

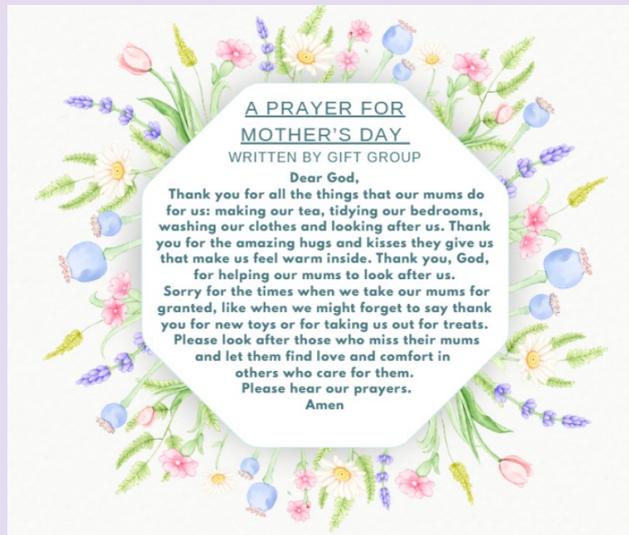


SCHOOL NEWS

Our Motto:
Believe & Achieve

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

Prayer



☆☆☆ SHINING STARS ☆☆☆

Nursery	Sofia		
Reception	Axton	Joey	
Year One	Abigail		
Year Two	Maevey		
Year Three	Jackson	Isla	
Year Four	Ben	Austin	
Year Five	Florence		
Year Six	Annabelle	Aria	Elliott

WINNING HOUSE THIS WEEK

LOSTOCK

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“I came to give life—life in all its fullness.”

John 10:10

Year 1

A huge thank you to Father Jordan and the church congregation for welcoming Year 1 to the Holy Eucharist Service on Wednesday at St Mary's Church! The children enjoyed experiencing the rituals of a service, joined in with prayers, gave offerings of peace and received a blessing. They also had a look round church and asked lots of thoughtful questions.

They also enjoyed the walk to and from church, using this opportunity to spot some signs of spring. The children spotted lots of daffodils, blossom on the trees and even some eggs beside the duck pond! What a fantastic morning.



Year 2

Year 2 are studying *The Owl* and *The Pussycat* in English lessons. They took part in some role play before writing love letters in character. Who's behind the mask?



Competition Winner!

Last week, Alice in Year 4 organised a **Guess the Dog** competition to raise funds for Hannah's Memorial Garden. We are pleased to announce that a fantastic **£65.00** was raised.

"Harry" the dog was won by Peter, also in Year 4.

Thank you to everyone who took part and to Alice for her kind and thoughtful gesture.



Year 4

On Tuesday afternoon, Year 4 were investigating liquids as part of their science topic: States of Matter.

They were trying to find out the answer to the question, "Which liquid is the runniest?"

They even learned some scientific vocabulary, "viscosity"!



Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed learning basic code in computing. They helped Tiny the tortoise navigate obstacles in class, then put their skills to the test by using Minecraft to code!



Little Explorers

Little Explorers have enjoyed planting some special gifts for Mothers Day.



Year 3

Year three enjoyed their mini first aid session with Andrea on Wednesday. The children participated fully by taking part in practical activities and through interactive discussions.



Lancashire Sings

What an absolute pleasure it was to spend the day at Lowther Pavilion with our Junior choir on Thursday. The children put on the most fabulous, enthusiastic performance and we couldn't be prouder of them!

Thank you for being such superb representatives and role models for our school. You certainly shared the St Mary's joy!



We know many parents were unable to attend the event itself so we would like to invite you to join us at 3.30pm in the school hall on Tuesday 24th March, when we will sing a selection of songs from the concert. The KS1 Singing Group will also perform so please do come along and share in the joy!



Reception

Reception Class have been exploring the topic 'People who Help Us' this half term.

Today, we had a very special visit from Lexi's Mum who is a Radiographer. We loved learning all about the bones in our bodies and what it would be like to go to the hospital to have a scan. We listened so well, learnt lots and thought of some amazing questions to ask Kelly about her role.

