



Eccleston St Mary's C of E Primary School

Newsletter 13 | 5th December 2025

SCHOOL NEWS

Our Motto:
Believe & Achieve

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

Prayer

In church this Sunday, we will light the second advent candle, which represents "peace." This week's prayer has been written by our GIFT group on the theme of peace.

Dear God,
We pray for peace in the world.
We think especially of places where there are wars, such as Ukraine and Gaza.
We pray that people who are affected by war are safe.
Please give them peace and safety so they are not harmed or in danger.
Make sure they are not suffering or too scared.
Now and forever,
Amen

☆☆☆ SHINING STARS ☆☆☆

Nursery	Georgie	
Reception	Lucas	Lexi
Year One	Alfie	
Year Two	Poppy	
Year Three	Leo	
Year Four	Poppy	Isla-Jai
Year Five	Lola	Robert
Year Six	Isla	Thomas B.

WINNING HOUSE THIS WEEK

YARROW

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about our school

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

John 10:10

Open the Book

Thank you to our Open the Book friends and Year Four pupils who shared a delightful retelling of the Christmas Story in Worship on Tuesday.



Year 1

For the termly homework, Year 1 have made Christmas Tree decorations using 3D shapes. Their creations look fantastic on the class Christmas Tree!

They are now learning all about 3D and 2D shapes and their different properties in Maths. Great work Year 1!



Swimming

On Sunday 30th November, Imogen and Thea from Year 5 competed in the National Junior Inter-League Swimming Finals in Corby, Northamptonshire, representing their club, Leyland Barracudas.

Reaching the UK finals was a fantastic achievement, and the competition level was extremely high.

The girls performed brilliantly, securing 2nd and 3rd place in the girls relay events. Imogen achieved 2nd place in the individual 50m Breaststroke, while Thea finished 4th in the individual 50m Butterfly. Overall, their team placed 5th out of 8 teams.

Well done girls - an amazing effort!



Eccleston Methodist Church

During the all age services at Eccleston Methodist Church, the Sunday School children take a 'noisy' collection for charity.

In November, the congregation collected their small change and raised an amazing **£100**. They have chosen to give this month's collection to Hannah's Garden Appeal. We would like to thank the congregation for their generous donation.



Winter Wonderland—Thank you

What a fantastic time we had at our Winter Wonderland last Friday!
With your help we raised an amazing **£2,052.44!**
Thank you so much to everyone who came along to make this such a memorable start to our festive season.



Jellybeans

Jellybeans had lots of fun at their Christmas party. They played games, enjoyed some Christmas biscuits and had a surprise visit from a very special person!



SODA—Reception

Thank you to all the Reception parents who came to join us for our SODA this morning. We enjoyed making an angel craft and taking part in other 'Christmas Story' activities.

We also loved showing you around our classroom.

The children had a lovely time and we hope you did too!



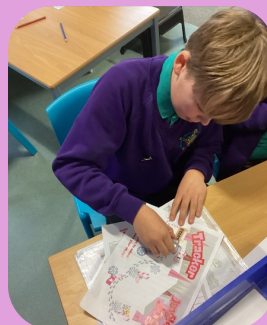
Jingle Jog

A massive thank you to everyone who took part in the Jingle Jog this week. It was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents taking part, along with the children. We are hopeful that we will raise lots of money towards Hannah's Garden and we'll let you know the grand total, once all the money has been collected in.



School Council

Our Year 6 School Council members have been busy this week stamping all the Jingle Jog trackers. They have worked hard each dinner time making sure they collected the trackers from each class, stamping the relevant day and then delivering them all back to each class.



Flutes

A huge thank-you to our wonderful PTFA for providing flute lessons for Year 5 this term. Their generous support has given our pupils the chance to discover a new instrument, build confidence, and enjoy making music together. We are incredibly grateful for the PTFA's continued commitment to enriching our school experience.



Christmas Lunch Menu

Our school kitchen is providing a special festive menu on Friday 12th December.

If your child is in the juniors and would like to have a school lunch, please book and pay on your Spider App. The infants will choose in class with their teacher. Thank you.



