



# SCHOOL NEWS

**Our Motto:**  
Believe & Achieve

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

## Two prayers from our Year 5 assembly, by Zach and Lola

Dear God

Thank you for the beautiful rainforest that provides oxygen.  
We are sorry for destroying it. Please help us save it and restore the lungs of the earth.

Amen

Dear God

We are sorry that we are ruining your creation, including the rainforest  
Thank you that you created people that fight against this horrible act.  
Please keep the rainforests alive so the animals that call it home don't ever suffer again.

Amen

## ☆☆☆ SHINING STARS ☆☆☆

Nursery	Ellis	Harvey
Reception	Nora	Joey
Year One	Abigail	Finlay
Year Two	Whole Class	
Year Three	Jaxon	Elodie
Year Four	Jack Ca.	Isla
Year Five	Whole Class	
Year Six	Lucas	Finlay

WINNING HOUSE THIS WEEK

**YARROW**

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	Raegan	Sofia		
Year 5	Maia	Zach	April	Daniel
Year 4	Oliver			
Year 1	Bertie			

**Silver certificates are awarded for gaining 100 house points.**

## SILVER

Year 6	Isla	Thomas T.		
Year 5	Oliver	Thea	Robert	Imogen
Year 3	Freddie	Catriona	Henry	Charlotte
Year 2	Hugo			

**Gold certificates are awarded for gaining 150 house points.**

## GOLD

Year 6	Katie
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## Construction Club

Construction Club met for the final time this week, with all the children being awarded certificates for their efforts.

Lots of budding architects and builders here!



## Care Club

Care Club have been loving playing with their new magnetic tiles - they've proved a real hit!



## Wigan Ukulele Club

It was a wonderfully joyful afternoon in school on Monday, as we welcomed the Wigan Ukulele Club to perform for us.

As well as many songs we knew, such as Sweet Caroline and some Disney songs, the children were also introduced to the music of George Formby.



## Eco Council

Our Eco Council have been foraging for twigs, leaves, stones and anything else that will help to create bug hotels.

We can't wait to see what they will look like, and we hope that they bring lots of creatures to our wonderful outdoor spaces here at St Mary's!



## Fencing Club Assembly

On Tuesday morning, we welcomed Wayne Lomax into school to introduce his upcoming Fencing Club. Well done to all the children who took part in the demonstration, we are now looking forward to the club starting after half term.



## Year 2

Year 2 enjoyed playing a board game while learning about Mary Seacole.

They answered questions about her remarkable life and lasting legacy.



## Year 4

In Science this week, Year Four have been exploring the process of melting, to find out if salt affects the speed at which ice melts.

They shared some interesting predictions and fascinating explanations. Well done



## Little Explorers

Little Explorers enjoyed a visit to the library. They listened to lots of sea themed stories and then made a 'jiggling jellyfish'. They also enjoyed looking at the library books and choosing one to bring back to school.



## New Uniform September 2026

We are excited to share with you, some photographs of the new uniform we are introducing in September 2026. A complete uniform list can be found on our website at:

<https://www.ecclestonstmarysprimary.com/page/school-uniform/141568>

All school branded items can be purchased from Badgers of Heskin and Impressions of Standish and Leyland.



## Cricket

What a fabulous morning at Eccleston Cricket Club!

Our Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 children had an amazing time taking part in lots of exciting cricket games alongside their teachers, volunteers and the fantastic coaches at the club on Wednesday morning. The children threw themselves into every activity and it was wonderful to see so many incredible skills, teamwork and smiling faces throughout the morning!

A huge thank you to Eccleston Cricket Club for hosting us and giving the children such a fun and memorable experience. We all had the best time!



## Year 3



Year 3 have been learning all about Ancient Egypt and this week during Art, the class enjoyed being budding sculptors by creating and shaping canopic jars out of clay.

## Julie-Care Club

Yesterday we said goodbye to Julie, from Ace Club.

We are sure you will join us in thanking her for all the care, kindness, and support she has given to our children.

