



SCHOOL NEWS

Our Motto:
Believe & Achieve

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

Prayer

This half term, our Christian Value is Hope, the perfect link having just celebrated Easter and the hope we have because of Jesus' resurrection.

Lord Jesus,

We thank You with grateful hearts that You are alive.

Because You rose again, we have a living hope that cannot be taken away.

We ask that Your resurrection light touches every dark corner of our lives—our fears, regrets, disappointments, and weariness.

Help us to be "Easter People" who live in the reality of Your victory over death.

In your Holy Name we pray,

Amen.

☆☆☆ SHINING STARS ☆☆☆

Nursery	Roman	
Reception	Arlo	Nora
Year One	Karlie	
Year Two	Elijah	Neve
Year Three	Henry	
Year Four	Eleanor	Bronte
Year Five	Maia	
Year Six	Tilly	Katie

WINNING HOUSE THIS TERM

YARROW

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

John 10:10

Reception Class

Reception Class have enjoyed learning all about odd and even numbers this week. We thought about a number to ten and made this on the tens frame outside. We then talked about this number and if we could make a pair. We noticed that the numbers which had someone left out was an odd number and those that we could make into pairs was an even number.

Super maths work Reception!



Year 2

Year 2 are learning about plants.

This week we closely observed different seeds.



We made mini greenhouses and are now observing how a bean starts to grow from a seed.

Hannah's Garden Update

Work on Hannah's Garden made great progress over the Easter holiday. The gardeners focused on preparing the groundwork and installing new fencing, transforming the space significantly. We're delighted to share some before-and-after photographs with you.



Before



After

Year 4

It's been an arty week in Year Four! The children have been studying paintings of water, especially those by Monet, Hockney and Hokusai. They have experimented with oil pastel, colouring pencils and watercolours.



Next week, they will complete their final piece which is inspired by Hokusai's painting of The Great Wave off Kanagawa.



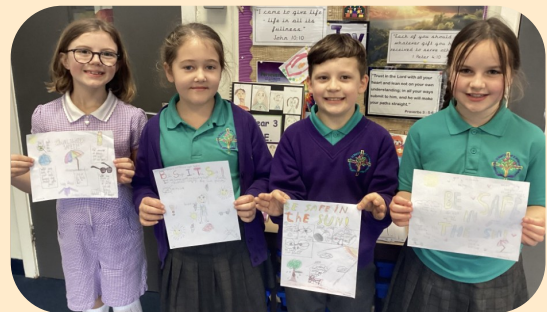
Times Tables Club-Year 4

Our Year 4 Times Table club has proved to be a great success in its first week! Lots of fun and engaging games using cards, dice and even writing on the desks!



Year 3

As part of their science topic all about light, Year 3 have designed posters all about how to keep safe in the sun this week.



Upcoming Dates

Monday 20th April	3.20-4.30pm	KS1 PTFA Movie Night
Monday 20th April	4.45-6.00pm	KS2 PTFA Movie Night
Wednesday 22nd April	9.00am	YR Worship at Church
Thursday 23rd April	All Day	Bikeability Y5
Thursday 23rd April	4.00pm	Y6 Netball Holy Cross High School
Friday 24th April	8.45am	Soda YR
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Monday 27th April	3.30-4.30pm	PTFA Meeting
Tuesday 28th April	9.05am	Open the Book
Tuesday 28th April	4.00-5.30pm	Invasion Games Festival Y3 & Y4 (Holy Cross High School)
Thursday 30th April	4.00pm	Y6 Netball Holy Cross High School
Friday 1st May	8.45am	SODA Year 1
Friday 1st May	3.20pm	PTFA Freeze Friday

Letters Home

KS1 Construction Club—Letter	Year 1 & Year 2 Fairhaven Lake Trip—Letter
PTFA Film Night—Letter	After School Club—Flyers

Sports and Social Clubs

Monday	Guitar Lessons KS2	Lunchtime
Tuesday	3.20-4.15pm	KS1 Construction Club
Tuesday	3.20-4.10pm	Athletics Games Club
Wednesday	KS1 Choir	Lunchtime
Thursday	Spanish Club	8.00-8.45am
Thursday	Times Table Club Y4	3.20-4.00pm
Thursday	Girls Football	3.20-4.10pm
Friday	Brass Club	3.20-4.15pm

ATHLETICS GAMES AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

JM COACHING ACADEMY



THE COURSE WILL RUN ON TUESDAYS FROM

3:20PM – 4:10PM

21st April | 28th April | 5th May | 12th May | 19th May
5 Sessions of Athletics Games for £30.00

This course includes a variety of Athletics events and games and is for children of all age and abilities. The course will take place at your school either outdoors or indoors so please wear appropriate footwear and clothing.

This course has a limited number of spaces allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

To book your place please visit our website www.jmcoachingacademy.co.uk head to the **BOOK NOW** page, scroll to **THE SPORTS HIVE** section to find **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS** and click the **BOOK A PLACE** button.

This will then take you to our booking page where you can register your child to our club.

