

Eccleston C.E. Aided Primary School

"Let your light shine" - Matthew 5:16

Thursday 24th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Open Day – Saturday

We have our first Open Day this Saturday for families considering a Reception place for September 2027. If you know of friends, family or neighbours who are currently looking at schools, please do encourage them to come along and see what makes Eccleston such a special school community. Word of mouth from our families is incredibly valuable to us.

Early Years Team Visit

This week, Daniel Spry and Joanne Harvey from the Early Years Team visited school to look at the classroom environment and provision in Rabbits. They were incredibly pleased with the progress that Mrs King has made in such a short space of time and her plans for the future. It was wonderful to have that external recognition of the improvements already taking place and the strong start Mrs King has made with our Reception and Year 1 children.

Reception Parents' Lunch

On Wednesday, we welcomed our Reception parents into school for our Reception Parents' Lunch. It was lovely to see so many families joining their children for lunch and experiencing a little bit of school life with them. As always, Sue didn't disappoint with her turkey roast, and a few parents particularly enjoyed the novelty of having jelly again after quite a few years! Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make it such an enjoyable occasion.

Developing Our Curriculum

Cerri Jones led our staff meeting this week, supporting teachers with the development of our Medium-Term Plans and encouraging us to think carefully about two important questions when planning learning: "Why this?" and "Why now?" This helps us to ensure that everything we teach is carefully sequenced, purposeful and builds on what children have learned before.

Mastering Number

Mrs Rees-Wright attended a Mastering Number session for headteachers this week. Mr Christmas and Mrs White attended last week. Mastering Number has already been successfully introduced from

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Reception to Year 3 and we are now extending this approach through to Year 6. The programme focuses on developing children's number sense, fluency and confidence with key mathematical concepts, and forms part of our wider work to strengthen mathematical fluency across the school.

Keeping Up to Date

Mrs Williams attended a School Business Managers' meeting on Thursday morning, while Mrs White attended the local SENDCo cluster meeting. These meetings are an important opportunity for staff to keep up to date with developments, share good practice and bring new ideas back into school.

INSET Day

During our INSET day tomorrow, teachers will be visiting Hoole CE Primary School to look at their approach to behaviour and routines, including their Classroom Codes and Corridor Codes. We will be considering how some of these approaches could further strengthen the consistent expectations and routines we have across Eccleston. In the afternoon, teachers will continue working on our Medium-Term Plans. Once these are completed, we will use them to create parent-friendly curriculum plans so that families have a much clearer picture of what their child will be learning in each subject throughout the term. We hope these will help parents talk to their children about their learning and better understand how knowledge and skills build over time.

Staffing Next Week

Mrs Frank will not be in school on Monday or Tuesday next week, so Mrs Willson will be taking the class for the full week, providing consistency for the children throughout the week.

We are also delighted that Mrs Lewis starts in Rabbits on Monday. We are really looking forward to welcoming her officially to the team. Many of the children already know Mrs Lewis through her volunteering in school, and her experience as a qualified teacher will be a fantastic addition to the Rabbits team.

ELSA Training

Finally, Mrs Smith will attend the next stage of her ELSA training next week. She will begin developing practical strategies to support children with their emotional literacy and wellbeing and will soon be able to begin leading ELSA sessions in school. This will add another valuable layer of pastoral support for our children.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. There is a great deal of development taking place across school at the moment, and it is really encouraging to see the positive impact of this work already beginning to show.

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!

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.

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.

Blacon Autism Support Group - A group for parents and carers from Blacon and the surrounding areas to discuss any concerns regarding the Autism Spectrum, this may include Autism, Aspergers, ADHD, ODD, OCD https://www.facebook.com/groups/1134893299882883/?locale=en_GB

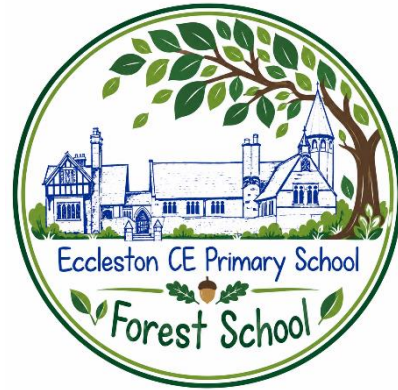
Staff Training

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.

This week, staff have continued to develop their practice through a range of professional development opportunities. Cerri Jones led a staff meeting focused on strengthening Medium-Term Planning, with particular emphasis on the questions “Why this?” and “Why now?” when sequencing learning. Mrs Rees-Wright attended a Mastering Number session for headteachers, supporting the further development of fluency across the school. Mrs Williams attended a School Business Managers’ meeting, while Mrs White attended the local SENDCo cluster meeting to keep up to date with current guidance, developments and good practice.

Forest School

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

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

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

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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
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!