



Eccleston C.E. Aided Primary School

"Let your light shine" - Matthew 5:16

Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A Great First Full Week!

The children have had a fantastic first full week back in school and it has been lovely to see everyone settling so well into their new classes and routines.

Our Reception children joined us full time from Wednesday and have made a brilliant start. A very special mention must go to our Year 6 Buddies, who have been outstanding in the care and support they have shown our youngest children. They have been particularly wonderful during our afternoon activities, including Welly Wednesday, reading and Play Leaders. Year 6 parents should be incredibly proud of their children, who have taken on their Buddy roles with such maturity, care and thoughtfulness. We are certainly very proud of them!

Welcome to Mrs King

We are delighted that Mrs Hanna King has joined us on secondment from Hoole C of E Primary School for the remainder of the academic year and will be teaching Rabbits Class.

Mrs King has spent the whole day with us today, getting to know the children and beginning the phonics assessments, which will be completed early next week. It has been wonderful to have her in school and we are really looking forward to her officially taking over the class from Monday.

Rabbits parents and carers will have the opportunity to meet Mrs King properly at our Meet the Teacher session on Wednesday at 3.15pm.

Please Label Everything!

We already have a growing collection of lost clothing! Please make sure that everything your child brings into school is clearly labelled with their name. This makes it much easier for us to reunite jumpers, cardigans, coats and other belongings with their owners.

SEND - IEP Meetings

For children who are on our SEND Register, appointment slots for IEP meetings with your child's class teacher have now been released on School Spider.

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These meetings provide an opportunity to review your child's individual targets, discuss the support in place and agree the priorities for the term ahead. Mrs White will share these with you on Monday afternoon ahead of the meeting so you can contribute your thoughts and ideas.

Badgers

Badgers had a fantastic Forest School session with Mrs Davies this week and thoroughly enjoyed being back outside learning together.

They have also been getting stuck into their science learning. Their lesson on the digestive system was particularly impressive, as the children explored the different stages of digestion, what each part of the digestive system does and what happens to our food as it travels through the body. There was some fantastic scientific thinking and discussion!

Working Together to Keep Improving

We were pleased to welcome Ros Flanders, Headteacher at Hoole C of E Primary School, into school today. Ros will also be back with us next week as part of the ongoing support we are putting in place to help us continue to drive improvement and positive change across the school.

We are really grateful for the opportunity to work collaboratively with colleagues from other schools, sharing expertise and making sure that the changes we introduce have the greatest possible impact on our children.

ELSA Training

Mrs Smith begins her ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) training on Wednesday. I will also be attending the first session so that I will be able to share more information with families about the training timescale and when we expect our full ELSA provision to begin.

Mastering Number

On Friday morning, Mr Christmas and Mrs White will be attending Mastering Number training.

We already use the Mastering Number programme in Reception and Years 1–3, and this additional training will support its development in Years 4 and 5.

The programme is designed to help children develop a secure understanding of number, alongside greater fluency and flexibility in their mathematical thinking. In Years 4 and 5, there is a particular focus on developing automatic recall of multiplication and division facts and helping children develop a deeper understanding of how multiplication and division work.

This is another important part of our work to strengthen mathematics teaching across the school and ensure that children have secure foundations on which to build their learning.

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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.

Volunteer Readers Needed!

If you, or anyone you know, is able to donate an afternoon each week to listen to readers we would be incredibly grateful. We had great success with our volunteers last year and would love some more readers this year. Please do get in touch with head@ecclestonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk if you can help!

Have a Lovely Weekend

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It has been a busy but **really positive** week and there is a **great deal to celebrate**.

The children have worked incredibly hard, and we are looking forward to another exciting week ahead.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best regards,

Kathryn 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.

Home Start: Thriving families- [Home | Home–Start Warrington and Cheshire](#) Support for individual children and families offering activities, parenting support, mental well-being and building stronger family relationships

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 Holdgate attended Paediatric First Aid training this week.

Mrs Rees-Wright and Mrs Smith attended Read Write Inc phonics assessment training.

Forest School

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

Wednesday 16th September 3.15pm – Meet the Teacher for Rabbits with Mrs King

Wednesday 16th September – IEP meetings with Teachers for those children with SEND.

Wednesday 16th September – Jeanette Howe in leading worship

Friday 18th September – Flu vaccinations

Sunday 20th September - Messy Church in Eccleston Village Hall at 10.45 am

Wednesday 23rd September – 11.45am Reception Parents Lunch in school – please book on School Spider

Friday 25th September – INSET Day – school closed to children.

