



Eccleston C.E. Aided Primary School

"Let your light shine" - Matthew 5:16

Friday 6th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Book Fair is **OPEN!** It will be available after school from Monday to Wednesday next week too - remember to bring your World Book Day vouchers to use! Thank you for all of the money you spend with the fair as we receive a commission in books for the classrooms from this.

Next week is Parents' Evening Week and time slots have been set up on School Spider. You should have received an email with your child's attainment today (except for Reception). Please let me know if you have not. 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. If, following your meeting with the class teacher, you feel you would like to discuss something specific with our SENDCo, you may book an appointment with her on 24th March. Please note that this is not intended as a general update, as this will have been provided by the class teacher, but rather an opportunity to discuss specific matters such as referrals or assessments.

We are looking for Reading Volunteers to come into school and listen to our children read. It's a wonderful opportunity to spend time in the classroom, support our pupils with their learning, and experience life in school. Full guidance and support will be provided, and your time can make a real difference to our children's confidence and enjoyment of reading. Please contact Mrs Evans on ae@ecclestonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk or pop in and speak to her if you're interested!

We are collecting Food Bank Donations ahead of the Easter holiday. We will take them down to Church on the 1st April with us. Thank you in advance for your donations as you are always very generous.

Pulford and Poulton Local History Group are launching an exciting history competition! This competition is open to everyone who attends out school and there are some great prizes to be won. You can enter in one or more of the three categories;

1. A short piece of writing about local history. This can be from any year- Romans, Vikings, World War 2, but it must be local to the Chester area.
2. A poem about local history. This might be an extended poem, a haiku, a rhyming or not rhyming poem. Again, this can be from anytime but must be local to the Chester area.
3. A piece of artwork, about local history. This can be any media you choose, such as sketch, painting, printing, pastels etc. Again, this can be from anytime but it must be local to the Chester area.

We appreciate that AI can be an excellent support when it comes to generating ideas but we ask that this is all the tool is utilised for and all work is the children's own.

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Entries will be split into 3 age-related categories (Under 6, 6-8, 8-11) There will be a winner from each age group for each category, who will each win a £30 book token. The judging panel will be independent. Your entries should be returned to school by no later than Friday 24th April although we will be accepting entries from Monday 30th March. Each entry should be clearly labelled with your name and class. Good Luck!

It was lovely to see so many parents attend the Mothers' Day song today and for children to share their cards (and soap from Squirrels!). Thank you to the PTA helpers for organising the refreshments!

World Down Syndrome Day is March 21st – our Charity Ambassadors will be selling sock biscuits from Monday 16th March for £1 at break and lunchtimes.

Squirrels had a fantastic time in Port Sunlight as part of their Victorians topic and were incredibly glad that they do not attend a Victorian Primary School! We had the Bunny Hop Assembly on Tuesday and the fundraising envelopes have been sent home. If you would prefer to donate online, please use the link here: https://www.justgiving.com/page/eccleston-c-of-e-primary-school-2?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=020

Badgers created a brilliant play based on the book Odd and the Frost Giants with Mr Christmas and performed it for parents on Wednesday! Their acting was great and children worked hard to make sure that they could be heard throughout the hall. Year 5 also enjoyed their Easter Quiz trip to Abbey Gate this morning!

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.

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.

Starting Well Service-The 0-19 Starting Well Service aims to deliver a high quality preventative service to improve the health and wellbeing of children, young people and their families across west Cheshire

<https://www.startingwell.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 White and Mrs Rees-Wright attended Year 6 writing moderation training on Monday and supporting writing for those who struggle on Thursday. Mrs Rees-Wright attended a Safeguarding Children in Education Team update on Wednesday.

Forest School

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

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Dates

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

Sun 15th March 10.45 am Eccleston Village Hall Mothering Sunday - Messy Church

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 Bonnet Parade at 9am parents welcome (weather dependent) and Easter Egg Hunt at playtime kindly organised by the PTA. Easter Service in Church at 1.30pm. School closes 2.15pm Play Smart open 2.15pm – 5pm

Sunday 19th April 10.45 am Eccleston Village Hall Messy Church

Monday 20th April - children return after Easter holiday

Thursday 23rd April - St George's Day children can wear their Scouting Uniform to gain their Represent badge

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

Tuesday 30th June; 8.50am - 3.10pm Queens Park High School Year 6 Taster / Induction Day

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

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

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

Tuesday 1st September 2026 - INSET DAY

Wednesday 2nd September – Children return