

Eccleston C.E. Aided Primary School

"Let your light shine" - Matthew 5:16

Friday 9th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

Information about joining our governing board went home last 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.

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.

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:

- 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.

Online Safety Workshops

On Monday, Andrew Kevan visited school to lead a full day of internet safety workshops for children across the school. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 took part in the 'Cyber Sid' sessions to help children understand how to stay safe when watching videos online. The children particularly enjoyed learning the Cyber Sid song. You can listen to the song here:
https://vimeo.com/323687698?msockid=3fb13bb173ab632b302e2c6072506230

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Years 3, 4 and 5 took part in the 'Cyber Data' session, learning about how to use social media safely and protect their personal information. Year 6 took part in a powerful case study based on 'Lloyd', a real investigation involving a 14-year-old student.

Thank you to all of the parents who joined us after school for Andrew's parent session too. The session looked at current statistics, what children are actually accessing online, some of the risks associated with social media and the vital role parents play in helping children to stay safe. We really appreciate parents giving up their time to attend and support this important area of children's education.

Parish Council Logo Competition

I attended the Eaton and Eccleston Parish Council meeting last night and the council has set our children an exciting challenge! They would like the children to design a new logo for the Parish Council, with a prize being awarded to the winning design.

We will be completing the designs in school and are looking forward to seeing the children's ideas for something that represents our local community.

Chester Marathon

The Chester Marathon takes place this Sunday and, as usual, Eccleston will be playing its part as the first water stations along the route.

PlaySmart have also created a fantastic banner to help us cheer the runners on as they pass through the village. Good luck to everyone taking part!

Squirrels Step Back in Time

Squirrels have an exciting day ahead on Tuesday when they visit Park in the Past as part of their learning about the Romans. The trip will give the children the opportunity to bring their history learning to life and experience more about what life was like during Roman times.

Year 2 Bible Presentation

On Thursday at 2.30pm, our Year 2 children will be presented with their Bibles by Rev'd Steve Torr at St Mary's Church. This is always a very special occasion for the children and an important part of our life as a Church of England school.

Rabbits Stay and Play – Tuesday 20th October

Parents of children in Rabbits are invited to our Stay and Play session on Tuesday 20th October from 8.45–9.45am.

The session will have a particular focus on phonics and will give parents the opportunity to find out more about how phonics is taught in school and how they can support their child at home.

Change to Rabbit Timetable

From Monday, we will be making a small change to the morning routine in Rabbits. Reception and Year 1 will no longer have a separate morning break and will instead continue with their learning through continuous provision. This doesn't mean less time to play or be outside – quite the opposite! The children will still have plenty of opportunities to move around, access the outdoor area, have a drink and take a break when they need to.

We've made this change because children can often become really absorbed in their learning and play, and stopping for a formal break can interrupt this. A longer, uninterrupted morning gives them more time to develop their ideas, concentrate, talk, explore and learn through play, while staff can continue to support and extend their learning.

Come and Look at Your Child's Books – Wednesday 21st October

On Wednesday 21st October from 2.45–3.15pm, parents are invited into school to look at their child's English and maths books.

Please collect your child and their books from the classroom and then spend some time looking through them together in the hall, or outside if the weather permits. This is a lovely opportunity for children to share what they have been learning and talk about the work they are most proud of this term.

You are welcome to take your child home once you have finished. Please just remember to return the books to the classroom before leaving.

Badgers' Science Trip

On Thursday 22nd October, Badgers will be heading to the zoo for their science trip. This will provide a fantastic opportunity to extend their science learning beyond the classroom and see some of the topics they have been studying first-hand.

Individual Photographs and Harvest Festival

On Friday 23rd October, Tempest Photography will be in school taking individual pupil photographs.

Later that day, we will hold our Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church at 1.30pm. Children will return to school following the service and can be collected from 2.15pm. School will remain open as usual until 3.15pm for any families who are unable to collect early. We are looking forward to finishing the half term together with this very special celebration.

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.

ChAPS – Cheshire Autism Practical Support

At Autism Practical Support, we're here for autistic children, adults, and for the families, schools and employers who support them. If you need guidance, resources, or someone to talk to, our experienced team is ready to help.

https://www.autismpracticalsupport.org.uk/contact-us

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.

On Wednesday, Mrs Smith will attend the next session of her ELSA training. This continues her work towards becoming an Emotional Literacy Support Assistant and will further develop the support we are able to offer children with their emotional wellbeing.

Teaching Assistants engaged with Mrs King on Thursday looking at phonics and how to support behaviour in school.

Mrs White attended another Mastering Number Zoom session. We will be rolling this out to the juniors after half term to support their automaticity with number.

Staff meeting was focused on developing our Medium Term Plans and writing Action Plans for each of the subjects we lead.

Forest School

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

Sunday 11th October – Chester Marathon PTA
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 8.45-9.45am for Parents focusing on phonics.
Wednesday October 21st 2.45-3.15pm Parents are invited to look at pupils' English and maths books in the hall.
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 Reception, Year 1 and 2
Wednesday 4th November – Year 6 Apple Pressing at Eaton Estate – more information 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 2nd December – Eccleston Village Christmas Light Switch on – More details to follow
Wednesday 9th December – 2pm and 5pm Christmas Performance
Tuesday 15th December - Rabbits Stay and Play 8.45am-9.45am 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 Reception, Year 1 and 2
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 8.45am-9.45am 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 8.45am-9.45am 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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