



SCHOOL NEWS

Our Motto:
Believe & Achieve

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

PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank You for the wonderful gift of friendship and for the special people we have in our lives. Help us to be kind, caring, and helpful friends who treat others with respect and make them feel valued. Teach us to share what we have, listen carefully when others speak, and welcome everyone so that nobody feels lonely or left out. When we have disagreements or hurt someone's feelings, help us to say sorry, forgive one another, and make peace. Bless our friends and families with happiness, good health, and lots of love as they learn and grow together.

Amen.

**WINNING HOUSES AT
SPORTS DAY (photos next
week:)**

Infants—**Lostock**

Juniors—**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

Book Swap

Our Book Swap is now OPEN!

Bring in a book you've enjoyed and swap it for a new read! We have lots of lovely picture books available, but we're still looking for KS2 books. If you have any suitable books to donate, we would be incredibly grateful.

Thank you for supporting this fantastic resource for our wonderful community of readers at St Mary's!



Arts Week Special-Lancashire Edition

Art Work

Year 2 had a great day learning about Eric Morecambe and studying his statue. They made foil sculptures based on his statue and loved copying his famous pose wearing statement glasses. Their work looks fantastic on display and is definitely bringing sunshine to all who see it!



Year 3 using water colours and pastels to create their own version of Dave Robinson's 'The Tower at Rivington Pike'.



Inspired by the local artist, Dave Robinson, **Year 4** have been creating their own Lytham Windmill artwork. Fantastic job Year 4, well done!



Reception & Little Explorers-Darwen Tower



Wallace & Gromit

Inspired by the work of Nick Parks, the creator of Wallace and Gromit, Y3 and 4 got together to learn all about stop frame animation. Working in groups, they created their very own mini movie using toy figures!



Clog Dancing

On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome the Lancashire Wallopers to school! After enjoying a fantastic clog dancing performance, everyone had the opportunity to join in and learn some moves themselves. Everyone had a wonderful time, and it was a great way to experience this traditional Lancashire dance.



Y5—Lancashire Crisps

Y5 learnt all about how Lancashire Crisps are produced in Rufford from locally –grown potatoes. They enjoyed tasting all 8 flavours—although not all 8 proved a hit with their discerning taste-buds!



Lancashire Picnic Lunch

The whole school enjoyed making Chorley cakes to eat at our Lancashire picnic on Thursday.



Lancashire Farm Education

On Thursday, as part of our Arts Week all about Lancashire, we welcomed Elaine Smith from Lancashire Farm Education in Croston. We thoroughly enjoyed learning about farming in the local area during a very interesting whole school assembly and then Y5 and Y6 took part in workshops.

Thank you very much to Elaine for her contributions to Arts Week.



History Of Eccleston

A huge thank you to Mr Bannister, who visited our classes on Thursday morning to share the fascinating history of Eccleston. We learned that many local places are named after Vikings who invaded Ulnes Walton, and discovered more about the mills around Eccleston, as well as the village's historic halls and residents. It was an incredibly interesting session, and we are very grateful to Mr Bannister for taking the time to share his knowledge



Netball

On Wednesday evening, we were delighted to host the Cluster Netball Tournament here at St Mary's, welcoming teams from local schools for an evening of fantastic netball. Our team played brilliantly throughout the competition, showing great skill, teamwork and determination. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and are thrilled to share that they finished **second overall!**

Well done to all of our players, and thank you to the schools, staff and supporters who helped make the event such a success.



Guitar Lessons

There will be a beginners ukulele / guitar group starting in September on Mondays at 12.00pm. Lessons will be provided by Carmel Galea who teaches at many local Primary and High Schools. Beginners' guitar / ukulele letters have gone out to the present pupils in Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5.

Should anyone require extra letters please email: carmel@cmg-guitars.co.uk or ask at the school office.



RSE Workshops Year 5 & Year 6

CORAM Life Education will be returning to school on Tuesday 30th June, to deliver the RSE workshops to years 5 & 6. Parents are invited to attend a short workshop, in the morning at 8.55-9.10am.

SCARF scratch bookmarks will be available to purchase on the day for £1.00 each.



Eccleston Walking Day—Sunday 28th June

Don't forget—we'd love as many families as possible to join us for this celebration of village life. Please meet in the Church Car Park at 1.30 pm to start processing at 2pm. Look forward to seeing you then!