We would like to say a big thank you to Kelly for coming into school and for our amazing session!



Parking

Please can we kindly ask parents/carers not to park/ pull up on the pavements around school, at morning drop off and afternoon pickup. Pavements are busy during these times with families and children walking to and from school. Thank you.



Life Education

The Life Education Team are coming into school on **Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th of March.**

Children will be able to purchase bookmarks from this event for £1.00.

There will be a parent/carer session on **Tuesday 17th March between 8.45am and 9.10am**, during which you will have the opportunity to meet the Life Education Educator, find out more about the content of your child's programme and to ask any questions you may have.



Upcoming Dates

Monday 16th March	All Day	Life Education
Tuesday 17th March	All Day	Life Education
Wednesday 18th March	9.00am	YR Police Visit
Thursday 19th March	9.00-10.00am	Y2 Compass Bloom Workshop
Friday 20th March	9.00am	Y1 Class Worship (Please Join Us)
Monday 23rd March	2.00-7.30pm	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 24th March	All Day	Y2 Titanic Day
Tuesday 24th March	9.05am	Open the Book
Tuesday 24th March	3.30-4.30pm	Choir Concert for Parents
Thursday 26th March	5.30-7.30pm	Easter Bingo
Friday 27th March	8.45am	YN SODA
Friday 27th March	9.00am	Easter Service at School (Please join us)

School Closes for Easter at 2.00pm on Friday 27th March-There will be no after school ACE club on this day.

School reopens at 8.45am on Monday 13th April.

Letters Home

Whole School—Easter Holiday Club—Flyer

Whole School—PTFA Easter Colouring Competition



PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE

If you have any uniform that has been outgrown, but is still in good condition, we would be very grateful for the donation. Please send it in to school ready for our pre loved uniform sale on Monday 23rd March at Parent's Evening.
Thank you!

save money - help the environment - raise funds for school



Sports and Social Clubs

Monday	Guitar Lessons KS2	Lunchtime
Tuesday	Multi Sports	3.20-4.10pm
Tuesday	Choir KS2	3.20-4.15pm
Wednesday	FBA UKS2	Lunchtime
Wednesday	KS1 Choir	Lunchtime
Wednesday	Netball Club Y5 & Y6	3.20-4.15pm
Wednesday	Reading & Craft Club YN & YR	3.20-4.15pm
Thursday	Spanish Club	8.00-8.45am
Thursday	Girls Football	3.20-4.10pm
Friday	Brass Club	3.20-4.15pm

Parents' Evening

Parents' evening is on **Monday 23rd March, 2-7.30pm.**

Appointment bookings on Spider will close at 12.00pm, on Monday 23rd March.



School Dinners

We have been notified by Lancashire County Council that, due to rising costs, the price of school dinners will increase to **£3.40** in April.



This rise will take effect after the Easter holidays. A Spring/Summer menu will also be introduced when we return to school after Easter with some delicious and nutritious new meals.

Easter Competition

In keeping with tradition, we will be inviting families to decorate eggs and bring them into school during the last week of term (week beginning 23rd March.)

As 2026 is the National Year of Reading, we would like the eggs to be on a book-related theme eg your favourite book character.



PTFA—UPCOMING EVENTS

Our PTFA has two exciting events coming up—please see below for more information. Tickets for the Easter Family Bingo can also be purchased using the following link:

<https://st-marys-eccleston-pta.sumupstore.com/product/easter-family-bingo>

ST MARY'S PTFA BRINGS YOU...

MARCH MUNCHIES!

FIND US IN THE PLAYGROUND EVERY FRIDAY DURING MARCH WITH SWEET TREATS READY FOR THE WEEKEND!

Prices and ingredients lists will be displayed alongside the products each week.

Easter Family Bingo

Thursday 26th March

£2.50pp Entry (includes bingo game books) Leave dinner to us!
£2 per additional game book to up your odds! Hot dogs, snacks, sweets and drinks available to purchase!

5.30pm Entry
6pm Eyes Down
7.30pm Raffle Draw

Come along and join in the Easter family fun with free activities for the kids and games from £1!

It's sure to be a cracking evening out!

