



Eccleston C.E. Aided Primary School

"Let your light shine" - Matthew 5:16

Friday 10th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reception 2027 Open Days

Do you know a family looking for a Reception place in September 2027? Please help us spread the word about our upcoming Open Days! Families are warmly invited to come along, meet our staff, tour the school and see what makes our school such a special place to learn.

Our Open Days will take place on:

- Saturday 26th September – 10.00am–11.30am
- Wednesday 14th October – 1.30pm–2.30pm
- Saturday 14th November – 10.00am–11.30am

Please share these dates with friends, family and neighbours who may be interested.

Important Change to INSET Day

Please note that there has been a change to our planned INSET day for the 2026–2027 academic year. School will now be closed on Friday 25th September for staff training. Thank you for your understanding and for updating your calendars.

Celebrating Our Gold School Games Mark

We are delighted to announce that our school has achieved the Gold School Games Mark. This prestigious award recognises our continued commitment to providing high-quality PE, school sport and physical activity opportunities for all pupils. Well done to everyone who has contributed to this fantastic achievement.

This Week's Highlights

It has been another busy and exciting week in school. On Tuesday 7th July, our Year 6 pupils attended the Year 6 Leavers' Service at Chester Cathedral, marking an important milestone as they prepare for the next stage of their education. On Thursday 9th July, the Rabbits and Foxes classes enjoyed a memorable boat trip to Chester, providing a wonderful opportunity to learn outside the classroom and visit the Cathedral.

End of Year Reports

End of year reports have been sent home. We hope parents and carers enjoy celebrating the progress and achievements their children have made throughout the year. If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher about anything on the report, please do not hesitate to contact them.

Play Smart Reminder

Please note that there will be no Play Smart session on the final day of term (22nd July).

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New Reception Starters

On Wednesday afternoon, our new Reception children joined Year 5 pupils for a delightful Teddy Bears' Picnic. It was lovely to see new friendships beginning to form, helping our newest pupils feel welcomed into our school community. Our new Reception starters will return on Wednesday, with a parents' meeting taking place that evening at 6.00 pm. We look forward to welcoming our newest families and sharing information about the exciting year ahead.

History Competition

We were pleased to welcome members of the Poulton and Pulford History Group on Wednesday afternoon to judge this year's History Competition entries. Thank you to all of the children who took part and showcased their creativity and historical knowledge. On Thursday afternoon, we look forward to celebrating the winning entries and recognising the excellent work produced by our pupils.

Squirrels Residential Visit

Our Squirrels class have enjoyed an exciting residential visit to Petty Pool yesterday and today. The children have taken part in a variety of activities, developing confidence, teamwork and independence while creating lasting memories. They have done incredibly well managing in the heat.

Looking Ahead

Next week promises to be another busy one. On Monday, AHR will be in school to hold a pre-start meeting ahead of the refurbishment of the Rabbit classroom. From Monday to Wednesday, Badgers will be away on their residential visit to Waddow Hall. Year 6 will also be visiting Overleigh to watch Snap Trap, an engaging online safety performance.

SATs Results Update

The release of this year's SATs results has unfortunately been postponed due to issues experienced by Pearson, the assessment provider. Results are now expected to be released on Thursday 16th July.

Rabbits Campfire and Pizza Night

On Friday from 5.00 pm to 6.45 pm, the Rabbits class will be enjoying their Campfire and Pizza Night. We hope everyone has a fantastic evening together.

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.

Parent Carer Forus - IASS helps parents and carers, children and young people who have difficulties with learning, and or a disability from birth to 25 years. We offer a confidential service which gives parents, children and young people impartial advice and information to make informed decisions.

To use our service a parent must think that their child has Special Educational Needs but you do not need a professional to agree or to have any kind of Statement, Education, Health and Care Plan or diagnosis.

Email iasservice@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
or visit <https://livewell.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/Services/1279> for more information.

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.

Kara (our Specialist Subject Lead) has been in working with Mr Christmas and Mrs White on their English planning this week looking at effective feedback and next steps for the class.

Nicky Dowling (our Associate School Improvement Advisor) has been in conducting lesson observations and providing feedback to staff.

Lind Neil (from the Literacy Company) has been in to chat with Mrs Rees-Wright about effective English development throughout school.

Susan Walters (School Improvement Partner) has been in to work with Mrs Rees-Wright on our data and School Development Plan for 2026-2027.

Forest School

17th July – Foxes

4th September – Foxes

11th September – Badgers

18th September – Squirrels

Wednesday 23rd September – Rabbits

2nd October – Foxes

9th October – Badgers

16th October – Squirrels

Wednesday 21st October – Rabbits

6th November – Foxes

13th November – Badgers

20th November – Squirrels

27th November – Rabbits

4th December – Foxes

11th December – Badgers

Wednesday 16th December Squirrels

8th January 2027 - Rabbits

Dates

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

Friday 17th July – 5-6.45 campfire and pizza night for Rabbits

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

Saturday 26th September 10-11.30 - Open Days for Reception 2027 starters

Wednesday 14th October 1.30-2.30 - Open Days for Reception 2027 starters

Wednesday 11th November 12.30-2.45 Year 6 Crucial Crew Child Safety Event

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