



Eccleston C.E. Aided Primary School

"Let your light shine" - Matthew 5:16

Friday 30th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Badgers have had a very exciting week! On Thursday, they went to Chester for a Viking tour of the City and on Friday, they worked with Mrs Davies all day for their Viking themed Forest School. The children had an absolutely fabulous time despite the cold and were complimented for their excellent behaviour – we are incredibly proud of them!

Reception and Year R children took part in the height and weight checks on Thursday – the data is used for observing national trends.

A reminder that it is the 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 tomorrow.

We are having a very busy week next week! Rabbits are off to the Zoo on Monday – make sure to wrap up warm! Children are welcome to wear their trainers with their uniform. Parents of children in Year 4 are invited in to a meeting with Mr Christmas for a Multiplication Tables Check meeting at 3.15pm on Monday. Year 6 librarians are off to Education Library Service on Wednesday for training. Ken from the Bromborough Gospel is in leading worship on Wednesday. Badgers are out at Abbey Gate College on Friday afternoon for a Microbit computing session – please provide permission on School Spider.

Next week, Severn Trent have advised the following:

- Access for parents via Rake Lane will be maintained during the following times: **08:15–08:45** and **15:00–15:30**. Passes will be issued to identify vehicles accessing the road specifically for Eccleston C of E Primary School, ensuring this access is limited to school traffic only. Permits to be placed on the vehicles dash boards will be delivered to the school today.
- We are not proposing to enforce a one-way system; however, it is **strongly recommended** that Rake Lane is used for access to the school, with vehicles then continuing onto the Eaton Road diversion route. This will help minimise vehicle queuing, particularly as there will be excavations and site operatives present. This is especially important at the start of the Rake Lane project, when works will temporarily block one lane of the Rake Lane junction onto Wrexham Road.
- As this is classed a construction site, we request that the speed limit is **20mph**, and vehicles passing work areas should pass at **10mph**, with drivers proceeding with caution through the closure and being mindful of local farmers, who may be accessing frontages on Rake Lane with

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articulated vehicles, and that access is granted during the above mentioned timeslot on the understanding that all driving within the authorised area is undertaken entirely at the drivers' own risk.

- Please note that if we feel that road users are making it unsafe for themselves or the workforce we will have no option but to enforce a hard closure for the duration.

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, 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.

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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 White and Mrs Rees-Wright attended the Wilmslow Academy on Monday to understand their approach to Oak Academy maths and Oracy. Mrs Evans attended an Early Years Conference looking at progression in continuous provision for Reception children.

Mr Christmas and Mrs Rees-Wright attended the Writing Framework training session at the Lache Primary School and Community Centre where we looked again at oracy, the gradual release of responsibility to support learners and how marking supports children.

In Wednesday's staff meeting, we looked at how we were going to prioritise oracy opportunities more throughout the curriculum and created an oracy progression framework which we will introduce to children next week.

Forest School

On Friday 6th February, Squirrels will need to bring warm coats and wellies for their Forest School session.

Best regards

Kathryn Rees-Wright

Dates

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 2nd February – Rabbits Trip to the Zoo

Wednesday 4th February – Bromborough Gospel leading worship

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

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

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

Tuesday 10th February – Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 10th February Steve Torr leading worship

Thursday 12th February – Year 5/6 Netball Tournament

Friday 13th February - Rabbits Stay and Play &

Friday 13th February - Whole school Red Nose Day Bake sale 50p per item and £1 donation

Friday 13th February – Last Day

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!

Friday 13th March – Y5 at Abbey Gate for an Easter Quiz

Monday 16th March – Badgers and Foxes Mini Easter Exhibition

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

Tuesday 5th May – Rev'd Steve Torr leading worship

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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