



Eccleston St Mary's C of E Primary School

Newsletter 10 | 14th November 2025

SCHOOL NEWS

Our Motto:
Believe & Achieve

Our Mission Statement:
Through Jesus we love, learn and grow

Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of this week at school, help us to take a moment to be still and reflect.

We remember with fondness our friend Hannah, who is now with you in heaven. We give thanks for the happiness and joy she brought to our school. Help us to support one another as we continue our journey without her. We look forward to being able to use the garden being built in her name. We pray for Ben, Ruth and all of Hannah's extended family, that they are brought comfort by the stories and memories we all still share of Hannah. Send your love and compassion to all those who are grieving and remind them that you walk by their side.

We offer all of our prayers in Jesus' name
Amen

☆☆☆ SHINING STARS ☆☆☆

Nursery	Avery	
Reception	Joey	Phoebe
Year One	Aurora	Abigail
Year Two	Maevy	Alexander
Year Three	Whole Class	
Year Four	George	Seth
Year Five	Cassidy	April
Year Six	Finlay	Sebastian

WINNING HOUSE THIS WEEK

LOSTOCK

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about our school

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**"I came to give life—life
in all its fullness."**

John 10:10

Little Explorers

Little Explorers have been learning about Remembrance Day. They have watched a short clip about it and have made poppies from play dough and using finger prints. On Monday, they enjoyed a walk around the village to look at the different Remembrance displays.



Year 1

Year 1 have loved using the iPads in their Computing lessons. This week, they used the Paintz app to recreate a collage by Henri Matisse using shape, fill and paint tools.

Here is a selection of their artwork alongside the original. Well done Year 1!



Year 4

In their new art topic, Year 4 have been finding out how the architect Antoni Gaudi used nature to inspire the buildings he designed.

They then sketched some of his buildings and the stained glass windows from the Sagrada Familia church in Barcelona.



Flu Vaccines

The school nursing team will be in school, on Wednesday 19th November, to administer vaccines for all children whose parents have requested it.



Year 3

Year 3 performed brilliantly today in their Class Worship all about the Christian Value of Service.

Well done to everyone!



PTFA Cake Sale

School Council have been working hard over the past couple of weeks preparing for our Cake Sale. Today they set up the hall, served the whole school and collected their donations. Lots of money has been raised for Hannah's Garden. We are super proud of how hard School Council have worked since starting their role.

Well done School Council and thank you to everyone who supported our Cake Sale!



Remembering Hannah

On Saturday Evening, we have asked that St Mary's church to be lit for Hannah as we remember our special friend and the first anniversary of her passing.



Upcoming Dates

Monday 17th November	9.00am	Nursery Library Visit
Tuesday 18th November	9.05am	Open the Book
Wednesday 19th November	1.15-3.15pm	Flu Immunisations
Friday 21st November	8.45-9.15am	SODA Y2
Monday 24th November	All Day	Staff INSET Day
Wednesday 26th November	9.00-10.30am	Y5 Worship at Church
Friday 28th November	8.45-9.15am	SODA Y1
Friday 28th November	4.00pm	Winter Wonderland
Monday 1st December	1.30 pm	Open Afternoon
Monday 1st December	All Week	Jingle Jog
Thursday 4th December	10 am	Jelly Beans Xmas Party
Friday 5th December	8.45—9.15am	SODA YR
Friday 5th December	9 am	Jingle Jog Café including Choir performance - Please join us
Tuesday 9th December	9.30am	Infant Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 9th December	2.00pm	Choir Performing for Over 60's Club Bateman Hall
Wednesday 10th December	8.30 am-2.00pm	Panto at Winter Gardens
Thursday 11th December	2.00pm	Infant Performance
Thursday 11th December	6.00pm	Infant Performance
Friday 12th December	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 12th December	8.45—9.15 am	SODA - Nursery
Friday 12th December	12.00pm	Christmas Lunch
Friday 12th December	1.30pm	Junior Dress rehearsal
Monday 15th December	2.00pm	Junior Performance
Tuesday 16th December	9.30am	Junior Community Performance
Tuesday 16th December	6.00pm	Junior Performance

Upcoming Dates — Cont..

Wednesday 17th December	10.30-11.30am	Choir at Caffe Manna
Thursday 18th December	9.00am	Junior Christmas Party
Thursday 18th December	1.00pm	Infant Christmas Party
Thursday 18th December	5.30pm	Carol Service St Mary's Church
Friday 19th December	9.00-10.00am	Whole school Carol Singing

**School Closes for Christmas on Friday 19th December at 2.00pm
and reopens at 8.45am on Monday 5th January**

Letters Home

Whole school Winter Wonderland Hampers—Letter

Whole School Bottle Donations for Winter Wonderland—Email Flyer

Whole School PTFA Grotto Tickets—Email Flyer

St Mary's School Open Days

You are warmly invited to come along to our school open days.

During the remaining session on the 1st December you will be able to visit each of our classrooms whilst lessons are in progress and speak to staff, pupils, governors and our Headteacher, Mrs Birchall.

We look forward to showing you around our wonderful school!



