



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

Dear Parents,

We are supported in school by a regular group of volunteers who help with all kinds of activities including reading, small group support and attending school events and trips. If you would like to volunteer to support us and can regularly give time, please call to the school office to find out more. We are truly appreciative of all support.

After 30 years of service to our school, Mrs Soni will be retiring at the end of the October half term holiday. Mrs Soni has been a hardworking and loyal member of staff and has seen many changes both in education and within our school. She has supported countless children and their families. I am sure that all parents would join us in wishing Mrs Soni the very best in her retirement. She will certainly be missed.

Have a good weekend,

Mrs Thomson, Headteacher

**European Day of Languages - Thursday 26th
September**

On Thursday 26th September we will be celebrating the European Day of Languages. Each class will be studying a European country and taking part in activities linked to that country. On that day the children may, if they wish, come dressed in either colours from that country's flag or the national costume of the country they are studying or even the football kit of that country if they have one.

Parents do not need to go and buy these items especially - it is only if you have them. There are no costs involved in this day.

Nursery - Spain

Reception - France

Year 1 - Italy

Year 2 - Sweden

Year 3 - Switzerland

Year 4 - Greece

Year 5 - Netherlands

Year 6 - Germany

Reception Welcome Service

On Sunday 6th October we will be having a special Church Service to officially welcome all our Reception children.

Our Year 5 children 'Gardeners', who look after a Reception child known as their "Seedling" will also be attending the Service to help introduce their "Seedling".

Letters will be sent from both classes nearer the time to explain more about the Service and their child's role in it.

All our Reception and Year 5 parents are invited to come along to the service which will start at 10:30 am.

All the children should be in school by 10:20am at the latest, wearing their school uniform please.

Multi-Skills

There will be NO Multi-Skills for Year 1 on Tuesday 24th September.

Uniform

Can we remind parents, Nail varnish or false nails of any kind are not part of our School Uniform and children should not be wearing anything on their nails.

If your child has been advised to wear a coating on their nails for medical reasons please speak to your child's class so that we are informed.

Free School Meals

Parents may find they are eligible to claim for Free School Meals for their child / children, even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or 2 and entitled to Infant Free School Meals.

Did you know that school earns extra funding for each child on Free School Meals?

So, if you are entitled to Free School Meals, even if you don't want to take up the offer, please still make the claim as school and your child would benefit from it.

Claims should be made to your home local authority.

Playgrounds

Can parents please not allow their children to use the toys on the playgrounds, especially on the Nursery playground. This includes both before and after school.

Also to remind parents Dogs are not allowed on the school premises at any time. This also includes carrying your dog.

Thank you.

Snacks

A reminder that we operate a Healthy School and snacks should be healthy and either fruit or fruit product, cereal bar etc. Treats are permitted on Friday only.

Please ensure, due to allergies, nut products or snacks containing nuts of any kind are not permitted in school.

If your child is in Year 3 - Year 6, we do not have fruit to offer if they forget their snacks.

Parking

Can we please remind parents, not to stop/park on the Yellow Zig Zag lines outside of the school gates at anytime throughout the day.

High School Open Evenings

We have been made aware of the Open Evenings for local High Schools for children in Years 5 & 6:

St Peter And Paul - Wednesday 25th September 4:00 - 7:00pm

OCA - Thursday 3rd October (Times available on website nearer the time)

Rainhill High - Wednesday 25th September 5:30pm

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!

September

- Thursday 26th - European Day of Languages
- Early Years and KS1 Harvest @ 2pm
Friday 27th - KS2 Harvest + Café Worship @2pm

October

- Sunday 6th - Reception Welcome Service (+ Year 5)
Thursday 10th - World Mental Health Day
Monday 21st - Parents Evening 3:30 - 6:30pm
Tuesday 22nd - Y6 B Tales
- Parents Evening 3:45 - 6:30pm
Wednesday 23rd - Y3 trip to Tatton Park
Friday 25th - **Finish for Half-term at normal time.**

November

- Monday 4th - Back to school
- Individual School Photo
- Flu Vaccinations
Sunday 10th - Remembrance Sunday
Monday 11th - Anti-bullying week
Tuesday 12th - Odd Sock Day
Wednesday 13th - Open Evening 5 - 7pm
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**

Church News

There will be an additional cafe worship at CRONTON this Sunday, 22nd September, starting at 10.30am.

