



SCHOOL NEWS

Our Motto:
Believe & Achieve

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

Prayer

Lord God,

We thank you for the beautifully sunny weather that we have been having recently. We are thankful for the light nights that enable us to play out and enjoy the outdoors for longer each day. As we approach the weekend, and an extra day with our families on Monday, we ask that you help us make the most of our time together. Send your blessings to all in our school family.

We ask these prayers in Jesus' holy name,

Amen

☆☆☆ SHINING STARS ☆☆☆

Nursery	Georgie	
Reception	Archie H.	Hattie
Year One	Charlotte	
Year Two	Poppy	Hunter
Year Three	Maisie	
Year Four	Harrison	Max
Year Five	Teddy	
Year Six	Emelia	Annie

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	Emilia	Francesca	Macauley	Thomas B.
Year 5	Thea	Florence	Harry	Henry
Year 4	Freddie	Henry	Pippa	Ally
	Poppy	Amelia	George	

Silver certificates are awarded for gaining 100 house points.

SILVER

Year 6	Aria	Lucianna	Eliza	Annie
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Year 4

Over the last couple of weeks, Year 4 have been studying artwork which has a focus on water. This is their final piece, based on Hokusai's, "The Great Wave." The children have combined their skills of pencil drawing, mixing of watercolour paints and finally adding texture to their pictures.



Year 1

This week in Art, Year 1 have started to produce their final piece of work which is inspired by Shirley Hughes' artwork in her picture books.



The children used watercolours to create a background for their 'weather' art. There was a variety of weather choices, including sunsets, sunny days, stormy days, and rainy days.

We can't wait to see their final work!



Open the Book

We welcomed Open the Book for our Worship on Tuesday. This week they read the story of the miraculous catch of fish.



Construction Club

Construction Club made the most of the sunshine and headed outside to use their imaginations with the big construction kits.



Reception

Reception Class loved having Father Jordan in our class this week.

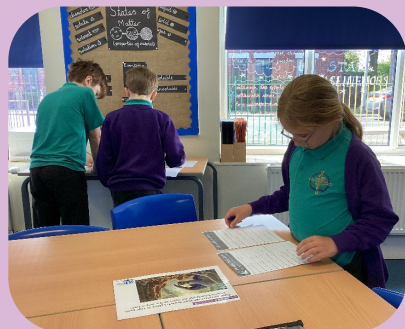
After our recent trip to Church, Reception Class came up with lots of questions they wanted to ask Father Jordan about what they had seen and heard during our visit. We enjoyed listening to him answer our questions and learning lots of new information.

A big thank you to Father Jordan for coming into class and answering our tricky questions!



Year 5

Y5 enjoyed an 'active comprehension' about the Amazon Rainforest as all the information they needed was dotted around the classroom. They weren't caught out, though, and soon found most of the facts they needed!



Invasion Games Festival

On Tuesday evening, some of our Year 4 children attended the Invasion Games Festival hosted by Chorley Sports Partnership.

They took part in a range of mini games including hockey, basketball, handball and rugby, practising lots of different skills and getting fully involved in every activity. They even made fruit kebabs during their break and enjoyed the sunshine!



Miss Speck

We are very sad to have to tell you that Miss Speck will be leaving us in July to relocate to her native Norfolk.

Miss Speck is a highly-valued member of our Early Years team and is much-loved by both the children and staff.

Miss Speck doesn't want to have to say goodbye and, if it weren't for family reasons calling her back home, she says she would happily stay at St. Mary's forever!

We really don't want you to go, Miss Speck, but we wish you all the luck in the world for your new life in East Anglia!



Upcoming Dates

Monday 4th May	All Day	May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5th May	4.00pm	Y5/Y6 Tag Rugby Cluster (Trinity-Croston)
Thursday 7th May	4.00pm	Y6 Netball (Holy Cross High School)
Monday 11th May	All Week	SATs Week
Monday 11th May	9.00am	Nursery Library Visit
Thursday 14th May	10.15am	Jellybeans (later start due to SATs)
Thursday 14th May	4.00pm	Golfways Y3/Y4 (Parklands High School)
Monday 18th May	1.45-3.10pm	Wigan Ukulele Band Performance
Tuesday 19th May	9.15am	Fencing Assembly
Wednesday 20th May	All Day	Orienteering Y5/Y6
Wednesday 20th May	9.30-11.15am	Cricket Y3/Y4
Friday 22nd May	9.05am	Y5 Class Worship (please join us)

Letters Home

Cluster Tag Rugby Tournament—Letter

Year 5 Science—Letter

Whole School—Uniform letter

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



Eccleston St Mary's
Church of England Primary School
Headteacher: Mrs J Birchall



VACANCY

School Cleaner Required ASAP

4.00pm to 6.00pm, Mon to Fri
Permanent Part-time Position, Term-time,
(plus 3 weeks during holidays)
Foundation Living Wage, £13.45 per Hour

**Please contact school for further details.
Thank You**



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Free School Meals



When your child moves up to Year 3 they will no longer be eligible for the universal free school meals, provided by the government, for all infant children.

