



Eccleston St Mary's C of E Primary School

Newsletter 17 | 16th January 2026

SCHOOL NEWS

Our Motto:
Believe & Achieve

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

Prayer—as the 15th January was the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr, in Worship this week, Mrs Birchall taught the children about his work for the Civil Rights Movement. The following prayer was written by him:

God, we thank you for the inspiration of Jesus. Grant that we will love you with all our hearts, souls and minds and love our neighbours as ourselves. We ask you, God, when the problems of the world can seem gigantic, to be with us in our going out and our coming in, in our rising up and in our lying down, in our moments of joy and in our moments of sorrow.

Amen.

☆☆☆ SHINING STARS ☆☆☆

Nursery	Jaxx	
Reception	Ronnie	Ethan
Year One	Maisie	
Year Two	Archie	Stanley
Year Three	Jackson	Spencer
Year Four	Pippa	Teddy A.
Year Five	Starssi	
Year Six	Holly	Thomas T.

WINNING HOUSE THIS TERM

LOSTOCK

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

John 10:10



CERTIFICATES



Bronze certificates are awarded for gaining 50 house points.

BRONZE

Year 6 Amy Finlay Ella Tilly

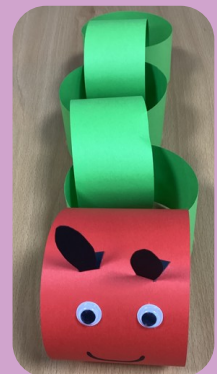
Year 5 Lola Robert Oliver

Early Years Craft Club

This week marked the beginning of our Reading and Craft Club in Early Years. We loved attending our very first after school club together.

We listened carefully to the story 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and then made our own caterpillar using paper chains. It was amazing to see the caterpillars that we made and we loved taking them home.

We are super excited to find out what story we will discover next week and what craft we will make.



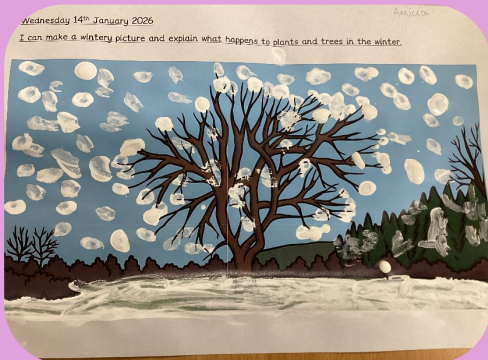
Mud Kitchen

The mud kitchen is now open at morning playtimes for all classes, and it's already proving to be a big hit! Children of all ages are enjoying spending time in the area, getting creative and coming up with some truly imaginative (and muddy!) recipes. There has been lots of laughter, sharing, and enthusiastic mixing going on. A big well done to the Eco Council for helping to set everything up and get it ready for use – they've done a fantastic job.



Year 1

Year 1 had a fantastic afternoon on Wednesday learning about the season of winter and identifying different signs of the changing seasons.



They loved getting messy in the pretend snow and creating snowy pictures using paint. Everyone had great fun exploring and being creative!

Reception Class

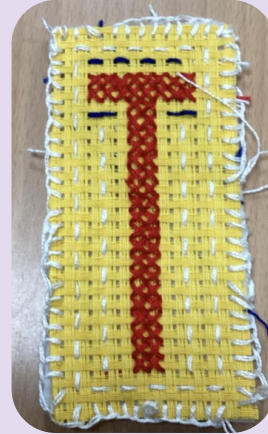
This week Reception took part in two balance bike sessions with the Chorley Sports Partnership Team. They enjoyed learning new skills that they can take home to put into practice.

Well done Reception Class!



Year 4

Year Four have now completed their sewn bookmarks by attaching their designs to a piece of felt and using blanket stitch to join the two pieces of material together. A huge thank you to Mrs Matthew and Mrs Gates who have been assisting in class during our making sessions.



Year 6 SODA

Year 6 children thoroughly enjoyed welcoming their parents into school this morning for our **Book Look SODA** session. The children were excited to share their books and talk proudly about the fantastic work they have been completing across the curriculum.



Parents also had the opportunity to see the impressive fairground rides the children designed and made during last week's DT lessons. The creativity, effort and teamwork on display were wonderful to see.

It was lovely to welcome parents into school and celebrate the children's hard work and the excellent progress they have made so far this year.

Jellybeans

We all had a great time at Jellybeans this week and really enjoyed a lovely singing session.



