



Eccleston C.E. Aided Primary School

"Let your light shine" - Matthew 5:16

Friday 21st November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an incredible week we've had! Our Squirrels class absolutely rocked their Ancient Egyptians Class Assembly on Wednesday. Can you believe how much our young archaeologists know about mummies, hieroglyphics, Pharaohs, and the River Nile? They brought history to life and totally wowed parents with their presentation skills! They did so well that they repeated their performance for the rest of school on Thursday!

We also had a blast with Break the Rules Day today - the children loved breaking school rules, and we raised some fantastic donations for our Christmas Hampers. The hair spray went down incredibly well! A massive thank you to everyone who contributed – the PTA couldn't offer such great raffle prizes without you! Thank you so much to John for providing the music and hair sprays! Not convinced I will make a permanent switch to green though!

Next week, we have parents' evening, so please hop onto School Spider and book your consultation slots. You should have received an email with your child's assessments on today. If you have not, please email me and I can forward it on to you. Please remember that the way we record assessments has changed. We envisage most children to be at Expected by the end of the year so a typical stage of development for this point in the year would be Emerging. Your child's teacher can explain this in more detail at the consultation meetings.

We are updating how ClassDojo is used. To ensure all messages are received, communication on ClassDojo will be with the class teacher. Teachers have asked for this change to ensure that there is effective communication between home and school.

Don't miss the exciting events next Saturday 29th November - we'll have our Cross Country event at the EPSV from 9.30am and our amazing children singing at the village hall Christmas Fayre from 1-4pm.

With the chilly weather rolling in, can I give a quick reminder about warm clothing? Make sure your little ones are bundled up with coats, hats, and gloves. If anyone is struggling with winter clothing, please talk to us - we're here to help and support each other.

Just a reminder that due to allergies we are a **NO NUTs school**. This includes **all types of tree and ground nuts as well as sesame seeds**. If your child accidentally brings in a product containing nuts,

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we will keep it safe and give it back to you at the end of the day. We will offer them a school snack as an alternative for that day.

SENDCO Section sendco@ecclestonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk

Each week, Mrs White will share information about a service or charity that may be helpful for parents of children with additional needs.

Wirral Riding Centre- [Wirral Riding Centre | Live Well Cheshire West](#) Wirral Riding Centre offers a 'changing lives through horses' initiative The programme works to develop six key life skills through equestrian activity: Communication, Confidence, Relationships, Teamwork, Responsibility, Personal Achievement.

Staff Training

Each week, we'll share the training our staff have taken part in to help them better support the children and grow as experts in their field.

Mrs Frank attended a history subject lead training day on Monday with Chris Trevor to promote the subject of History in light of the recent changes in Ofsted's Education Inspection framework. It focused on the National Curriculum requirements in KS1 and KS2, building upon the history taught in Early Years, in line with the 2021 Development Matters guidance and the current need to think of progression from Early Years to Year 6; practical ideas, resources and materials to support the action planning and suggestions on how to explore chronology so children develop a mental timeline and coherent knowledge and understanding of Britain's past and the wider world.

Ann-Marie was in school from Read Write Inc on Monday to support staff in developing their phonic teaching as well as Lisa Owens from Wrexham Maelor providing epi pen training for us to support those with serious allergies.

Mrs White attended the Sensory Processing Occupational Therapy Support Service (SPOTSS) training on Tuesday who offer support to those children with sensory processing differences that are impacting on daily life. Mrs White also attended the Educational Psychology group consultation meeting on Wednesday afternoon to work with other SENDCOs and the Educational Psychologist for ways to support our learners.

On Friday morning the Teaching Assistant engaged with training from Mrs White on supporting pupils with Developing Independence through watching a webinar and engaging with the MITA (Maximising the Impact of Teaching Assistants) Supporting Independence Resource.

On Wednesday afternoon, Mrs Haslam attended professional ELSA supervision from a fully qualified educational psychologist providing an opportunity for reflective practice, supportive challenge and personal support.

Mrs Rees-Wright attended Health and Safety training on Tuesday and the new Writing Framework training from the local authority as well as the Chester Diocese – Vision in Action conference with Mrs Evans on Thursday.

Thursday was also the second day of the pediatric first aid training meaning we now have 7 pediatric first aiders in school!

