



Eccleston C.E. Aided Primary School

"Let your light shine" - Matthew 5:16

Friday 15th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy few weeks at Eccleston! We have enjoyed welcoming lots of visitors into school and celebrating all of the exciting opportunities the children have been involved in.

Class Photographs

The children have recently had their class photographs taken and we are sure families are looking forward to seeing the finished results.

Collective Worship

Rev'd Steve Torr joined us on 5th May to lead worship based on our value of perseverance this half term. The children always enjoy his visits and respond so positively to the messages and reflections he shares with them.

Oral Health Check

Children who are 5 years old took part in an oral health check recently. It is a requirement of Local Authorities in England to undertake dental health needs assessments for all population groups and was carried out by North West Community Dental Services.

IEP Meetings

Class teachers have shared this term's IEPs with parents, focusing on the support being offered and celebrating the progress children have made so far this year.

Rabbits Visit the Farm

Rabbits class had an amazing adventure to Belgrave Moat Farm in Poulton where they got to meet 2-week-old calves and some brand-new kittens! The children had a wonderful time exploring the farm and learning about the animals. A huge thank you to Jan's family for arranging such a fantastic experience for the children.

Badgers

Year 4/5 have been very busy with their violin lessons every Monday and have also been joining the Amazing We Rise webinars on Fridays as they prepare for their performance later this term. The class have continued swimming each Friday and are loving the facilities at Christleton Baths. Their confidence and progress in the water are really developing and we are very proud of them.

Well Done Year 6

This week has very much been all about our Year 6 children. They have worked incredibly hard in the

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run up to their SATs and we are so proud of the determination, resilience and positive attitude they have shown throughout the week.

SATs don't measure sports,
SATs don't measure art,
SATs don't measure music,
Or the kindness in your heart.

SATs don't see your beauty,
SATs don't know your worth,
SATs don't see the reasons
You were put upon this earth.

SATs don't see your magic,
How you make others smile,
SATs don't time how quickly
You can run a mile.

SATs don't hear your laughter,
Or see you've come this far,
SATs are just a tiny glimpse
Of who you really are.

So sitting at your table,
With a pencil and your test,
Remember SATs aren't who you are,
Remember you're the best!

The Year 6 children also had a fantastic morning at Forest School with Kirsten and this afternoon are looking forward to milkshakes, kindly provided by the PTA, and a game of rounders if the weather stays kind to us!

Looking Ahead to Next Week

Next week is another busy one at Eccleston! Mr Christmas will be out on Monday afternoon at tennis training while Year 4 and 5 welcome the Fire and Rescue Service into school for their "Escape to Safety" workshop (call out dependent).

Football and Disco

On Thursday, Years 3/4 and 5/6 will be heading to Dodleston for a football competition. We also have the PTA disco taking place after school - always a highlight for the children!

A Busy Friday Ahead

Friday is set to be another exciting day. We will begin with a piano performance assembly in the morning, Rabbits class are visiting the Grosvenor Estate, and Badgers will head off for their swimming

session in the afternoon. We are also delighted that Nicola Said will be joining us for worship so that the children can thank her for all of the hard work she has put into raising money to improve our school grounds as chair of the PTA.

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.

Class Texts

This 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>

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.

Care for the Family is a prominent UK-based national charity that seeks to promote strong family relationships and support those facing family difficulties. While rooted in the Christian faith, the charity provides inclusive, evidence-based resources and support services to people of all faiths and none.

To explore resources or get in touch with the support team, you can visit the [Care for the Family Homepage](#). For direct support, the confidential CareLine can be reached by calling 029 2081 0800 or emailing mail@cff.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.

Mr Christmas and Mrs Evans have visited Poever Superior (who also use Oak Academy) to see best practice for maths teaching and a strong focus on oracy. Mrs Evans and Mrs Rees-Wright have visited Highfield Primary and Whitley Primary to see their Early Years/KS1 classrooms and planning.

Mrs Haslam is now Paediatric First Aid trained and has attended another ELSA supervision session

Mrs Rees-Wright and Mrs White attended Year 6 writing moderation training.

Forest School

Wednesday 20nd May – Badgers

5th June – Squirrels

12th June – Rabbits

19th June – Foxes

Wednesday 24th June – Badgers

3rd July – Squirrels

10th July - Rabbits

17th July – Foxes

Dates

Sunday 17th May 10.45 am Eccleston Village Hall Messy Church

Monday 18th May – Year 4/5 Escape to Safety Fire and Rescue workshop

Wednesday 20th May – Rabbits Stay and Play in School Hall

Friday 22nd May – Last Day, Rabbits Visit to Grosvenor Estate, Celebration Worship with Nicola Said to thank her for her time as PTA chair.

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

Monday 29th June 2-8.30pm Amasing 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

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

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

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