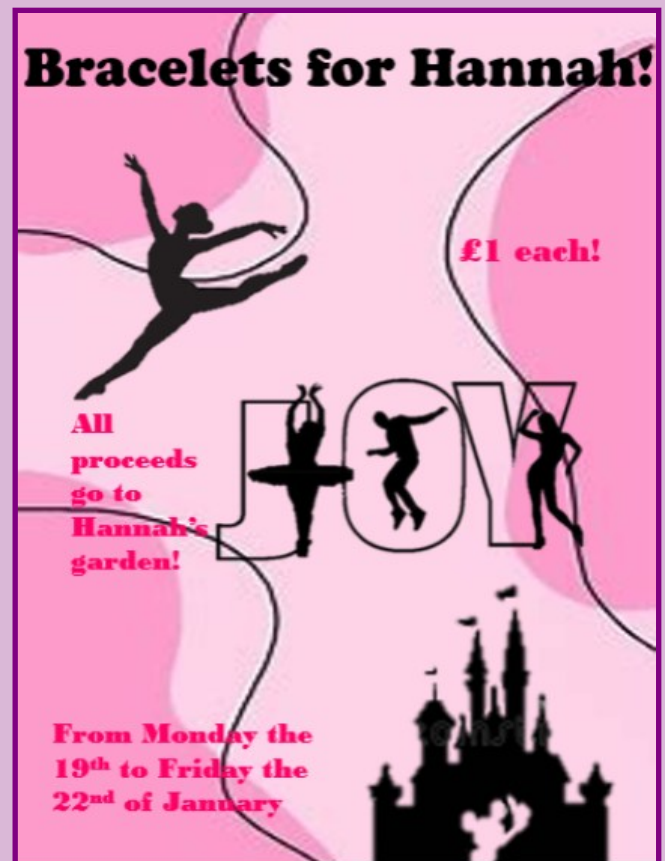
Year 6 Fundraising Initiative

A group of thoughtful and caring pupils from Year 6 have shown wonderful initiative by helping to raise funds for Hannah's Garden. Saffron, Annie, Ella, Holly and Sebastian have generously given their own time to design and make a beautiful range of handmade bracelets, all created with kindness and care.

The bracelets will be on sale in school next week for **£1** each. If you would like to support the children to raise funds for this special cause, children are welcome to bring **£1** into school to purchase a bracelet.

We are incredibly proud of the compassion, creativity and teamwork shown by our year 6 pupils.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.



**Parents and Carers,
tell us about your
experience of using
childcare in Lancashire**



**Scan the QR code to
access our short survey**

lancashire.gov.uk/childcare



Lancashire County Council Parent/Carer Childcare Survey

Lancashire County Council are asking parents/carers to complete a short survey to gather views on the availability, quality and accessibility of childcare. This is part of their childcare sufficiency assessment (CSA) and a statutory duty under the Childcare Act 2006.

Please see the link below and attached poster for more information.

Link for survey: <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/1e757o>

Schools and childcare providers are not identifiable and responses are anonymous. Feedback will be used in our district reports for Lancashire. Thank you on behalf of the CSA Team

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday 20th January	9.05am	Open the Book
Wednesday 21st January	4.00-5.30pm	Inclusive Dodge Ball (Albany Academy)
Tuesday 27th January	9.00am	Year 4 Class Worship (Please Join Us)
Wednesday 28th January	All Day	Science Shows
Thursday 29th January	All Day	Y5 Viking Day
Friday 30th January	8.45-9.15am	Y4 Book Look with Parents
Friday 30th January	7.30pm	PTA Show Night
Saturday 31st January	7.30pm	PTA Show Night
Wednesday 4th February	4.00-5.30pm	KS2 Inclusive Boccia/ Curling Cluster Festival (Trinity & St Michaels)
Thursday 5th February	All Day	Y1,Y3 & Y5 Mini First Aid
Friday 6th February	7.30pm	PTA Show
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Letters Home

Selected Children—Inclusive Glow Dodgeball—Letter

Sports and Social Clubs

Monday	Guitar Lessons KS2	Lunchtime
Tuesday	Tri Golf	3.20-4.10pm
Tuesday	Choir KS2	3.20-4.15pm
Wednesday	FBA UKS2	Lunchtime
Wednesday	Reading & Craft Club YN & YR	3.20-4.15pm
Thursday	Girls Football	3.20-4.10pm
Friday	Brass Club	3.20-4.15pm

Lancashire SEND Roadshow

2025/2026

The roadshows are for families and practitioners to find out more about support and services available for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their parents and carers.

These Roadshows are happening across Lancashire bringing the SEND Local Offer to your area.

The SEND Local Offer brings together all services in Lancashire for children and young people aged 0-25 with SEND, and their families.