Forest School

On Friday 28th November, **Rabbits** will need to bring their wellies and warm clothing for forest school.

Best regards

Kathryn Rees-Wright

Dates

Monday 24th November – Friday 28th November – Parents' Evening Week

Saturday 29th November – Eccleston Village Christmas Fayre – choir to open the Fayre with carols

Saturday 29th November – West Cheshire Athletic Club Schools Cross Country Race Series 2025/26
At Ellesmere Port Sports Village, Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port, Registration from 9.30am for school years 3 & 4 and from 10am for school years 5-8.

Tuesday

Monday 1st December – Rehearsal in the Village Hall for our Christmas Nativity

Tuesday 2nd December – Rev'd Steve Torr leading Collective Worship in school

Wednesday 3rd December – Rehearsal in the Village Hall for our Christmas Nativity

Wednesday 3rd December - Rabbits Stay and Play 2-3pm for Parents

Friday 5th December – Ethos Group out at The Great Christmas Adventure at Wesley Methodist Centre, St. John's Street, Chester from 9.30am-11.30am – more details to follow

Friday 5th December – Rabbit's Pizza and Pyjama night – more details to follow.

Monday 8th December - Rehearsal in the Village Hall for our Christmas Nativity

Monday 8th December 1-3pm – Year 5 and 6 Carol Service at Chester Cathedral

Tuesday 9th December – Ethos Group leading worship

Wednesday 10th December – **Rehearsal in the Village Hall and 2pm and 5pm Christmas Performance**

Friday 12th December – Food bank collection

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Jumper day for £1 donation and Christmas lunch

Thursday 18th December 10.15am – Pantomime at Storyhouse

Friday 19th December – 1.30pm Christmas Service in St Mary's Church

Sunday 21st December - Messy Church – Christingle 3pm at Eccleston Village Hall

Tuesday 6th January – children return after Christmas holiday

Tuesday 13th January – Rev'd Steve Tor leading Collective Worship

Wednesday 14th January – SEN Parents Meeting to share Plans for the term and review last term

Wednesday 21st January – 6pm PTA AGM in School – Everyone welcome

Thursday 29th January – Height and weight checks of Reception and Year 6 children as part of the National Child Measurement Programme – more details to follow

Saturday 31st January – West Cheshire Athletic Club Schools Cross Country Race Series 2025/26

At Ellesmere Port Sports Village, Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port, Registration from 9.30am for school years 3 & 4 and from 10am for school years 5-8.

Monday 2nd February at 3.15pm – Year 4 Multiplication Check Meeting for Parents

Monday 9th February at 3.15pm – Year 6 SATs Meeting for Parents

Monday 9th – Friday 13th February – Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 10th February – Safer Internet Day

Friday 13th February – Last Day

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Monday 23rd February - Children return after half term

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Saturday 7th March – West Cheshire Athletic Club Schools Cross Country Race Series 2025/26
At Ellesmere Port Sports Village, Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port, Registration from 9.30am for school years 3 & 4 and from 10am for school years 5-8.

Wednesday 11th March 2.30pm – Badgers Class Assembly for Parents

Thursday 12th – Wednesday 18th March – Scholastic Book Fair. Use your World Book Day Vouchers for £1 off!

Monday 16th – Friday 20th March – Parents Evening Week

Wednesday 25th March 3pm – Phonics Screening Evening for Year 1 Parents

Wednesday 1st April – Last Day. Easter Service in Church at 1.30pm

Monday 20th April - children return after Easter holiday

Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday – School closed

Wednesday 6th May - SEN Parents Meeting to share Plans for the term and review last term

Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May – Y6 SATs Week

Friday 22nd May – Last Day

Tuesday 2nd June - Children return after half term

Wednesday 3rd June at 2.30pm – Foxes Class Assembly for Parents

Monday 15th – Friday 19th June – School Sports Week

Wednesday 17th June 1.30pm – Sports Day

Monday 22nd June to Friday 26th June – Y6 Residential to Min y Don

Wednesday 1st July – Reserve Sports Day

Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th July – Transition morning – children move up to new class.

Wednesday 8th July – New Reception Starters

Wednesday 15th July – New Reception Starters afternoon and Parents' Meeting at 6pm

Wednesday 22nd July – Last day. 1.30pm Leavers and end of Year Service in Church