



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

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

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **History Competition extended!**

We have only had 2 children enter the history competition so the deadline has been extended to 12<sup>th</sup> 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!

### **Ethos Group's Pilgrimage**

On Tuesday, Ethos Group spent the morning on a Pilgrimage with the Archbishop of York at Chester Cathedral. They had a busy morning visiting St Werburgh's Shrine; carrying out a Passport to Pilgrimage; walking to St Peter's Cross; meeting Archbishop of York and continuing the pilgrimage to the cathedral followed by a Singing Session. The children were a credit to the school and came back buzzing about their new hats!

### **Transition to High School**

High schools have begun their transition visits and requests for information – getting to know the year 6 children before they start with them in September.

### **Gardening**

With all the lovely weather (and rain) the weeds in the sensory garden have exploded! Whilst Craig (the gardener) and the children are making in-roads, they are not managing to keep on top of it. Is there anyone able and willing to help us keep the weeds down please?

### **Foxes Class Assembly for Parents**

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

### **Chorister Opportunities at Chester Cathedral**

Does your son or grandson love to sing? Chester Cathedral has vacancies for 4 boy choristers to start in September 2026. Choristership at Chester Cathedral is an incredible opportunity for a free musical education that lasts a lifetime. Our choristers learn great music, make friends across schools, and develop their creativity and independence. You can find out more about the benefits and commitments of being a chorister and view our prospectus at

<https://chestercathedral.com/participate/choirs>. To register your interest, please email Philip Rushforth on [philip.rushforth@chestercathedral.com](mailto:philip.rushforth@chestercathedral.com) to request an informal audition. Typically, boys

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join the choir aged 6-8 but we are happy to hear from potential choristers of other ages. Please note, we do not have any vacancies for girl choristers at the moment.

### **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 [aeans@ecclestonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:aeans@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

### **SENDCO Section [sendco@ecclestonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto: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.**

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.**

During the INSET day, staff looked at grammar subject knowledge, reading and maths subject knowledge.

Mr Christmas and Mrs Evans worked with a Specialist Subject Lead for English to plan their English units looking carefully at how to meet the needs of all learners in the class. Mrs Frank/Mrs Willson and Mrs White will look at their planning next week.

Mrs Rees-Wright has attended Year 6 writing moderation training, Mrs White has attended an NPQSEN training session and Mrs Evans has attended a Best Start In Life EYFSP Assessment Networks.

Mrs Willson has been to Highfield to look at their expectations for behaviour and how they support children with additional needs. Mrs Frank, Mrs White and Mr Christmas will be visiting next week.

### **Forest School**

12<sup>th</sup> June – Rabbits

19<sup>th</sup> June – Foxes

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Badgers

3<sup>rd</sup> July – Squirrels

10<sup>th</sup> July - Rabbits

17<sup>th</sup> July – Foxes

## Dates

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Children return after half term

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – rearranged Escape to Safety Session Badgers from the Fire Service

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – School Sports Week**

**Monday – Lucy from Kixx – performance to parents at 3pm**

**Tuesday – Orienteering and Year 6 Ply Leaders taking a sports session with each class**

**Wednesday - Sports Day 1.30pm**

**Thursday – Matt Fiddes Martial Arts session for whole school**

**Friday – Intra School Sports Competition organised by Sports Ambassadors**

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

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2-8.30pm Amazing We Rise at Chester Cathedral

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

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Transition morning – children move up to new class  
(Change of Date due to residentials and Y6 cathedral leavers service)**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Reserve Sports Day

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 2.30pm – Foxes Class Assembly for Parents

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Service at Chester Cathedral (Year 6 only)

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July – New Reception Starters

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Rabbits and Foxes Boat trip to Chester

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Squirrels Residential to Petty Pool

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July Badgers Residential to Waddow Hall

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

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