Lancashire
SEND
Roadshow

Dates across
Lancashire are:

25th Sept 2025 9:30 – 1 pm	Kirkham Family Hub
22nd Oct 2025 9:30 – 1 pm	Skelmersdale Family Hub and The Zone
3rd Dec 2025 9:30 – 1pm	Pendle and Burnley 1882 Lounge Burnley Football Club
28th January 2026 9:30 – 1 pm	The Park Family Hub Accrington
4th February 2026 9:30 – 1 pm	Inspire Youth Zone Chorley
26th March 2026 9:30 – 1 pm	Clitheroe Family Hub
15th April 2026 9:30 – 1 pm	Lune Park Family Hub Lancaster
6th May 2026 9:30 – 1 pm	Rawtenstall Family Hub and the Zone
16th June 2026 9:30 – 1 pm	Fleetwood Library
1st July 2026 1:30 – 4:30 pm	Moor Nook Ribbleson Family Hub

Please scan the following QR codes for more information:



Local Offer



Family Hubs

St Mary's PTA PLAYERS

presents

"Bon Voyage"

At Eccleston St Mary's Primary School

Friday 30th January

Saturday 31st January

Friday 6th February

Saturday 7th February

7.30pm until Late

Hot Supper Included, Fully Licensed Bar

Adults Only

Tickets £17.50

For Tickets contact:

Rachel at Eccleston Post Office



Proceeds to Eccleston St Mary's Primary School

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

ESSENTIAL ONLINE SAFETY

Children and young people use the internet every day to learn, play, and connect, but the online world is not always safe. For adults, it can be hard to keep up with the risks, including harmful content, cyberbullying and scams. These 10 tips provide clear and practical advice to support safer and healthier digital habits, helping young people to make informed, secure choices when using technology.

1 START EARLY CONVERSATIONS

Begin talking about online behaviour from the moment children start using devices. Use age-appropriate language and revisit topics regularly, making it clear they can speak to you about anything that upsets or confuses them. Keeping these chats open helps build trust, as children will see more likely to come to you when needed.

2 PROMOTE SAFER SHARING

Children can overshare without understanding the risks. Remind them that photos, locations, or messages can be copied or shared beyond their intended audience. Explain how even private messages or group chats can be saved and/or misused. Talk about what it's appropriate to post, message, and who it's safe to share with.

3 ENCOURAGE DIGITAL BALANCE

Many apps and games are designed to keep users engaged through rewards, likes, or constant updates. These features can make it hard for children to switch off. Talk openly about how these systems work and help children recognise when it's time to take a break. Building in tech-free routines supports a healthier balance and awareness of their screen time.

4 CREATE A SAFE SPACE FOR CONCERNS

When children come to you with a concern, respond with interest and care, rather than with alarm. Keeping your reaction measured helps them feel safe and supported. This doesn't mean ignoring serious issues; it means showing them you're there to help. When children trust that they can speak openly, they're more likely to be supported through unpleasant online experiences, and to ask for help in future.

5 STAY INFORMED AND CURRENT

With emerging technologies like AI, moving and changing so quickly, it's important to stay updated on how children are using new platforms, apps and games. Ask them to show you what they use and let them take the lead as you explore together. This opens up valuable conversations and helps you stay ahead of emerging risks and trends.

6 TEACH CRITICAL THINKING

Talk to children about how to recognise unreliable information or scams online. With AI-generated videos, photos, and stories becoming harder to spot, help children question what they see and encourage them to look for evidence, check sources, and ask questions. These skills will help them spot risks, make smart choices, and develop healthy habits for the future.

7 SET CLEAR BOUNDARIES

Involve children in conversations about device usage so they feel included. Agree on digital rules such as screen-time limits, age-appropriate apps, and no devices in bedrooms overnight. Use parental controls to block or filter harmful content and explain that rules are there to protect and support them, not to spoil their fun.

8 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Children often copy the behaviour of adults around them. Show them what balanced, respectful, and mindful use of technology looks like, such as avoiding scrolling during family time and speaking kindly in messages. If you expect certain behaviour from them online, these same your own habits reflect the same standards.

9 EXPLORE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Show children how to use privacy tools on apps, games, and websites. Teach them to use strong passwords, block or report others in response to problems, and avoid sharing personal details. Explore settings together so they feel confident and in control, and explain that these features are there to help them stay safe online.

10 KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP

Familiarise yourself with tools and organisations that support online safety. The National College offers online safety guides and webinars which provide tips on staying safe. Websites like Report Harmful Content and CIPRO can be used to report when something goes wrong. Show children how to report or block users, and where to go if they feel unsafe. Make sure they know that asking for help is always the right thing to do, and be prepared to support them.

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#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Jellybeans



fun
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