



Eccleston St Mary's C of E Primary School

Newsletter 19 | 30th January 2026

SCHOOL NEWS

Our Motto:
Believe & Achieve

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

A Prayer About Never Giving Up

Dear God,
Sometimes things feel hard, and I get tired or scared.
Please help me remember that I am stronger than I think.

When I want to give up, help me try one more time.
Help me learn from my mistakes, be brave when things are new,
and keep going even when it's tough.

Thank You for loving me, cheering me on, and walking with me every day.

Amen

☆☆☆ SHINING STARS ☆☆☆

Nursery	Ellis	
Reception	George	Joey
Year One	Ellie	Aurora
Year Two	Caiden	Olivia
Year Three	Cassie	Joseph
Year Four	Whole Class	
Year Five	April	
Year Six	Emelia	Lucas

WINNING HOUSE THIS TERM

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



CERTIFICATES



Bronze certificates are awarded for gaining 50 house points.

BRONZE

Year 2	Alexander	Archie	Caiden	Hugo
	Maevy	Nyla	Stanley	Levi
	Elijah	Henry	Poppy	

Little Explorers

This week Little Explorers have been focusing on birds. They enjoyed going into forest school to see which birds they could spot using their binoculars which they had made. They also collected some sticks and leaves to make their own cosy nests for the owl and warmed up with a yummy hot chocolate once back inside.



Year 2

In Science Year 2 have bent, stretched, twisted and squashed as we investigated how materials can be changed.



Year 4

Thank you to Year 4 who led us in Worship this week, focusing on our Christian Value of "trust." They shared the story of Jesus calming the storm, as well as telling us about the life of Brother Andrew who showed great trust in God to look after him.

We even learned how to use a button to pray. Well done Year Four!



Science Shows

We were all thrilled by the visit of the 'Science Man' aka Adrian Bowden this week.

He wowed both the infants and juniors in separate shows and showed us all just how exciting and inspiring Science can be.



Year 1

Year 1 have been busy being brilliant bookworms! They are enjoying exploring books linked to their Geography topic 'Hot and Cold Places' and their Science topic 'Animals'. These books are on loan from the Lancashire School Library Service.



It's great to see them enjoying reading and they have loved sharing pictures and facts they spotted in the books.

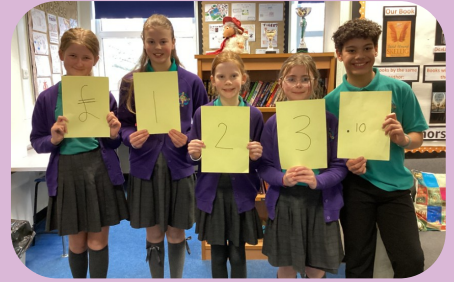
ACE CLUB

Reminder—There will be no Care Club after school on Monday 2nd February.



Year 6 Bracelet Sale

We are delighted to share that the Year 6 bracelet fundraising initiative has raised an impressive **£123.10**, which will be added to the Hannah's Garden fundraising total.



We are extremely proud of **Saffron, Annie, Ella, Holly and Sebastian** for their kindness, creativity and commitment, and we would like to thank everyone who purchased a bracelet and supported this wonderful cause.

Reading and Craft Club

The Early Years Reading and Craft Club had another great after school session this week. We loved listening to the story 'Barry the Fish with Fingers'. We then got to work creating our own fish using paper plates and tissue paper. They all looked amazing and we couldn't wait to take them home!



Year 5

Y5 had a visit from Olaf Grimson yesterday - a real Viking! Even though he came in speaking old Norse, eventually he managed to communicate in English and taught us all about daily life in 'Englalande' back in the 9th / 10th century. We learnt so much and even took part in a battle as part of the shield wall or the attacking forces.

It was a truly memorable day and all we learnt will really help us as we move on with our History topic on the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings.



