



Eccleston C.E. Aided Primary School

"Let your light shine" - Matthew 5:16

Friday 6th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Children had an absolutely AMAZING session with storyteller Chip on Tuesday! All of the children were excited and engaged and Mr Christmas was even sellotaped to a chair at one point! Thank you so much to all those who have made a donation so that we can keep providing these exciting, educational experiences for children. Don't forget that we have another storytelling session coming up too!

Thursday was an absolutely brilliant World Book Day! Children were all given an image of a dragon on a fingertip and asked to tell the story! Their imaginations were absolutely brilliant and the stories superb. We will be popping some of these up on the display by the Einstein and Library if you get chance to pop in for a look during parents evening.

Week beginning 16th March is Parents' Evening Week. Time slots have been set up on School Spider. Once staff have completed inputting their assessments onto Insight, we will send you an email with their current attainment results on by Friday afternoon. Please do remember that most children will achieve the Expected Standard (EXS) in the summer term and are 'on track' if they are 'Developing' in Spring.

We'd like to invite you to come to school a little earlier on Friday 13th March so that the children can sing a mothers' day song at 3.05pm from the top playground. The PTA will be offering tea, coffee and biscuits at this time – let's hope this glorious sunshine sticks around!

Please could we kindly remind all parents and carers to drive carefully when travelling to and from school. The village has a 20mph speed limit, and many residents have difficult driveway entrances that require them to pull in and out slowly. Children are also walking to school along very narrow pavements, and it's easy for a child to accidentally step into the road. Please help us keep everyone safe by sticking to the 20mph limit, staying alert for pedestrians, and driving slowly and carefully in the school car park. Your consideration makes a big difference to the safety of our children and our neighbours.

Next week is another busy one in school! On Monday, Squirrels are off to Port Sunlight as part of their Victorians topic, we have the Bunny Hop Assembly on Tuesday, Badgers have their class assembly on Wednesday at 2.30pm in the hall, the Book Fair opens on Thursday (remember to bring your World Book Day vouchers to use!) and Year 5 are at Abbey Gate for an Easter Quiz on Friday morning!

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We have been informed of a possible case of threadworms within our school community. Threadworms (also known as pinworms) are a common infection in children and can be easily treated. What are threadworms?

Threadworms are tiny white worms, about 1cm long, that live in the intestines. They can cause itching around the bottom, especially at night, and may sometimes be seen in stools or on toilet paper.

How are they spread?

Threadworms spread when eggs are transferred from contaminated surfaces, bedding, clothing, or hands to the mouth. Eggs can survive for up to two weeks in the environment.

Treatment and prevention:

- Threadworms can be treated with medication available from your local pharmacy without a prescription.
- All members of the household should be treated at the same time, even if they have no symptoms.
- Wash hands regularly, especially before eating and after using the toilet.
- Keep fingernails short and discourage nail-biting or thumb-sucking.
- Wash bedding, nightwear, and towels on a hot wash.

If you suspect your child has threadworms, please start treatment promptly and inform the school so we can monitor any further cases. Children can return to school once treatment has started.

Over the last two years, our staff team has worked incredibly hard to continue strengthening our school. A key focus has been developing our curriculum, raising expectations for all children, and improving the ways we support pupils with additional needs. The national expectations for schools have changed significantly in recent years. The “Expected Standard” is now considerably higher than what was previously judged as “Good,” and many schools that were formerly rated Good are now receiving inspection outcomes that highlight areas requiring further development. Through our ongoing work with external partners and our governing body, we have a very clear and honest understanding of where we are as a school and what we need to do next to keep improving. We are already making strong progress in these areas, although we recognise that some of this work may still be ongoing if Ofsted visit us during the summer term. What we are most proud of is the commitment of our staff team to continuous improvement and to providing the very best education and support for every child in our school. Please click <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kb10FvY976g> to watch an information video about the new Ofsted Report Cards.

As we look ahead to the summer term, we are excited to begin working with new class texts. To help enrich the children’s experience, we would be very grateful if you would consider purchasing a copy of the book from our Amazon book list for your child’s class. We will, of course, provide copies of any specific extracts needed in class. However, having their own hard copy makes a real difference - it allows children to follow the story more closely, revisit favourite parts and develop a deeper connection with the text. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Rabbits Text: <https://amzn.eu/08xZIZoX>

Squirrels Text: <https://amzn.eu/0cqmfKyA>

Badgers Texts: <https://amzn.eu/07B5I94W>

Foxes Texts: <https://amzn.eu/0gAXoPvp>

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.

Platform for Life- a small charity based in Chester offering

- Play Therapy
- Parent work
- Group Support
- Family Support Workers
- Art Therapy

Info@platformforlife.org.uk

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 Rees-Wright and Nayland Southorn (Chair of Governors) attended the Togetherness Conference at Hartford High School where Mr Southorn used to be the Headteacher. The Conference looked at Togetherness: How we can work together as Churches and Schools to enable the Christian Faith to flourish.

Teachers attended a Storytelling session with Chip looking at how we can incorporate stories to support children's learning across the curriculum – lots of the work for World Book Day was based on his session.

On Wednesday in staff meeting we worked to moderate teacher's writing and maths judgements ahead of reporting to parents next week.

Forest School

6th March – Badgers
13th March - Squirrels
20th March - Rabbits
27th March – Foxes
24th April – Badgers
1st May – Squirrels
8th May – Rabbits
15th May – Foxes
22nd May – Badgers
5th June – Squirrels
12th June – Rabbits
19th June – Foxes
26th June – Badgers
3rd July – Squirrels
10th July - Rabbits
17th July – Foxes



Best regards

Kathryn Rees-Wright

Dates

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. **I am unable to attend – please ask your child to collect a bib from Mr Christmas if they are participating.**

Monday 9th March – Squirrels out at Port Sunlight Victorian Trip

Tuesday 10th March – Bunny Hop Assembly

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 morning – Y5 at Abbey Gate for an Easter Quiz

Friday 13th March 3.05pm - children singing a mothers' day song from the top playground

Sun 15th March 10.45 am Eccleston Village Hall Mothering Sunday - Messy Church (Holly Torr)

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

Thursday 26th March 3.30-5pm Year 5 and 6 Football tournament at King George V Blacon – more details to follow.

Monday March 30th – Bunny Hop Skip and Jump

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

Sunday 19th April 10.45 am Eccleston Village Hall Messy Church

Monday 20th April - children return after Easter holiday

Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday – School closed

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

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

Thursday 7th May – Oral Storytelling workshops

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

Sunday 17th May 10.45 am Eccleston Village Hall Messy Church

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

Sunday 21st June 10.45 am Church Garden Messy Church

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

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

Sunday 19th July 10.45 am Church Garden Messy Church

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

Sunday 16th August Church Garden Picnic 10.45am Eccleston Messy Church

Tuesday 1st September 2026 - INSET DAY

Wednesday 2nd September – Children return