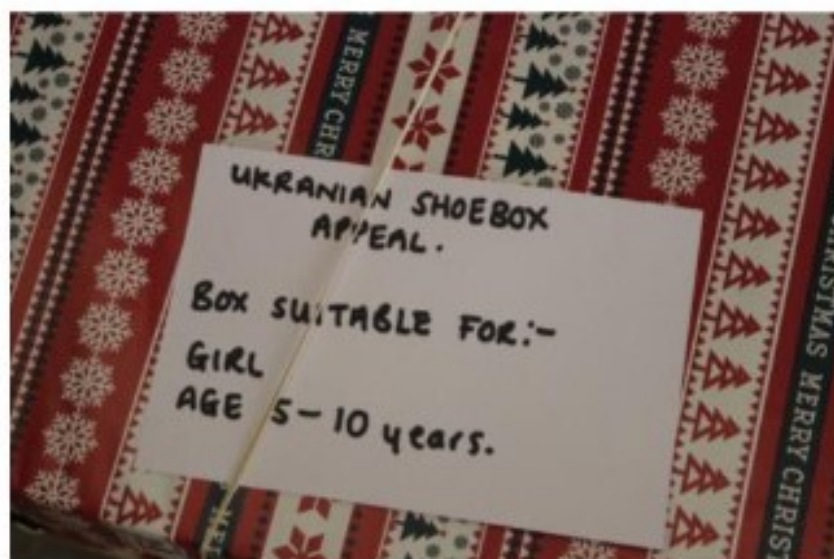
Thank you for your support and if you do have any questions, please feel free to speak to us.

Many thanks.

Mr Tunstall

John 13:34-35

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."





Parents of year 6 Children
**It's time to apply for a secondary school place (year 7)
September 2024 Intake**

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

CLOSING DATE 31ST OCTOBER 2023

- If your child is currently in year 6 of primary school or their date of birth falls on or between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013, now is the time to apply for a year 7 secondary school place for September 2024.
- There is no automatic transfer – everyone must apply between 12 September 2023 and 31 October 2023 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, Secondary Admission Composite Prospectus'.

For further advice, contact Knowsley School Admissions Team

Email: schooladmissions@knowsley.gov.uk

Tel: (0151) 443 5142 / 5143 / 3372



Parents of pre school children
**It's time to apply for a school reception class place
September 2024 Intake**

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

CLOSING DATE 15TH JANUARY 2024

- If your child's date of birth falls on or between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, now is the time to apply for a reception class place in school for September 2024.
- There is no automatic transfer from nursery – everyone must apply between 12 September 2023 and 15 January 2024 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.
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Knowsley Council

HALLOWEEN

IN PRESCOT TOWN CENTRE

THURSDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2024

3.30pm & 5.30pm

Tales from the Crypt Storytelling
The Mermaid Tavern

4pm

Performance from Jan Williams Theatre School
Bottom of Leyland Street

4pm – 6pm

Face Painter
Spanish Caravan

4pm – 7pm

Cake Decorating
(50 places) (No booking required)
The Albion Bakehouse

4pm – 7pm

Pumpkin Carving
(30 places) (Pre-booking required)
Email info@clockwork-studios.co.uk to book a place.
Clockwork Studios

4pm – 7pm

Halloween Craft Activities
Paco

4pm – 7pm

Ghostly Game Trail
Collect your map from Jessie & Co
Test your skills to win prizes from some of your favourite Town Centre businesses.

4pm – 7pm

Duck Apple with a Difference
Spanish Caravan

4.30pm

Halloween Storytelling
Imaginarium Arts Hub

5pm – 7pm

Intention & Release Spell Workshop
The Enchanted Circle

7pm

Batala Merseyside Parade
(sponsored by Prescot Town Council)
Eccleston Street / Atherton Street

8pm

Batala Merseyside Performance
(sponsored by Prescot Town Council)
Eccleston Street / Leyland Street

8.30pm

Guided Ghost Tour of Prescot (18+)
(limited to 30 places)
Pre-book with Alara Entertainment
when meeting instructions will be provided www.alaraentertainment.co.uk

All of the above activities are free and brought to you by the businesses of Prescot and Prescot Business Club.

AND THERE'S LOTS MORE TOO...

1pm to 3pm

Children's Halloween Party

Contact Imaginarium Arts Hub direct for bookings and tickets <https://www.imaginariumtheatre.co.uk/>
Imaginarium Arts Hub

1pm & 3pm

Witchcraft Tour: Pendle to Prescot

Tickets required and book direct with SNP
<https://shakespearenorthplayhouse.co.uk/event/pendle-to-prescot-tour/>
Shakespeare North Playhouse

2pm & 4pm

Theatre Explorers

(£6pp or group of 4 for £20)

Book online <https://shakespearenorthplayhouse.co.uk/whats-on/>
Shakespeare North Playhouse

4pm to 7pm

Halloween Party (Free)

(for children / young adults aged 11-19)

Food & refreshments, prizes for best dressed fancy dress and DJ. Contact Evolving Mindset direct for further information.
<https://www.evolvingmindset.co.uk/>
Evolving Mindset

4.30pm to 6.30pm

Halloween Party with Tumble, Monsters Inc (£15pp includes evening meal for adults and children)

(for children 5 years or under)

2 hour play time and meet, greet and dance with Mr Tumble & friends. Contact Little Legends direct for bookings and tickets.
<https://littlelegendsplayhouse.com/>
Little Legends

From 5pm

Slime Lucky Dip & Singer

Want That Dress

5pm to 8pm

Halloween Kids Party (£10pp)

(Adults are free with paying child)

Food, drink and entertainment.
Contact Mercutios direct for bookings and tickets.
Mercutios

6pm

Shared Writing (£8pp)

Book online shakespearenorthplayhouse.co.uk/event/shared-writing
Shakespeare North Playhouse

From 7pm

Magarita Masterclass with Cazcabel

The Mermaid Taven

7.30pm to 9pm

Crafting Magic Samhain Spell Jar & Coaster Making Workshop

Needs to be pre-booked.
Contact Clockwork Studios direct for tickets
www.clockwork-studios.co.uk
Clockwork Studios

7.30pm to 9pm

Psychic Night with Donna Doyle

Tickets direct from Spanish Caravan.
The Spanish Caravan

From 8pm

Spooky Open Mic hosted by Ellie and Mason

The Lord Strange

From 8pm

Halloween Karaoke

The Tempest

From 8.30pm

Halloween Quiz

The Deanes House

Thank you to Knowsley Council for their support and guidance and for designing and printing this flyer and to Prescot Town Council for sponsoring and bringing Batala Merseyside to Prescot to support our event.

*Join us for a Magical Morning
&
Breakfast with Santa,*

SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER

9.30-11AM

At Cronton Community
Centre, Cronton Road,
WA8 5QQ

*Delicious Breakfast
for everyone,
Storytime with Santa,
Crafts and a Gift for
Every Child.*



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Supporting 5th Widnes Guides & Rangers

DRAMA *KIDS*

DEVELOPING CONFIDENCE,
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- No drama experience necessary!
- Make **new friends!**
- Gain **confidence!**
- Have **fun** and be **dramatic!**
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- Christmas **Theatre Trip**
- **Halloween Party** and **Holiday Camps**
- **Trinity Awards**
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If your child would benefit from a weekly, 1-hour drama class which will build their self-esteem, teach them to speak clearly and confidently in public, and develop their social interaction skills, then act now!

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