

Eccleston C.E. Aided Primary School

"Let your light shine" - Matthew 5:16

Friday 23rd 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 Day! 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 on Saturday 14th November – 10.00am–11.30am Please share with friends, family and neighbours who may be interested.

Dopamine Day!

On Friday 13th November, the PTA are hosting a 'Dopamine Day' at school. Children are invited to wear whatever makes them happy and bring in a game (not electronic – no tablets/phones please) to play in class. This is in exchange for a Christmas Hamper which the PTA will collect at the gate in the morning at drop off – a box of biscuits, soap, wine etc.

Half Term

We hope you have a lovely and restful half term and look forward to welcoming children back to school on Tuesday 3rd November when Detective Constable Andrew Kevan is in leading internet safety workshops with Reception, Year 1 and 2. We are also holding our Invacuation practice and there is a PTA meeting at 7.30pm online. On Wednesday 4th November, Year 6 are Apple Pressing at Eaton Estate. On Thursday 5th and Friday 6th November, children will be off timetable (after phonics and reading) to complete their Design Technology projects – this ensures we have a good block of time to really focus on the learning and we're not rushing to get resources out and put them away in an hour. We also have our fire drill on Thursday 5th November.

Harvest Festival

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers attending our Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church this afternoon. Thank you for coming to celebrate this half term with us!

CDLT Parents Initial Meeting

Thank you to all who were able to make the CDLT trust meeting with Sara Lawrenson (CEO) yesterday. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Rabbits Stay and Play & Reception Parents Evening

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Rabbits parents attended the Stay and Play with a focus on phonics. This was a huge success and the feedback incredibly positive – moving forward, we will ensure each of the Stay and Play sessions has a theme including maths, reading etc. Please do let us know if there is something in particular you would like us to cover! Reception parents were invited in for their parents evening slots ahead of half term to discuss how the children had settled and were progressing. Mrs King has given all the children an individual learning plan with a pack of resources to support them too. We are very proud of them for settling in so well and are excited to see them continue to go from strength to strength after half-term

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

This was a roaring success! Thank you to all of the parents who were able to make it and a HUGE thank you to Badgers who created a presentation about Katherine Johnson showcasing their learning! Our next Book Look is on Wednesday 2nd December at 2.45pm again and will be an opportunity to look at Science and Topic books (history and Geography).

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.

Live! is a small vibrant charity, based at New Scene Centre in Hoole, Chester, that provides a varied programme of fully inclusive and accessible clubs and social activities for children, young people and adults. https://livecheshire.org.uk/

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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 Monday, Mrs White attended Chester Racecourse for the Local Authority SEND Summit and Level 3 Designated Safeguarding Lead training on Thursday.

Mrs King and Mrs Rees-Wright attended Drawing Club training on Wednesday looking at a new approach to teaching writing in Reception which Mrs King will be trialling after the half term.

Teaching assistants attended their weekly training looking at the EEF Gradual Release Model focusing on the 'I Do, We Do, You Do' approach to support 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

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)
Friday 13th November – Dopamine Day – PTA event please bring an item for the Christmas raffle
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 – Eccleston Village Christmas Fayre – more details to follow
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 – Science and Topic
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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