Alternatively follow the link below to book directly
<https://jm-coaching-academy.classforkids.io/info/86>

When payment has been received your child's place will be guaranteed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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GIRLS FOOTBALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

JM COACHING ACADEMY



A GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT GROUP

THE COURSE WILL RUN ON THURSDAYS FROM

3:20PM – 4:10PM

23rd April | 30th April | 7th May | 14th May | 21st May
5 Sessions of Football for £30.00

This course is for girls of all age and abilities. The course will take place at Eccleston St Marys Primary School either outdoors or indoors so please wear appropriate footwear and clothing.

This course has a limited number of spaces allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

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FUN SPANISH CLUB!

LEARN WHILE HAVING FUN & TRY THE CLUB WITH OUR TASTER SESSION!



games • songs • stories

AT ECCLESTON ST MARY'S PRIMARY

Fun Spanish Morning Clubs Before School:
Our Fun Club is starting again for Summer term on Thurs 23rd April. OPEN TO RECEPTION UP TO YEAR 6, taking place on Thursdays 8am-8.50 before school, 50 mins £6.20/wk x 11 wks+ no membership pack fee in Summer*. Sibling discounts & Monthly DD/Standing Order available to spread cost. Sign up now for a **No-Obligation TASTER**, by signing up at link below & **only PAY AFTER** the session if continuing, or email chris@boltonlanguages.co.uk for more info.
*Membership fee currently £13.95 payable in September (info will be given)

MEMBERSHIP WITH EL CLUB ESPANOL INCLUDES:
SPANISH SONGBOOK & CD OR
STICKER/ACTIVITY/STORY BOOK • STICKERS • FOLDER • STICKER CARD • STREAMING MUSIC • ONLINE GAMEZONE • MORE!

SIGN UP & ONLY PAY AFTERWARDS IF CONTINUING. AT:
[HTTPS://WWW.BOLTONLANGUAGES.CO.UK/ENROL](https://www.boltonlanguages.co.uk/enrol)

fun activities

Jellybeans

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

Please share this information with other families in the village.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about APP & PLAY STORES

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Since the introduction of Apple's App Store and Google's Play Store, an estimated two million apps have been made available on each. Ofcom's 2025 media use and attitudes report states that more than half of children aged between 3 and 7 use apps or sites to communicate with each other, and, by the ages of 10 to 12, 45% of children are playing games on their mobile phones. This guide will help you ensure that children use the app stores and their content safely.

MALICIOUS APPS WITH MALWARE



Although Google and Apple must approve the apps on their official stores, inappropriate content sometimes slips through the net. For example, in 2025, the security company Kaspersky found that multiple iOS and Android apps contained screen-reading software, primed to look for passwords and stealing crypto-wallet recovery phrases captured in screenshots.

UNOFFICIAL COPYCAT APPS



Both official app stores contain copycat apps – often games – designed to look like popular rivals, mimicking their branding, layout and logos. While these will usually just offer a poor experience packed with ads as a quick money-making exercise, they're also more likely to be vessels for malware than the products they're counterfeiting.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



As the App Store and Play Store are for all ages, there's a lot of content available that's inappropriate for children. Examples include apps that have references to alcohol, drugs, sex, violence or gambling. In general, these are sensibly age-rated, but social media sites such as YouTube and TikTok, which both have an App Store age rating of 12+, can be gateways to adult material.

PREDATORY IN-APP PURCHASES



App-making is a business, and most creators have found that 'freemium' software is the way to make money. That means the app will be free initially but will either require the user to watch ads or rely on them making in-app purchases. Some 'free' apps can be predatory, and there are plenty of examples reported where parents have racked up huge bills on behalf of their children's app activity.

ADDICTIVE BY DESIGN



Phone addiction is fast becoming recognised as a real concern, and apps are a big part of this. Freemium apps have a real incentive to keep children checking in every day in order to generate more ad views or secure extra in-app purchases. This can interfere with schoolwork and other offline hobbies.

SIDELoaded BANNED APPS



'Sideloaded' – the more complicated practice of installing applications on a device from sources other than the official app stores – bypasses Google's and Apple's security procedures; however, it is possible for tech-savvy users. This opens up huge risks – not just apps that would be forbidden by Apple and Google, but pirate ones packed with malware too.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS FOR APPS



Both Google and Apple have apps that can give adults greater control over children's phone activity. 'Screen Time' (iPhone) and 'Family Link' (Android) have a range of features, such as letting you set age-related restrictions on the app stores, require permission to download an app, set daily time limits on specific apps, and control real-world spending.

DO YOUR RESEARCH



If children ask permission to download an app, do your due diligence and research it. Read the app summary and search the internet for reviews and discussions to establish its legitimacy, safety and appropriateness – if it doesn't seem to be appropriate, look for safer alternatives instead.

LOOK BEYOND THE REVIEWS



App store reviews are helpful, but they are easily gamed, and some unscrupulous developers will pay for quick reviews to give their work perceived legitimacy. Take more than a cursory glance at listings by digging out the one- and two-star reviews and looking closely at the developer – for example, if they've published a lot of unrelated apps, that's a red flag.

TALK TO YOUR CHILD



Talk to children and make sure they're aware that apps can be risky. As part of a wider talk about internet literacy, ensure they don't download apps outside of the official channels, nor grant apps permission to access their camera, microphone, or photos without a good reason. Make sure they understand that in-game currency costs real-world money.

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for the likes of Wired, TechRadar, The Telegraph, The Evening Standard, The Guardian and The New Statesman.