Sports and Social Clubs

Monday	Guitar Lessons KS2	Lunchtime
Tuesday	Archery Games	3.20-4.10pm
Tuesday	Choir KS2	3.20-4.15pm
Thursday	Spanish Club-All Years	8.00-8.45am
Thursday	Fantastic Book Awards	Lunchtime
Thursday	Girls' Football	3.20-4.10pm
Friday	Brass Club	3.20-4.15pm

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Disney EBAY SALE

Thanks to a very generous donation from Disney towards our 'Hannah's Garden' fundraising we are excited to invite you to our new ebay store
seller search: [hannahsmemory](#)

- ★ Stock up on christmas presents with great prices below RRP
- ★ Range of toys, merchandise and rare, limited edition collectibles
- ★ Save on shipping and collect from school
- ★ Support a great cause, with all proceeds going towards the creation of Hannah's Memory Garden

MARVEL PIXAR Disney STAR WARS

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service

In aid of Fire Fighters Charity

Charity Fun Run

at Chorley Fire Station

Sunday 14 December

Race Schedule

10:00am: 1 km children's race (up to 14 years)

11:00am: 5 km adult race

Prizes for first place and best dressed!

Book your tickets:
www.lancsfireandrescue.org.uk/christmas-gallop

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

APPLY NOW!

at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2026

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

CLOSING DATE
15 January 2026

lancashire.gov.uk

School transport

If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code.

Lancashire County Council

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

GUIDING YOUNG VOICES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Bullying impacts the lives of many young people. In the UK, one in five pupils aged 10 to 15 report being bullied. The effects can be long lasting, affecting mental health, school attendance and self-esteem, and can impact long-term development into adult life. Adults play a key role in building young people's confidence to speak out, support one another, and stand up to unkind behaviour. This guide offers ways to help youngsters make a positive difference.

- 1 CELEBRATE DIFFERENCES**
Help young people value diversity by showing that what makes us different is one of our strengths. Encourage them to learn about different cultures, identities, and abilities through books, films, and conversations. By appreciating uniqueness in themselves and others, children can grow into open-minded individuals who build inclusive and welcoming environments.
- 2 MODEL RESPECT**
Children watch and learn from how adults behave. Use respectful language, show patience in disagreements, and treat others with fairness – especially in front of children. By modelling inclusive behaviour and challenging unkindness, adults set a positive example. Respect should be part of every interaction, whether online, at school, or at home. Be the change you want to make.
- 3 SPOT THE SIGNS**
Adults and young people should learn how to recognise signs that someone may be experiencing bullying. This might include withdrawal from friends, sudden loss of interest, changes in mood, reluctance to go to school, or unexplained injuries. Helping young people recognise these clues ensures that support can be offered sooner and problems do not go unnoticed.
- 4 VALIDATE FEELINGS**
When a child shares something that worries them, it's important to listen carefully and reassure them that they're safe. Respond with empathy – not judgement – and let them know it's okay to feel upset or confused. Offering reassurance and understanding helps young people feel safe about opening up and builds the trust needed to take action in future.
- 5 TEACH ALLYSHIP**
Show children how to stand up for others in safe, respectful ways. Allyship might look like sitting next to someone who's been excluded, reporting harmful behaviour or speaking up when they witness bullying. By practising these responses together, we're helping children develop the courage to be kind and to take action when it really counts.
- 6 PROMOTE REPORTING**
Ensure young people know how to report bullying and feel confident that they'll be taken seriously. Talk to them about what they can speak to and what to expect when they do, such as reporting school incidents to teachers, and out-of-school bullying to parents or teachers. Encourage them that reporting is a brave and helpful choice – not tattling – and that it plays a vital role in keeping everyone safe.
- 7 ENCOURAGE KINDNESS**
Everyday acts of kindness can make a big difference in creating safer, happier spaces. Encourage children to look out for one another by being helpful, saying kind words, or including someone who's left out. These small actions set a strong example that kindness matters, and that it can be a powerful response to bullying.
- 8 USE YOUR VOICE**
Encourage young people to speak up for themselves and others. Whether through storytelling, school campaigns, or peer-led projects, children can learn that their voice has power. Support them to express themselves confidently and safely, helping them understand that sharing experiences can challenge unkindness and inspire real change in their communities.
- 9 BUILD COMMUNITY AND BELONGING**
Children thrive when they feel supported. Help them build strong friendships, join teams, and connect with trusted adults who care. These networks offer comfort, encouragement, and protection – particularly during challenging times. Remind children that they don't have to face difficulties alone and that support is always within reach.
- 10 SUSTAIN THE CONVERSATION**
Bullying awareness shouldn't be limited to one week each year. Create regular opportunities to talk about kindness, respect, and inclusion. Use books, news stories, and personal experiences as conversation starters. Embed anti-bullying initiatives into the school, and make tackling bullying a shared, ongoing commitment.

Meet Our Expert
Robert Alltop is an experienced pastoral and safeguarding practitioner, specialising in violence, mental health, and cyberbullying. A recipient of the Diana Award for Anti-Bullying, he has helped raise standards and improve Ofsted outcomes in some of the country's most challenging schools and colleges.

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activities

at
Eccleston St Mary's Primary School

ALL CHILDREN AGED 0 - 4

songs



Stories



COME AND JOIN THE FUN!

**EVERY THURSDAY
DURING TERM TIME
10.00-11.00**

Sessions led by our Nursery and Reception
teaching staff

£2
per
family



Meet and chat
with other
parents.



Children must be accompanied by an adult