



## **Eccleston C.E. Aided Primary School**

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

Friday 20th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all those who supported our Scholastic Book Fair! We will let you know how much was raised once we have tallied up the online and cash payments. We still have some gingerbread biscuits left being sold on behalf of Down Syndrome Cheshire and will have them on sale again next week if your child would like to purchase one.

We're delighted to share some exciting updates! After the Easter holiday, we'll be introducing an even wider selection of snacks for children to enjoy at break time. These will be available to book on School Spider and include: toast (30p), crumpets (40p), bagels (50p), and on Fridays, a special ½ bacon butty (£1). For our superb cook, Sue, to continue providing high-quality meals, we will be making a small adjustment to dinner prices. We have worked hard to keep this increase as low as possible and are pleased to still be below the average cost of £3.20 in Cheshire West schools. From after Easter, junior dinners will be priced at £2.95. Infants (Reception to Year 2) will still receive Universal Infant Free School Meals.

The Government's Household Support Fund will end on 31 March 2026 and will be replaced by a new Crisis and Resilience Fund from 1 April 2026. Support for residents experiencing financial hardship will continue. You do not need to take any action at this stage. More information will be shared soon. If you need help now, you can find support, advice, and support.

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/benefits-and-welfare-help/cost-of-living/crisis-and-resilience-fund>

Appointments to discuss specific SEND paperwork/referrals are available to book on School Spider with Mrs White for Tuesday after school. Please note that this is not intended as a general update, as this will have been provided by the class teacher.

Mrs Evans welcomes Year 1 parents to a Phonics Screening information session on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm in the hall. She will explain what the phonics screening looks like for children and how you can help them. It's a great opportunity to ask any questions you have about phonics!

We would like to invite you to the Easter Service on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at St Mary's Church Eccleston at 1.30pm. Children will walk back to school with their class teacher, and you can collect them from the playground at 2.15pm. Any parents struggling to collect at 2.15pm can book onto Play Smart who are open until 5pm. Don't forget that Play Smart are also open for 2 days in the Easter holiday – please speak to Beci for more details.

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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](mailto: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 have launched an exciting history competition! 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!

On Monday March 30<sup>th</sup>, children will be participating in the Bunny Hop Skip and Jump at school. They will be given a pair of bunny ears to keep. If they have a pair from previous years, we are more than happy for children to re-use them to save on plastic waste – please send them in with their ears and sponsorship money on the Monday or alternatively, you can donate online: [https://www.justgiving.com/page/eccleston-c-of-e-primary-school-2?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL&utm\\_campaign=020](https://www.justgiving.com/page/eccleston-c-of-e-primary-school-2?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=020)

**Please remember to update us if your contact information changes.**

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.**

Tiny Steps- Provide a sensory play area and social cafe for children and young people with additional needs and their families. <https://tiny-steps.co.uk/our-story>

### 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 has attended the SENDCO cluster session for updates on local SEN issues and training on the new assessment tool which will have to be completed ahead of referrals.

Mr Christmas has spent today at the Anderton Boat Lift with Fishing for Families learning about improving children's mental health and wellbeing by spending quality time with adult family members through fishing.

### Forest School

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

Best regards

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## Dates

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

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

Monday March 30<sup>th</sup> – Bunny Hop Skip and Jump

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> April 10.45 am Eccleston Village Hall Messy Church

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

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

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

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Oral Storytelling workshops

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATs Week

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 10.45 am Eccleston Village Hall Messy Church

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

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 10.45 am Church Garden Messy Church

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Residential to Min y Don

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

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

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 10.45 am Church Garden Messy Church

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

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August Church Garden Picnic 10.45am Eccleston Messy Church

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026 - INSET DAY

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Children return**

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