



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

**Dear Parents,**

Thank you to all those parents who came along to our Meet the Teacher meetings this week. I hope you found them useful and interesting. If you were unable to attend please speak to your child's class teacher to ensure you receive a copy of the information pack that was circulated.

We currently have places available in our Nursery. If you know any families who are looking for a place for a Nursery child, please let them know. We also offer wrap-around care for Nursery in our Little Bluebirds provision from 7:45am in the morning until 5:45pm at night. Attendance at our school Nursery is also on our over-subscription criteria for school places.

Thank you to all the families who are supporting our school uniform policy. The children look smart and ready to learn which is so important.

Have a good weekend,

**Mrs Thomson, Headteacher**

### 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](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.

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

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

## School Lunches

As part of our ongoing commitment to support our children and their families, we would like to inform you about the Free School Meals program and encourage you to apply if you are eligible.

The Free School Meals program is designed to provide nutritious meals to students at no cost to families who meet certain income criteria. By participating in this program, your child can receive healthy meals that are essential for their growth, development, and academic success.

### **Do I need to apply if my child is already having Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM)?**

When more families apply and qualify for free school meals, our school receives additional funding from the government. This funding is used to enhance educational resources, support programs, and improve the overall learning environment for all children. When your child reaches Year 3 they no longer qualify for UIFSM, applying early will ensure that they are registered before reaching Year 3.

### **Who is Eligible?**

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Income Support.
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit.

### **How do I Apply?**

Applying for free school meals is simple and confidential. You can complete the application online at <https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/education-and-schools/financial-support/free-school-meals/apply-free-school-meals>.

## High School Open Evenings

We have found the Open Evenings for local High Schools for children in Years 5 & 6:

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

Wade Deacon - Thursday 19th September 5:30pm - 7:30pm

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

- Monday 16th - Y5 Bikeability Week
- 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

## Church News

There is not a service at Cronton this Sunday. ALL WELCOME at St Lukes for a TEAM SERVICE Starting at 10.30.

There will be an additional cafe worship at CRONTON on 22nd September, and don't forget the School/Church HARVEST on FRIDAY 27th September at 2.30.

ALL WELCOME.

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

### 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**.

### Afterschool Clubs

**Ju-Jitsu** will start after school on Monday 9th September for children in Year 1 through to Year 6. Payment for this club is made via ParentPay and all sessions need to be booked before the club begins.

**Multi-Skills** - will resume next week on the following nights:

Monday - Years 5 & 6

Tuesday - Year 1

Wednesday - Year 4

Thursday - Year 3

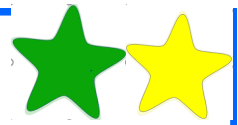
Friday - Year 2

**Choir** - This club is available from Year 3 - Year 6 and will begin on Tuesday 24th September.

**Football** - We will be starting up a After School Football for Year 3 - Year 6 children from Friday 20th September - Payment for this club is made via ParentPay and all



## 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	<p><b>Henry</b> For sharing a brilliant show and tell linked to our history topic. Thank you!</p> <p><b>Beau</b> For always engaging in learning and being an active member of our classroom.</p> <p><b>Elsie</b> For brilliant independent writing this week. So impressed!</p>
Year 5	<p><b>Thomas</b> For having good focus in lessons this week and working hard</p> <p><b>James</b> For having a Can do attitude in his maths work</p> <p><b>Ava</b> For using excellent personification in her poem</p> <p><b>Ethan</b> for being an enthusiastic learner and always working hard</p>
Year 4	<p><b>Erika</b> For always giving 100% and completing excellent work in class.</p> <p><b>Lucas</b> For working hard and being kind to others.</p> <p><b>Ellie</b> For showing resilience when working independently.</p>
Year 3	<p><b>Anais</b> For creative expanded noun phrases about the Iron Man</p> <p><b>Finley</b> For excellent dribbling skills in basketball this week.</p> <p><b>Scarlet</b> For being a 'ray of sunshine' in the classroom and always giving 100%.</p>
Year 2	<p><b>Penny</b> For always working hard and trying her very best in every lesson.</p> <p><b>Elodie</b> For always working hard and trying her very best in every lesson.</p> <p><b>Lowenna</b> For being unbeatable in responding first to any silent signal!</p>
Year 1	<p><b>Toby</b> For always being ready to learn and setting a great example to other children.</p> <p><b>Ayana</b> For being independent in lessons and always having a 'can do' attitude.</p> <p><b>Amelia</b> For writing great sentences in English, remembering capital letters and full stops.</p>
Reception	<p><b>Ella</b> For approaching everything with a smile and being really helpful.</p> <p><b>Otto</b> For being really purposeful in your play.</p> <p><b>Una</b> For super listening at carpet time.</p>

### 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>