



## Eccleston C.E. Aided Primary School

*"Let your light shine" - Matthew 5:16*

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday Year 5 and 6 competed in Athletics at EPSV where they came 4<sup>th</sup>. The sportsmanship and camaraderie shown was impressive and other schools commented on how supportive children were to each other. What a great achievement and great ambassadors for Eccleston!

Two Badgers attended the first of the AmaSing sessions at Waverton Primary School today with the plan for the whole class to be in the performance in the summer! Badgers have a very exciting week next week! On Thursday, they are off to Chester for a Viking tour of the City and on Friday, Mrs Davies will be holding a Viking themed Forest School with them all day! They will need to wrap up warm with a change of shoes.

Rabbits Stay and Play has changed to the Friday afternoon as they are having a Forest School Stay and Play session with parents from 2pm.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February is Children's Mental Health Week. We've lined up different activities for each day! Monday is a mindfulness PE session with Lucy; Tuesday is a visit from Great Athletes; Wednesday is a Wellbeing Walk down the river – please send alternative suitable shoes/boots/wellies as it was very muddy last year; Thursday is Ian Bland Poet running a Mental Health Poetry Workshop and Friday is Yoga for Squirrels, Badgers and Foxes while Rabbits enjoy their Forest School Stay and Play! There will also be mindfulness colouring available each day in the Prayer Space.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February is Red Nose Day. Our Charity Ambassadors would like to ask for your help in running a cake sale on the Friday. Please ensure that any bakes/purchases are nut free and send in a list of ingredients please. Children are asked to make a donation of £1 to come in wearing accessories with their school uniform. If they would like to purchase a cake at break times, these will cost 50p each. Thank you in advance for your support.

I met with Severn Trent on Thursday to discuss the road closure for the upcoming pipe replacement works. They will confirm next week if the road can be opened for 2 half-hour slots to allow school traffic through in the morning and afternoon. I will confirm arrangements once we've heard.

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](mailto: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.**

Young Minds- Mental health and well-being support for children and young people. Parent Helpline: 0808 802 5544.

**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 Evans, Mrs Frank and Mrs Willson attended the New Writing Framework training session on Tuesday morning while Mr Christmas and Mrs White attended on Tuesday afternoon. The training was on investigating sentence development and writing mastery with a focus on how oracy supports sentence construction as well as the Gradual Release of Responsibility model with particular attention on how feedback is used to enhance progress in writing.

Mrs Willson attended a Geography lead training session which looked at the new emphasis on substantive and disciplinary knowledge in Ofsted's Education Inspection framework as well as the National Curriculum requirements in KS1 and KS2, building upon the geography 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.

Mrs Haslam hosted the ELSA supervision session on Wednesday afternoon which provides a confidential, reflective space to process challenging cases, gain extra training, and maintain accreditation for the vital role they play in schools.

**Forest School**

On Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, Badgers will need to bring warm coats and wellies for their Forest School session.

Best regards

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## Dates

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Height and weight checks of Reception and Year 6 children as part of the National Child Measurement Programme – details on School Spider

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan – Badgers Viking Chester Tour – Details sent via School Spider**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan – Badgers Viking Forest School all day**

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 3.15pm – Year 4 Multiplication Check Meeting for Parents

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February – Bromborough Gospel leading worship

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February pm - Badgers out at Abbey Gate – computing workshop – more details to follow

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 3.15pm – Year 6 SATs Meeting for Parents

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Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day

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Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Year 5/6 Netball Tournament

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Rabbits Stay and Play & Whole school Red Nose Day**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Last Day

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Children return after half term

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm – Badgers Class Assembly for Parents

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

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Y5 at Abbey Gate for an Easter Quiz

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Badgers and Foxes Mini Easter Exhibition

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening Week

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 3pm – Phonics Screening Evening for Year 1 Parents

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Last Day. Easter Service in Church at 1.30pm

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April - children return after Easter holiday

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Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday – School closed  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Rev'd Steve Torr leading worship  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May - SEN Parents Meeting to share Plans for the term and review last term  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATs Week  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Last Day

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Children return after half term  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 2.30pm – Foxes Class Assembly for Parents  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – School Sports Week  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 1.30pm – Sports Day  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Residential to Min y Don

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Reserve Sports Day  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Transition morning – children move up to new class.  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July – New Reception Starters  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – New Reception Starters afternoon and Parents' Meeting at 6pm  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Last day. 1.30pm Leavers and end of Year Service in Church