Don't forget the School/Church HARVEST on FRIDAY 27th September at 2.00.
ALL WELCOME.

Please bring food items or cash donations for foodbank to either of those services.

The next chapter of ministry at St Lukes and Cronton Mission starts on MONDAY 23rd September when REVEREND CANON PETER DAWKIN is licenced as Priest in Charge at St Lukes church . Service begins at 7pm.

Harvest Services

Infants (Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2) - On Thursday 26th September our infants will be holding their Harvest Festival at 2:00pm.

Juniors (Years 3 - 6) - Our Harvest service will take place on Friday 27th September at 2:00pm.

This year we will be supporting the Widnes Foodbank and will be looking for donations of the following:

Food

UHT milk, tinned meat (hotdogs, meatballs etc), tinned fish, tinned fruit, sponge/rice puddings, coffee (small jars), long-life juice, pasta sauce, tinned veg (potatoes, carrots, green beans, tomatoes), tinned meals (spaghetti, chicken or veg curries, chilli), tinned soup, jam and spreads.

Non-food items

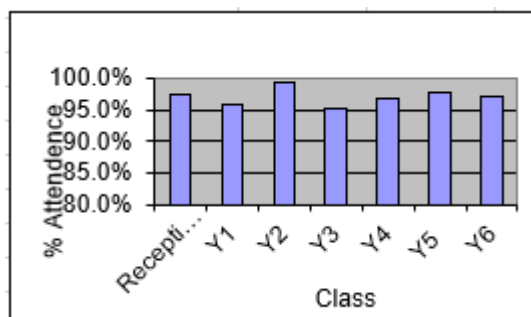
Shower gel, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, toilet rolls, washing up liquid, laundry detergent pods.

If your child is in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, could they please bring in their donations on **Thursday 26th September**

If your child is in Year 3,4,5 or 6, can they please bring their donations on **Friday 27th September**.

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 13/09/2024 were: 1st place - **Year 2** with **99.3%**, 2nd place - **Year 5** with **97.7%**, 3rd place - **Reception** with **97.3%**.



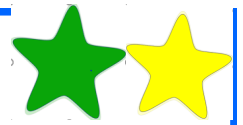
As you can see from the graph above, last weeks school attendance (excluding Nursery) was **97%**.

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.



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	Addison	For having a can do attitude and being brave to play the drum in worship!
	Mia	For great artwork - brilliant visual notes about Lowry.
	Joshua	For great artwork - brilliant visual notes about Lowry.
Year 5	Jude M	For excellent focus and always giving 100% in every lesson
	Nethiraa	For showing her excellent understanding and knowledge of Egypt in history
	Luca	For having a can do attitude and working hard in class
Year 4	Bertie	For having an excellent start to Year 4 and showing a mature attitude.
	Tallulah	For always being ready and focused on learning.
	Finn	Having an excellent attitude to learning and giving 100%.
Year 3	Eloise H	For fantastic Mathematical skills when working with hundreds, tens and ones.
	Elliot	For always giving 100% to everything he does whilst keeping us laughing along the way!
	Dora	For super problem solving skills when tackling the challenges in Maths.
Year 2	Rosie	For super general knowledge of the natural world.
	Jessica	For working hard with her reading.
	Ralphie	For persevering with his reading.
Year 1	Parker	For always contributing to class discussions and being a respectful class member.
	Freya	For having great ideas when planning her own Traditional Tale Narrative.
	Rae	For being resilient in maths lessons and having a 'can do' attitude.
Reception	Freddie	For always listening really carefully at carpet time.
	Summer	For some being really imaginative in the creative area.
	Addison	For being really helpful at tidy up time.

Nursery - January 2025

Please share with friends and family if you know of anyone looking for a Nursery place in January 2025.

We still have full-time positions within our 'Outstanding' Nursery and we also offer Full time wraparound care from 7:45am—5:45pm.

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>

In partnership with Knowsley CLCs, all parent/carers are invited to an:

Online Safety Information Session

This session is delivered virtually so can be watched from anywhere!
We will share the link with you privately.

Current trends – what children are doing online and what apps/games are popular amongst children.

Understanding the Risks – a look at the risks associated with using technology, in particular when using social media, online gaming & live streaming.

What can you do? - suggestions on how you can support your child with their online lives and what parental controls are available to help you.

Further Support – signposting to services that are available to help you.

**WEDNESDAY
2ND OCTOBER
2024**

4PM – 4.45PM



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