Julie, you'll be greatly missed by everyone at Ace Club- wishing you all the best for the future!"



## Year 5

We were so proud of our Y5 pupils, who led us in Worship on the theme of the Amazon Rainforest, this morning. They told us so many fascinating facts about the flora and fauna, which live there, but also reminded us how important it is that we protect this amazing part of God's creation.

Very well done, Y5!



## Orienteering

On Wednesday evening, a group of Year 6 children took part in an orienteering competition at Astley Park.

In their pairs, they were given a map and a control card and had 30 minutes to find and stamp all of the 8 markers located in the woods of the park.

They were so determined, used fantastic map reading skills and ran as quickly as they could. One of our pairs even made it back in under 25 minutes!

They were all excellent and enjoyed trying a new sport. Go Team St Mary's - we are all so proud of you!



## Upcoming Dates

We open again after half term, at 8.45 am, on Wednesday 3rd June.

<b>Monday 1st &amp; Tuesday 2nd June</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>
Friday 5th June	9.00am	Class/Team Photographs
Tuesday 9th June	9.00am	Reception Class Worship (Please join us)
Wednesday 10th June	9.00am	Y6 Worship at Church
Thursday 11th June	1.15pm	Y6 Transition Workshop
Friday 12th June	All Day	DogCat Day( More info to follow)
Friday 12th June	9.30am	YR NHS Vision Screening
Monday 15th June	All Week	Arts Week
Monday 15th June	3.30pm	PTFA Meeting (All Welcome)
Wednesday 17th June	1.15pm	Lancashire Wallopers (Clog Dance Workshops)
Wednesday 17th June	4.00pm	Y6 Netball Cluster Event (School Playground)
Thursday 18th June	9-12pm	Lancashire Farm Education Workshops
Friday 19th June	am	KS2 Sports Day
Friday 19th June	pm	KS1 Sports Day
Tuesday 23rd June	9.05am	Open the Book
Tuesday 23rd June	1.30pm	Y6 Road Safety Talks
Wednesday 24th June	All Day	Y6 Robinwood Residential
Wednesday 24th June	9.00am	Rock Steady Assembly
Thursday 25th June	All day	Y6 Robinwood Residential
Thursday 25th June	9.00am	Coping with Change Workshop
Friday 26th June	All Day	Y6 Robinwood Residential
Friday 26th June	8.45am	YR Reading Breakfast (Please join Us)

# Letters Home

Year 5 & 6 After School Rounders Club—Letter

## Sports and Social Clubs

Monday	Guitar Lessons KS2	Lunchtime
Wednesday	KS1 Choir	Lunchtime
Thursday	Spanish Club	8.00-8.45am
Thursday	Y5/Y6 Rounders Club	3.20-4.30pm
Friday	Brass Club	3.20-4.15pm

**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

Please share this information with other families in the village.

**Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING**

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, UKiA, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

**PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES**  
Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide some insight into a particular game, while the 'parental controls' on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the 'parents' approval' messages online when you discuss this boundary with them.

**ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS**  
Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than a marathon session. Bear in mind that some games, such as role-playing games (RPGs), require time investment from the player, while others, like online team games, let you play for a few minutes, be interrupted at a moment's notice, and pick back up every hour, or in 15-minute sessions. Encourage your child to take regular breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

**AGREE SPENDING LIMITS**  
There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much buying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you may want to agree a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage these expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

**DISCUSS AGE RATINGS**  
Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.

**FACTOR IN FRIENDS**  
If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle. So, when friends visit, do they naturally flock to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this time for their own benefit. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

**ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER**  
Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. However, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in. It could be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you: setting goals or tasks might be something to build together. If a friend has introduced the game, it's a chance to try out some of the fun game modes. Be firm about which don't require high skill levels.

**TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS**  
Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to talk to other players? For example, can they notice when they're getting angry? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

**BE PREPARED FOR TROUBLE**  
A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately toxic towards you. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience a negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.

**Meet Our Expert**  
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**National Online Safety**  
#WakeUpWednesday

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