If you think you may be eligible for help with free school meals from Year 3 onwards, please check out the Lancashire County Council Web page, for more information and how to apply at:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals>

Rainbow Ramble

Join Rainbow Hub for our annual 5 mile walk or run
Saturday 9th May 2026

- Starts & finishes at Bishop Rawstorne High School, Croston, PR26 9HH
- Registration opens from 8.45am. Ramble commences at 10am
- Children from £5, adults from £15, please visit our website for more info
- Entry includes t-shirt and finishing medal
- FANCY DRESS is optional

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Jellybeans
fun activities

Jellybeans sessions for under 4s
10am to 11am
at Eccleston St. Marys CE Primary School

Stories
Songs

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.

Top Tips for Adopting SAFE & HEALTHY ONLINE HABITS

Everyone has so much going on in their lives, and that includes children: from exams and deadlines to anxiety and mental health struggles. It's quite easy to send memes, make jokes and vent online about the things that irritate us, but when was the last time you – or your child – took a moment to share something kind or positive instead? In fact, when did you last stop and think about your family's online activities? To help keep them safe and teach them healthy online habits, we need to develop our children's digital resilience. There are lots of ways that children can become more digitally resilient, and we've pulled together some popular strategies here ...

WHAT IS DIGITAL RESILIENCE?



Resilience doesn't mean being so tough that nothing gets to you, and it's not about "putting up with things" either. Instead, it's the ability to recover from setbacks. Everyone feels sad, worried, scared or upset at times: it's how we respond and adapt to those situations which is important. Digital resilience is about making choices that keep us safe and happy online, even when we're exposed to something negative or upsetting. Building your child's digital resilience will help reduce the impact of potential risks as they engage with and navigate around the online world.

MAKE POSITIVE LIFESTYLE CHOICES



- ✓ Make time for the people and things that make you happy.
- ✓ Monitor your screen time and stick to your limits.
- ✓ On social media, follow people that make you feel good about yourself – and unfollow the ones who don't.
- ✓ Spread some positivity: post good reviews, leave encouraging comments and share good news.

KEEP YOUR HEALTH IN MIND



- ✓ Try to factor in regular breaks offline and away from your screen – ideally, outdoors for some revitalising fresh air.
- ✓ Exercise is a brilliant stress-buster: even a walk around the block, a bike ride or a stroll to your local shop can really work wonders.
- ✓ Be strict with yourself about putting devices away in plenty of time before bed: they can interfere with a good night's sleep, which is essential for staying healthy.

REACH OUT FOR SUPPORT

- ✓ If you have a problem online, don't be afraid reach out to specialist people or organisations that could help.
- ✓ Follow people on socials who have the same values and morals as you.
- ✓ You could always talk to a friend, or a trusted adult like a teacher or family member for some advice.

PUT SAFETY FIRST

- ✓ If you see something online that upsets or worries you, tell a trusted adult about it as soon as possible.
- ✓ You could also report the content that's making you feel uncomfortable to the site or app that you saw it on, so they can look into it.
- ✓ Another option is to block the person or the account that's causing you a problem – or you could go one step further by totally deleting the app you were using.

GET THINGS CLEAR IN YOUR HEAD



- ✓ Ask yourself what kindness online actually looks like. Can you remember the last time someone was kind or supportive towards you online? What did they do?
- ✓ Think about how it makes you feel when someone sends you a positive or funny message online.
- ✓ What about the opposite: has someone ever been deliberately unkind to you online? What did they do and how did it make you feel?
- ✓ If someone's behaviour online is causing you stress, try to remind yourself of all the steps you can take if a person's being unkind online.

Meet Our Expert

Cayley Jorgensen is a registered counsellor with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, working in private practice to offer counselling to children, teenagers and young adults. She is the founder of Engage Support, a mobile app focusing on mental health awareness with the goal of providing resources and solutions to schools worldwide.



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