Upcoming Dates

Saturday 31st January	7.30pm	PTA Show Night
Wednesday 4th February	11.50-2.30pm	LMS Woodwind Lessons
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	8.45am	Y3 Book Look with Parents
Friday 6th February	7.30pm	PTA Show
Saturday 7th February	7.30pm	PTA Show
Tuesday 10th February	9.00am	Y2 Class Worship (Please join us)
Wednesday 11th February	9.00-10.30am	Y4 Worship at Church
Friday 13th February	8.45am	Y2 Book Look with Parents
Friday 13th February	3.20-4.30pm	KS1 Valentines Disco
Friday 13th February	4.45-6.00pm	KS2 Valentines Disco

Spanish Club

We have been informed that Spanish Club will now start again after half term. We will keep you updated on the exact date, when we receive confirmation from El Club Espanol.

Letters Home

PTFA Valentine's Disco Infant/Junior—Letter
PTFA Spring Term—Newsletter

Non-Uniform & Cupcake Sale—Flyer

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	Skelsmersdale 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

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

ROBLOX

Roblox is an online platform where users can play and create games known as "experiences" made by other users. Roblox has a large UK audience. TV News has reported that millions of people in Britain use the platform regularly, with children forming a significant proportion of its users. The sheer scale of it makes it extremely difficult to moderate effectively, creating risks for unsupervised children.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A PLATFORM RATHER THAN A GAME

Roblox differs from traditional video games in that it hosts millions of user-created experiences rather than a fixed set of developer-produced content. Each experience is self-run by its creator rather than independently regulated. In addition, in the case with PEGI-rated games, with millions of user-created experiences, moderation is largely automated which means that inappropriate content may reach younger players and have a harmful effect.

MATURE CONTENT

With much of Roblox's moderation automated through AI and creators self-certifying suitability, inappropriate content frequently appears on the platform. Some experienced users include content intended for older players, while Roblox has tools to restrict content based on age settings, these systems are not always perfect. Younger players are likely to encounter content they may deem unsuitable.

IN-GAME SPENDING

Roblox is free to play, but many experiences and cosmetics include optional purchases using Robux, the platform's virtual currency to get advantages in games. This business model is common across online games, but reporting has highlighted cases where children have spent large amounts of money unintentionally or without understanding the real-world cost.

RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox encourages repeated and extended play. Many experiences are made of short tasks, rewards, and progression systems that can prompt users to keep playing for longer periods of time. Some games also use reminders, daily rewards, or timed events to encourage frequent logins. These designs can make it difficult to stop playing. Spending long periods online may affect sleep, homework, or other activities if boundaries are not in place.

COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER USERS

Roblox includes text and voice features that allow players to chat in shared game spaces. While the platform uses automated filters and moderation tools, media investigations have found that inappropriate and potentially harmful messages can still get through. There are risks that children could be targeted by groomers. In response, Roblox has announced changes to how chat works. The platform plans to use facial age-estimation technology to restrict chat access between adults and children they do not know.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox's parental controls provide an important starting point. Linking a child's account to an adult account allows parents to apply spending controls, limit communication features, and review recent activity. Regular supervision, use of parental controls, and conversations with children about what they see online can help reduce the risk of exposure to inappropriate content.

CONSIDER LIMITING OR DISABLING CHAT

Although Roblox is introducing tighter age-based chat restrictions, some parents and educators may prefer to disable chat entirely for younger children. Children are still able to play games while communicating with friends they know through other supervised platforms.

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is a technology journalist who has written for publications including Wired, TechRadar, The Telegraph, The Evening Standard, The Guardian and The New Statesman.



PLAY TOGETHER WHERE POSSIBLE

Playing Roblox with a child can help adults understand the types of experiences available, how monetisation works, and how children interact online. This shared engagement can also make it easier for children to raise concerns if something feels wrong. Parents and educators should monitor old games played on Roblox due to its self-rating nature.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Many Roblox experiences are creative and age appropriate, and for many children, the platform is an important way to socialise with friends. Rather than banning it outright, parents and educators should talk openly with children about online safety, spending, and how to respond to inappropriate behaviour.



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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