Upcoming Dates

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
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

Letters Home

Year 5 Staffing after Christmas—Letter
Whole School Elf the Musical—Letter
Whole School PTFA Colouring Competition—Letter
Whole School Christmas Shows—Letter
Choir Community Performance—Letter
Whole School PTA Players Performance—Letter

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

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. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

ELECTRICAL SAFETY AND DEVICES

Electrical safety is a vital topic for parents and educators, especially with the growing use of devices like smartphones, laptops, and power banks. Electrical fires are a major risk and are the cause of many deaths and injuries each year. There are reportedly nearly 20,000 accidental fires of electrical origin each year in the UK. This guide offers practical advice to help families and schools prevent electrical hazards, and promote safety when using everyday devices.

- CHECK FOR OVERHEATING**
Devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartphones can overheat if used for long periods or when charging. Ensure that children don't use devices on soft surfaces like beds or sofas, which can block ventilation. If a device becomes unusually hot, turn it off and unplug it. Overheating can lead to fire hazards if left unchecked.
- INSTALL RESIDUAL CURRENT DEVICES**
Ensure that homes and schools are equipped with Residual Current Devices (RCDs). These devices cut off the power if an electrical fault occurs, preventing electric shocks and reducing the risk of fire. RCDs should be tested regularly to ensure they are working properly. More information about RCDs is available from Electrical Safety First.
- AVOID OVERLOADING SOCKETS**
Plugging too many devices into one socket can overload the electrical system and cause a fire. In schools and homes, ensure extension leads are not overloaded and never 'daisy chain' multiple extension cords together. Educate children on the dangers of connecting too many devices to a single outlet.
- POWER BANKS: SAFE USE**
Power banks are a handy way to charge devices, but they can also pose a risk if misused. Ensure power banks are of high quality and comply with UK safety standards. Teach children never to leave power banks charging unattended, and to avoid placing them under pillows or bedding where they may overheat.
- REGULAR DEVICE INSPECTIONS**
Regularly check devices for signs of wear and tear. Frayed charging cables, cracked device casings, or devices that are slow to charge may indicate electrical problems. If any issues are noticed, stop using the device until it can be repaired or replaced by a qualified technician. This proactive approach helps prevent fires caused by faulty devices.
- UNPLUG DEVICES WHEN NOT IN USE**
Encourage children and pupils to unplug devices when not in use, particularly overnight. Devices left plugged in unnecessarily can overheat or become fire hazards, especially if left charging unattended for long periods. Simple habits like unplugging can prevent serious incidents.
- USE GENUINE CHARGERS**
Always use chargers supplied by the manufacturer or from a reputable retailer. Cheap or counterfeit chargers can cause devices to overheat, short-circuit, or even catch fire. Teach children the importance of avoiding poor-quality chargers, and regularly inspect charging cables for signs of wear or damage. More tips on safe charging can be found at Electrical Safety First.
- WATER & ELECTRICITY DON'T MIX**
Teach children that water and electricity are a dangerous combination. Devices should never be used near sinks, bathtubs, or swimming pools. Parents and educators should ensure that any electrical appliances near water sources have proper waterproof casings and are plugged into RCD-protected outlets.
- KEEP DEVICES VENTILATED**
Devices need proper ventilation to avoid overheating. Avoid stacking items on top of plugged-in devices like laptops or gaming consoles, and make sure there's enough space around devices to allow for airflow. Proper ventilation helps prevent dangerous heat build-up, reducing the risk of fire.
- SUPERVISE YOUNG CHILDREN**
Younger children may not understand the dangers of electricity, so it's important to supervise them when they are using devices. Keep electrical cords and all leads out of reach and always remind children never to put objects into electrical outlets.

Meet Our Expert
James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings as well as many other industries to help them maintain a safe working environment.

#WakeUpWednesday **The National College**

See full reference list on our website

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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](https://www.ebay.co.uk/user/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**

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

APPLY NOW!

[at lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://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.

£2 per family

Meet and chat with other parents.

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Lancashire County Council

fun activities

Jellybeans

at **Eccleston St Mary's Primary School**

ALL CHILDREN AGED 0 - 4

stories **songs**

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