



Eccleston C.E. Aided Primary School

"Let your light shine" - Matthew 5:16

Friday 22nd May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a short but busy half term! We hope you have an enjoyable and restful break and will see you on Tuesday 2nd June for the last half term of the year!

History Competition extended!

We have only had 2 children enter the history competition so the deadline has been extended to 12th June. Children have been looking at local history in class this week so that they can start a project which could be completed over the half term break. We're hoping for lots of entries to wow the judges!

Message from the PTA

Thank you to our very own DJ John for organising such a fantastic school disco! Not only can he spin the decks, but he can also expertly project-manage a fabulous party too. So much thought and work went into making it a memorable night for the children, and it was wonderful to see everyone having such a great time. We really appreciate all you did John... thank you!

We would also like to say a humongous thank you to Nicola Said, who has been an incredible Chair of the PTA for the last five years. Working tirelessly alongside a wonderful group of parents, Nicola has helped raise funds to provide those extra experiences, opportunities and equipment that go above and beyond what the school budget can stretch to; creating amazing memories and benefits for our children. Nicola, you have given so much of your time and energy, we appreciate every single minute. Enjoy your well-deserved retirement from the PTA!

Moving forward the PTA Chair will be Jade Palmer (Cosmo & Herbie's mum) with a great group of parents on the committee. Please do get in touch if you'd like to join us! ecclestonpta@gmail.com

Escape to Safety Workshop

On Monday 18th May, Year 4/5 were due to take part in the *Escape to Safety* Fire and Rescue workshop. Unfortunately, just as the fire service arrived, they were called out to an emergency incident and had to leave immediately. We have rearranged this valuable session for the children at a later date.

Rabbits Stay and Play

On Wednesday 20th May, families joined us in the school hall for the Rabbits' Stay and Play session. Parents and children had a wonderful time sharing and celebrating all of the learning that has been taking place this term. A special thank you to Kirsten for supporting the children during their forest school session.

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Forest School Fun

Badgers enjoyed their forest school session on Wednesday morning. Spending time outdoors continues to be a valuable and enjoyable experience for the children, encouraging teamwork, exploration and a love of nature.

Football and Dodgeball Tournament Success

Thursday saw our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 teams competing in a football tournament at Dodleston and Year 6 competed in a dodgeball session on Friday. The children were fantastic advocates for our school and demonstrated the true Eccleston Spirit throughout the events. We were very proud of our teams for their enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship.

PTA Disco Thanks

The school disco was a huge success and enjoyed by all of the children. A very special thank you goes to John, who worked incredibly hard editing songs especially for our children. We are also extremely grateful to all members of the PTA for their efforts in organising such an enjoyable and memorable event.

Piano Performances

On Friday morning, our budding pianists performed in front of the whole school ahead of their upcoming competition in Waverton next month. Well done to everyone who took part - performing in front of an audience takes great courage, and we are very proud of you all.

Rabbits' Visit to Grosvenor Estate

Friday 22nd May was the final day of term and Rabbits enjoyed a lovely visit to the Grosvenor Estate. Due to the warm weather, the trip timings were adjusted so the children could visit earlier in the day and enjoy the experience more comfortably.

Foxes Class Assembly for Parents

The date for the Foxes' Class Assembly for Parents has been changed to Friday 3rd July at 2.30pm. Apologies for the change.

Celebration Worship

During Celebration Worship, we took the opportunity to thank Nicola Said for all of her dedication and hard work during her time as PTA Chair. We are incredibly grateful for her support and commitment to our school community.

Ice Lollies

The children were incredibly lucky to get 2 ice lollies today! Thank you to the PTA for their after school treat!

Ofsted Update

We would like to inform families that the Ofsted report will now be released after half term. We do not yet have a copy of the final report, but we will share it with families as soon as we receive it.

Reading Volunteers

We are currently seeking Reading Volunteers to support our children in school. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time in the classroom, help build pupils' confidence, and share in their enjoyment of reading. Full guidance and support will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Evans at aevans@ecclestonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk or speak to her in person.

Please remember to update us if your contact information changes. Our Attendance policy and exceptional leave of absence request form are all available on the school website.

NO NUTs school

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.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Rees-Wright

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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.

Special Needs Today: by parents, for parents was launched in December 2018 by the parent of a child who has special needs and disability.

The site aims to become a 'one-stop shop' carrying content on health and lifestyle issues which will help parents on their lifelong journey supporting a child who has special needs.

<https://www.specialneedstoday.co.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.

Mr Christmas attended a Lawn Tennis Association training session in Ellesmere Port.

Mrs Rees-Wright attended the second Racial Justice session on Thursday morning and Mrs Rees-Wright and Mrs White attended the Year 6 writing moderation training and 'Meet the Moderator' on Thursday afternoon.

Forest School

5th June – Squirrels

12th June – Rabbits

19th June – Foxes

Wednesday 24th June – Badgers

3rd July – Squirrels

10th July - Rabbits

17th July – Foxes

Dates

Tuesday 2nd June - Children return after half term

Wednesday 3rd June – rearranged Escape to Safety Session from the Fire Service

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

Monday 29th June 2-8.30pm Amazing We Rise at Chester Cathedral

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

Wednesday 1st July – Reserve Sports Day

Friday 3rd July at 2.30pm – Foxes Class Assembly for Parents

Tuesday 7th July – Year 6 Leavers Service at Chester Cathedral (Year 6 only)

Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th July – Transition morning – children move up to new class.

Wednesday 8th July – New Reception Starters

Thursday 9th July – Rabbits and Foxes Boat trip to Chester

Thursday 9th and Friday 10th July – Squirrels Residential to Petty Pool

Monday 13th – Wednesday 15th July Badgers Residential to Waddow Hall

Tuesday 14th July – Year 6 visit to Overleigh to watch Snap Trap (online safety play)

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