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

Monday 5th October - Detective Constable Andrew Kevan in leading internet safety workshops with children

Monday 5th October – 3.30pm Parent Internet safety workshop

Thursday 8th October 7.15pm Parish Council Meeting in Village Hall

From Monday 12th October – Please bring in donations for West Cheshire Food Bank Harvest Appeal

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

Sunday 18th October - Messy Church in Eccleston Village Hall at 10.45 am

Monday 19th October – Reception Parents Evening (details to follow)

Tuesday 20th October – Rabbits Stay and Play 2-3pm for Parents

Wednesday October 21st 2.45-3.15pm Parents are invited in to look at pupils' books (more details to follow)

Friday 23rd October – Individual and Sibling Photographs

Friday 23rd October – Last Day. Harvest Festival in at St Mary's Church at 1.30pm

Tuesday 3rd November – Children return after half term

Tuesday 3rd November – Detective Constable Andrew Kevan in leading internet safety workshops with children

Wednesday 4th November – Year 6 Apple Pressing at Eaton Estate – more details to follow

Wednesday 11th November 12.30-2.45 Year 6 Crucial Crew Child Safety Event (details to follow)

Saturday 14th November 10-11.30am - Open Days for Reception 2027 starters

Monday, November 16th to Friday, November 20th - Anti-Bullying Week. 2026 theme is "Break the Silence". The week will kick off with "Odd Socks Day" on November 16th to celebrate individuality.

Wednesday 18th November – Jeanette Howe in leading worship

Thursday 19th November 2.30pm – Squirrel Class Assembly for Parents

Friday 20th November – Children in Need – come in pyjamas/spots for a donation

Sunday 22nd November - Messy Church in Eccleston Village Hall at 10.45 am

Monday 23rd November – Friday 27th November – Parents' Evening Week

Wednesday 2nd December 2.45-3.15pm Parents are invited in to look at pupils' books

Wednesday 9th December – 2pm and 5pm Christmas Performance

Tuesday 15th December - Rabbits Stay and Play 2-3pm for Parents

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Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Jumper day for £1 donation and Christmas lunch

Thursday 17th December 10.15am-12.30 – Rapunzel Pantomime at Storyhouse

Friday 18th December – 1.30pm Christmas Service in St Mary's Church

Sunday 20th December - Messy Church in Eccleston Village Hall at 10.45 am

Tuesday 5th January – children return after Christmas holiday

Tuesday 19th January at 3.15pm – Year 4 Multiplication Check Meeting for Parents

Wednesday 20th January – SEN Parents Meeting to share Plans for the term and review last term

Tuesday 26th January at 3.15pm – Year 6 SATs Meeting for Parents

Wednesday 27th January - Detective Constable Andrew Kevan in leading internet safety workshops with children

Monday 1st – Friday 5th February Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 2nd February – Phonics Screening Check Meeting for Parents

Wednesday 3rd February Badger Class Assembly for Parents

Tuesday 9th February – Rabbits Stay and Play 2-3pm for Parents

Wednesday 10th February 2.45-3.15pm Parents are invited in to look at pupils' books

Friday 12th February – Last Day

Tuesday 23rd February - Children return after half term

Thursday 4th March – World Book Day

Thursday 11th – Wednesday 17th March – Scholastic Book Fair. Use your World Book Day Vouchers for £1 off!

Monday 15th – Friday 19th March – Parents Evening Week

Friday March 19th – Red Nose Day – Wear red and/or a nose for a donation.

Monday 22nd March - World Down's Syndrome Day – gingerbread socks for £1

Wednesday 24th March 2.45-3.15pm Parents are invited in to look at pupils' books

Thursday 25th March - Easter Eggstravaganza – Easter bonnet and garden competition and Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday 25th March – Last Day. Easter Service in Church at 1.30pm

Monday 12th April - children return after Easter holiday

Wednesday 28th April - SEN Parents Meeting to share Plans for the term and review last term

Monday 3rd May – Bank Holiday – School closed

Tuesday 4th May – Tempest Group Photos

Monday 10th May – Thursday 13th May – Y6 SATs Week

Wednesday 26th May 2-3pm - Rabbits Stay and Play 2-3pm for Parents

Wednesday 26th May 2.45-3.15pm Parents are invited in to look at pupils' books

Thursday 27th May 2.30pm Foxes Class Assembly for Parents

Friday 28th May – Last Day

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Monday 7th June - Children return after half term

Monday 7th June to Friday 11th June – Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check week.

Monday 14th – Friday 18th June – Year 1 Phonics Screening Check week

Monday 14th – Friday 18th June – School Sports Week

Wednesday 16th June 1.30pm – Sports Day

Wednesday 23rd June 1.30pm Sports Day (Reserve Date)

Tuesday 29th June - New Reception Starters 1.30-3pm

Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th July – Transition morning – children move up to new class.

Tuesday 6th July – New Reception Starters 1.30-3pm

Tuesday 13th July – New Reception Starters afternoon 1.30-3pm and Parents' Meeting at 6pm

Wednesday 14th July 2.45-3.15pm Parents are invited in to look at pupils' books

Wednesday 21st July – Last day. 1.30pm Leavers and end of Year Service in Church. All welcome to celebrate the year!

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