

Eccleston C.E. Aided Primary School

"Let your light shine" - Matthew 5:16

Friday 6th November 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.

Year 6 Crucial Crew – Wednesday 11th November

On Wednesday, our Year 6 children will be attending the Crucial Crew Child Safety Event from 12.30pm to 2.45pm. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to learn important life skills and how to keep themselves safe in a range of situations, including fire safety, railway safety and the dangers of carbon monoxide. The event uses practical activities and real-life scenarios to help children recognise potential dangers and know how to respond safely.

Children in Need – Friday 13th November

On Friday, we will be supporting BBC Children in Need with a non-uniform day! Children are invited to come to school wearing their pyjamas (no short or strappy pjs please), something spotty or a combination of both, in exchange for a donation to this very worthwhile cause. We look forward to seeing lots of spots and cosy outfits!

Break the Rules Day! – Friday 20th November

It's time to break a few rules – all for a good cause!

On Friday 20th November, our wonderful PTA will be hosting a Break the Rules Day. Children are invited to wear whatever makes them happy and bring a favourite game to play with their friends in class. The only rule is that games must be non-electronic, so no tablets or phones, please!

In exchange, we are asking each child to bring a donation for our PTA Christmas hampers. This could be anything from a box of biscuits or chocolates to some lovely soap, a bottle of wine or another festive treat.

The PTA will be waiting at the school gate at morning drop-off to collect your donations. Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support!

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Christmas Performances – Two Nativities for the Price of One!

We're trying something a little different with our Christmas performances this year!

Rather than having one whole-school production, we've decided to split the performance into two shorter nativities. **Rabbits and Squirrels** will perform one nativity, while **Badgers and Foxes** will perform another.

Each performance evening will begin with Rabbits and Squirrels taking to the stage. We'll then have a short interval – the perfect opportunity for a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie! – before Badgers and Foxes entertain us with their nativity.

There are several reasons for trying this new approach. Rehearsing a whole-school production can mean quite a lot of sitting around for children while other classes practise their parts. By having two smaller productions, we hope to reduce the amount of learning time lost to rehearsals, keep everyone more involved and make the experience more enjoyable for the children.

It also means that the children will get to enjoy watching the other nativity on the performance evening, rather than having seen it countless times during rehearsals!

This is very much a trial, and we'll see how it works before deciding whether to continue with this format or return to a whole-school production next year. We hope you'll enjoy seeing two performances for the price of one!

Eccleston Village Christmas Fayre – Saturday 28th November

We're delighted that our school choir will be singing at the Eccleston Village Christmas Fayre on Saturday 28th November. When I asked the children who would like to take part, I was thrilled by the enthusiastic response – we clearly have lots of budding singers at Eccleston!

We hope as many families as possible will come along to support our choir and enjoy the fayre. It's always lovely to see our school taking an active part in village life, and what better way to start getting into the Christmas spirit? We look forward to seeing you there!

A HUGE Thank You – Our Wonderful New Library!

We have some very exciting news to share! Our school library has undergone a fantastic transformation, and we couldn't be more delighted with the results! We owe an **ENORMOUS thank you to Jade Palmer, Graham and Paul Long**, who have given so generously of their time, energy and talents to completely transform this special space for our children.

Their hard work, dedication and kindness have made such a difference, and we are incredibly grateful. What they have achieved is absolutely wonderful, and we cannot thank them enough for everything they have done.

A school library should be somewhere that inspires curiosity, sparks imagination and encourages children to develop a lifelong love of reading. Thanks to Jade, Graham and Paul, we now have a space that will help us do just that!

This is a brilliant example of our school community coming together to make something really special happen for our children. We are so fortunate to have people who are willing to give up their time and work so hard to make our little school an even better place.

Jade, Graham and Paul – **THANK YOU!** You really have made a lasting difference, and we are absolutely thrilled! Photos to follow – we can't wait to show you the transformation – or pop in and take a look for yourself!

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.

Young Minds- Mental health and well-being support for children and young people. Parent Helpline: 0808 802 5544.

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, we looked at One Page Profiles for Children, Inclusive teaching, British Values and creating an Eccleston Handbook on the INSET Day! We worked our socks off!

Forest School

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

Wednesday 11th November 12.30-2.45 Year 6 Crucial Crew Child Safety Event
Friday 13th November –Children in Need – come in pyjamas/spots for a donation
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 Break the Rules Day – PTA event please bring an item for the Christmas raffle
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 – Choir to sing
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!