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about STREAMING SERVICES

Streaming services are platforms that allow users to watch cartoons, documentaries and movies online immediately. (Often referred to as SVOD: streaming videos on demand). Ofcom reported that children and young adults prefer streaming services to traditional TV. With two-thirds of UK households subscribing to at least one streaming service, parents must understand how to manage screen time, set age restrictions and ensure safe viewing.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- COSTLY** Subscription services can be costly. As the main source of entertainment, most households have at least one streaming platform, and each platform has its own monthly subscription fee. Services are charging more for ad-free viewing, and better quality and resolution; however, there is a cheaper option with adverts. Due to price increases, Netflix and Disney+ reported a sharp increase in users subscribing to their ad-supported tier in 2023.
- EXCESSIVE SCREEN TIME** Excessive screen time contributes to sedentary behaviour and can negatively impact physical and mental health. Ofcom found that 14 to 18-year-olds averaged 2.5 hours per day across all video-sharing platforms, not including gaming. The vast range of content available, combined with features such as autoplay videos in 15- or 30-second clips, can encourage extended periods of time.
- BINGE WATCHING** Features such as autoplay make it easy for viewers – especially young people – to continue watching episodes without breaks. This can foster unhealthy and addictive patterns, such as consuming a vast amount of content in one sitting. With binge watching comes a lack of social interaction, and often late nights and sleep disruptions which impact their mental and physical wellbeing.
- ILLEGAL STREAMING** Sharing passwords or using modified fire sticks to access streaming content without permission is illegal. Most streaming services have now put measures in place to detect account sharing, which offers opportunity to pay for an add-on member or ask the user to verify who they are.
- HARMFUL STEREOTYPES** Many platforms track viewing habits, time consumed, and preferences, and generate recommendations to encourage your child to watch something. This results in your child being in a 'loop' whereby they think the 'recommended' shows would be something they would enjoy rather than thinking critically for themselves. This can shape their beliefs, values, and understanding of the world from a young age without even realising it.
- AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT** Most streaming platforms allow users to set up a profile for each family member, with the option of putting specific restrictions in place. These include adding a profile lock or PIN, controlling autoplay of previous and next episodes, and limiting content based on age ratings. Nonetheless, these restrictions aren't foolproof. Content which is rated as suitable for an age group may still include themes, language, or images which children and families find inappropriate.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- SET UP INDIVIDUAL PROFILES AND ADD PINS** Almost all streaming services allow users to set up individual profiles where each family member can have age restrictions put in place for the content they can view. Adult profiles can be protected through the use of PIN. Keep this private. Use the options of putting specific restrictions in place such as controlling autoplay of previous and next episodes, and limiting content based on age ratings.
- TALK ABOUT ALGORITHMS** Talk to your child about how streaming services track what they watch, and base adverts and recommended shows/movies on previous viewing. Encourage them to critically think about whether the recommendations are suitable and how they want to spend their time. Discuss stereotypes with your child and challenge them to think about what they watch and how this may influence their beliefs.
- MONITOR AND TALK OFTEN** Discuss with your child what they are watching, find out which programmes are trending, and watch them yourself. Have a little look at their watch history to check the content of what they're watching. Some platforms have been known to recommend or autoplay older or more mature content than a child's profile has been played. While some shows or movies may have a suitable rating, your child may still find the content scary, or it may explore themes you don't want to explore with your child yet.
- SET TIME RESTRICTIONS** Many streaming services offer the opportunity to buy movies, or add additional features to your subscription such as autoplay, as well as play games. This can increase the amount of time young people spend sitting day in front of the screen. Some platforms (e.g. Apple TV) allow you to set screen time restrictions. If the streaming service doesn't allow you to set screen time limits, set a family rule and stick to it.

Meet Our Expert
 Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator, and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government, comparing internet use and sending behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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Jellybeans

fun activities

Jellybeans sessions for under 4s

10am to 11am

at Eccleston St. Marys CE Primary School

Every Thursday during term time

Sessions led by our Nursery and Reception teaching staff

£2 per family Refreshments will be served

Stories songs

Please share this information with other families in the village.