

Eccleston C.E. Aided Primary School

"Let your light shine" - Matthew 5:16

Friday 16th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

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 14th November – 10.00am–11.30am

Please share these dates with friends, family and neighbours who may be interested.

HMI Update

Following on from our inspection, we have been assigned an HMI (His Majesty's Inspector) called Emily Morris. Mrs King and I have met her on Teams and she is pleased with the progress we are making, especially in Early Years. She will be in after half term for 2 full days to see first hand how we are getting on and the improvements we have made.

CDLT Parents Initial Meeting

Following the announcement that we will be joining CDLT, we would like to invite you to an introductory meeting with Sara Lawrenson (CEO) on Thursday 22nd October at 6pm in the school hall. This will be an opportunity to hear about CDLT's vision and values and ask any questions you may have.

Chester Marathon

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to support at the Chester Marathon water station on Sunday. It was wonderful to see our children representing the school and encouraging the runners. Each of the children who helped has been presented with a certificate in worship this week to recognise their efforts. Well done to everyone involved!

Squirrels Step Back in Time

Squirrels had a fantastic day on Tuesday when they visited Park in the Past as part of their learning about the Romans. The children had a brilliant opportunity to bring their history learning to life, and the photographs from the day looked fantastic. We were also very fortunate with the weather!

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Year 2 Bible Presentation

On Thursday afternoon, our Year 2 children were 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. We hope the children will treasure their Bibles and enjoy using them at school.

West Cheshire Foodbank Harvest Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has already supported our West Cheshire Foodbank Harvest Appeal. We are continuing to welcome donations in school, and every contribution helps support local families who need a little extra help. Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

Invacuation and Fire Drill Practice

As part of our regular safeguarding and emergency procedures, we will be carrying out two planned practice drills after half term. On Tuesday 3rd November at 12.45pm, we will practise our invacuation/lockdown procedure. On Thursday 5th November at 11.45am, we will practise our fire evacuation procedure. These practices help ensure that children and staff are familiar with what they need to do should we ever need to use either procedure in a real emergency.

Cross Country – Saturday 17th October

The West Cheshire Athletic Club Schools Cross Country Race Series 2026/27 takes place tomorrow at Ellesmere Port Sports Village, Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port. Registration is from 9.30am for Years 3 and 4 and from 10.00am for Years 5–8, with the first race starting at 10.00am. Good luck to any of our children who are taking part!

Messy Church – Sunday 18th October

Messy Church will take place this Sunday at 10.45am in Eccleston Village Hall. Families are very welcome to come along and enjoy a relaxed morning of activities, worship and time together.

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.

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.

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 hking@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.

Koala North West are a are a **family-support charity working across Cheshire and Merseyside**, including Chester, with several services that support children with SEND, autism and ADHD. Their work in Chester includes family support, early years support, SEND drop-ins and neurodiversity-related support. https://koalanw.co.uk/service/thriving-families

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 Tuesday, Mrs White attended training at Boughton Heath Primary School through the maths hub.

Mrs Smith attended her next ELSA session on Wednesday.

Teaching assistants attended their weekly training looking at feedback and marking and how these can be used to move children on with their learning.

Forest School

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

From Monday 12th October – Please bring in donations for West Cheshire Food Bank Harvest Appeal
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 Collect children from school from 2.15pm. School open until 3.15pm as usual

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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