

Eccleston C.E. Aided Primary School

"Let your light shine" - Matthew 5:16

Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Internet Safety Sessions with Detective Constable Andrew Kevan on Monday

On Monday, Andrew Kevan will be in school leading workshops on internet safety. 'Cyber Sid' sessions are for Reception, years 1 & 2. Statistics tell us the just over 50% of 3 to 5 year olds are accessing Social Media, and indeed, some having profiles on TikTok and Snapchat! To support the students safe use of the internet Andrew delivers 3 x 20min sessions. They are supported with a PowerPoint, video, and music. 'Cyber Sid' is a puppet that he uses to engage the children. This session will focus on Watching Videos' and the children learn a song, receive a story book, and play instruments.

Years 3, 4, & 5 is a one hour 'Cyber Data' session which the children learn all about how to negotiate social media keeping their data safe. They look regenerative AI, Deepfakes, and the importance of knowing who we are talking to online.

Year 6 is a one hour case study of 'Lloyd'. This session is designed for year six students getting ready for transition to high school. This input is supported by a PowerPoint with videos and sound, it follows an investigation Andrew conducted when he arrested a 14 year old Cheshire student for online bullying and sharing indecent images of other children in his school. It looks at Social Media, Mindset, AI, Consequence of Actions, Legislation, and where to find help & support.

At 3.30pm in Badgers Classroom, parents are invited to a one-hour session looking at statistics, the reality of what children are accessing, the dangers of social media, and the vital role parents play in keeping their children safe online. I have received some incredible feedback on these sessions and would encourage you to attend where possible. School will supervise children on the playground during the hour session.

Reception, Year 1 and 2 will have follow up sessions on Tuesday 3rd November 2026 and Wednesday 27th January 2027.

Help shape our school's future - join our governing board

Information about joining our governing board went home on Monday. This is a fantastic opportunity to make a lasting difference to Eccleston and help ensure that every child receives the very best education and care.

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As we continue to move the school forward, our governors have a vital role in supporting improvement, providing thoughtful challenge and offering stability and continuity. Joining the board is a meaningful way to contribute to our school community, bring your perspective and skills, and help shape a positive future for our children.

You do not need to work in education to have something valuable to offer. We welcome people who care about our school, are willing to learn and can commit time to helping it thrive. If you are interested, please come and speak to me - I would be delighted to talk through the role and what it involves.

The closing date for nominations is Monday 12 October. Hard copies of the nomination forms are available from the school office.

Staffing

Mr Holdgate has finished his time with us at Eccleston. We want to say a massive thank you to him for being such an exceptional TA in this time. Mr Holdgate and Mrs Lewis have worked closely together this week to ensure an effective handover has taken place.

Mrs Frank will not be in school next week, so Miss Jones will be covering on supply for Monday to Wednesday. It will be lovely to welcome her back as a teacher rather than as a teaching assistant.

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

SENDCO Section 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.

The Endorphins Club- The Endorphins Group - Inclusive Children & Youth Group - Chester | Live Well Cheshire West Home - Endorphins Group UK engaging and inclusive group sessions where SEND children and young people can play, learn and build confidence. With themed activities, games and sports for all abilities and sessions on a Saturday and during half-terms.

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.

Mrs Lewis attended the Paediatric First Aid training on Tuesday.

Mrs Smith attended ELSA training on Wednesday and will start sessions with children next week.

The teaching assistants attended training with Mrs White on Thursday looking at best practice to support children during interventions.

TAs will attend a weekly training session moving forward as continuing professional development is incredibly important for all members of the school team, not just teachers.

Forest School

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
15th January – Foxes
22nd January – Badgers
29th January – Squirrels
5th February – Rabbits
12th February – Foxes
26th February – Badgers
5th March - Squirrels

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Dates

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
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
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
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

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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 Downs 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!

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