Letters Home

Whole School Joyfest —Letter

Whole School Summer Games Club—Flyer

Y5/Y6 RSE—Letter

Whole School Girls' Football—Flyer

Sports and Social Clubs

Monday	Guitar Lessons KS2	Lunchtime
Tuesday	Summer Games	3.20-4.10pm
Wednesday	KS1 Choir	Lunchtime
Thursday	Spanish Club	8.00-8.45am
Thursday	Girls' Football	3.20-4.10pm
Thursday	Y5/Y6 Rounders Club	3.20-4.30pm
Friday	Fencing Club	8.00-8.45am
Friday	Brass Club	3.20-4.15pm

Upcoming Dates

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)
Monday 29th June	All Day	Prayer Day
Tuesday 30th June	am	RSE Year 5 and 6
Wednesday 1st July	All Day	Year 5 Trip to Liverpool
Thursday 2nd July	am	Move Up Morning
Thursday 2nd July	1.00pm	Compass Bloom Transition Group
Thursday 2nd July	7.00pm	Y5/Y6 Swimming Gala (All Seasons Leisure Chorley)
Friday 3rd July	All Day	Y4 Trip to Chester
Friday 3rd July	4.00-6.30pm	Joyfest
Monday 6th July	All Day	YN & YR Trip to Smithills Farm
Wednesday 8th July	All Day	Y1 & Y2 Trip to Fairhaven Lake
Thursday 9th July	All Day	Y3 Trip to Lancashire Farm
Thursday 9th July	4.00pm	Cluster Rounders (Eccleston Primary-Doctors Lane)
Friday 10th July	10.00am	Y6 Leaver Dress Rehearsal
Friday 10th July	3.20-4.30pm	Infant School Disco
Friday 10th July	4.45-5.45pm	Junior School Disco
Monday 13th July	6.00pm	Y6 Leavers' Play
Monday 13th July	9.15am	Eccleston Library Assembly
Tuesday 14th July	2.00-3.00pm	Y6 Leavers' Play
Thursday 16th July	2.00-3.00pm	Y6 Leavers' Assembly

Free School Meals— Important Update

Starting in September, England is expanding Free School Meals (FSMs) eligibility to all households receiving Universal Credit.

The previous £7,400 income cap is being removed, opening this benefit to over 500,000 additional children.

The expansion creates two new categories for benefits-related free meals, which require an active application.

Targeted FSM: For households earning below £7,400 per year.

Expanded FSM: For households earning above £7,400 per year but still receiving Universal Credit.

Crucial Steps for Parents

Reapplication is required:

Transitional protections that locked in older FSM eligibility have ended. **All families—even if they were previously receiving free meals—must reapply to prove they meet the new criteria before the new academic year begins.**

UIFSM Stays:

Universal Infant Free School Meals will continue automatically for all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who do not qualify under the targeted or expanded criteria.



St Mary's
Summer
Garden
Party

STALLS | GAMES | BBQ | DRINKS

SATURDAY 20TH JUNE
2PM - 4PM
ST MARY THE VIRGIN
ECCLESTON



CHORLEY GUILD SINGERS PRESENT

SUMMER
Serenade

Saturday 27th June 2026
at 7.30pm
The Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin Eccleston

Tickets: £10
payable on the door with
cash and card welcome

Conductor **Phil Davenport**
Organist **Fr. Neil Kelley**

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FUNDRAISING
FOR
ECCLESTON ST
MARY'S PTFA

- * HUMAN FRUIT MACHINE
- * CHUCK A DUCK
- * SPRAY AWAY
- * HIGHER OR LOWER
- * & MORE!

GAME TICKETS
5 FOR £2.50!

Joyfest 2026

£10 OR
2 FOR £15!

WRISTBANDS INCLUDE:

- * UNLIMITED BOUNCES
- * UNLIMITED SILENT DISCO
- * GIANT BUBBLES
- * JOYFEST TRAIL
- * SPORTS IN THE MUGA

* 10 MIN SLOTS FOR
BOUNCES & DISCO

AMAZING RAFFLE PRIZES TO BE WON:

- * FAMILY PORTRAIT AT HEATHER
CAPTURE PHOTOGRAPHY
- * 2 X 1 MONTH GYM MEMBERSHIPS AT
APEX FOUNDRY
- * PRIVATE HORSE RIDING LESSON AT
ECCLESTON EQUESTRIAN CENTRE
- * DANCE LESSONS AT LCAD & MORE!

LICENSED BAR - BBQ - ENTERTAINMENT
TOMBOLA STALLS - FREE CRAFTS & GAMES!

ECCLESTON ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRI 3RD JULY - 4PM TIL 6.30PM

