



Eccleston C.E. Aided Primary School

"Let your light shine" - Matthew 5:16

Friday 18th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A fantastic first week for Mrs King!

What a wonderful first week it has been for Mrs King! The children in Rabbits have settled brilliantly with her, and it has been lovely to see how quickly they have built such positive relationships. Mrs King has brought a wealth of experience, enthusiasm and expertise to the classroom, and it is already making a real difference.

We are incredibly fortunate to have Mrs King joining us this year, not only as our Reception and Year 1 teacher but also as our Assistant Headteacher. Her knowledge and experience will be invaluable as we continue to develop our provision and strive to provide the very best education for all our children. We are absolutely delighted to have her as part of the Eccleston family!

Some More Fantastic Staffing News for Rabbits!

I am absolutely delighted to share some more wonderful news about our Rabbits Class!

On Thursday, Mr Southorn (our Chair of Governors), Mrs King, Mrs White and I held interviews for the Rabbits Teaching Assistant position. Following the recruitment process, I am thrilled to announce that we have made a fantastic appointment! Mrs Lewis will be joining Rabbits Class as our new Teaching Assistant from Monday 28th September!

Many of you will already know Mrs Lewis, as she has been generously giving her time to volunteer in school, listening to children read. What you may not know is that Mrs Lewis is also a qualified teacher with many years of experience. She brings a wealth of knowledge, skills and expertise to the role, alongside an existing understanding of our school and its children. We really couldn't be more pleased with this appointment!

To ensure a smooth transition and maintain consistency for the children, Mr Holdgate will work alongside Mrs Lewis during her first week, providing a thorough handover and helping her settle into the role. I would also like to thank Mr Holdgate for everything he has done for Rabbits. We are very grateful for his hard work and commitment to the children.

With Mrs King and Mrs Lewis now in place, we have a wonderful team for Rabbits, and I am looking forward to seeing the children continue to flourish!

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Developing Our Pastoral Support

On Wednesday, Mrs Smith began her ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) training. Her first session explored the role of an ELSA and how this additional support can help children understand and manage their emotions, develop positive relationships and build confidence and resilience. We look forward to Mrs Smith putting her training into practice as she progresses through the course.

Working Together to Support Our Children

On Wednesday, parents and carers of children with SEND met with class teachers to discuss their child's Individual Education Plan (IEP) for this term. These meetings provided an important opportunity to talk through each child's individualised targets, share information and agree how we can work together to support their progress.

Flu Vaccinations

The NHS immunisation team visited school on Friday to administer the children's flu vaccinations. If your child missed their vaccination and you had not opted out, the NHS team will contact you directly with further information.

A Reminder - INSET Day

Please remember that next Friday, 25th September, is an INSET day. School will be closed to all children.

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!

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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 (including those on buns and in hummus).** If your child accidentally brings in a product containing nuts or sesame seeds, 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.

Finally, I hope you all have a wonderful weekend. Fingers crossed that the rain finally stops and we get a little sunshine!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

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.

Koala- family support [Family Support - Koala North West](#) parenting support, mental wellbeing, or 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 Christmas worked with Kara our Specialist Subject Lead for English planning out the term's writing topic thinking about the needs of all children.

Mrs Rees-Wright and Mrs Smith attended the first ELSA training session on Wednesday.

Forest School

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

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

Wednesday 30th September – Jeanette Howe leading Worship

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

Monday 13th October – Squirrels out on a Roman Trip – more details to follow

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

Saturday 17th October - West Cheshire Athletic Club Schools Cross Country Race Series 2026/27 At Ellesmere Port Sports Village, Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port, Registration from 9.30am for school years 3 & 4 And from 10am for school years 5-8. First Race Starts at 10am.

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)

Thursday 22nd October – Badgers out at Chester Zoo – 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

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Saturday, 28th November - West Cheshire Athletic Club Schools Cross Country Race Series 2026/27 At Ellesmere Port Sports Village, Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port, Registration from 9.30am for school years 3 & 4 And from 10am for school years 5-8. First Race Starts at 10am.

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

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

Saturday 30th January - West Cheshire Athletic Club Schools Cross Country Race Series 2026/27 At Ellesmere Port Sports Village, Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port, Registration from 9.30am for school years 3 & 4 And from 10am for school years 5-8. First Race Starts at 10am.

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

Saturday 6th March - West Cheshire Athletic Club Schools Cross Country Race Series 2026/27 At Ellesmere Port Sports Village, Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port, Registration from 9.30am for school years 3 & 4 And from 10am for school years 5-8. First Race Starts at 10am.

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

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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

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!