



SCHOOL NEWS

Our Motto:
Believe & Achieve

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

PRAYER

Windrush Day was marked on Monday 22nd June and this coincided with Year 4 concluding their work about the Windrush Generation.

Dear God,
Thank You for the Windrush Generation.

Thank You for the brave men, women, and children who travelled from the Caribbean to help build and strengthen our country. Thank You for their hard work, kindness, and determination.

Help us to remember their stories and the important contributions they made to our communities, schools, hospitals, and everyday life.

Teach us to respect one another, celebrate our differences, and treat everyone with fairness and kindness.

May we learn from the past and work together to create a future filled with friendship, understanding, and hope.

Bless the families of the Windrush Generation and help us to be grateful for the rich cultures and traditions that make our communities special.

In Jesus name we pray
Amen



☆☆☆ SHINING STARS ☆☆☆

Nursery	Oliver		
Reception	George	Archie G.	
Year One	Everley	Brodie	
Year Two	April	Levi	
Year Three	Jaxon	Claudia	
Year Four	Ollie	Harrison	
Year Five	Oliver	Daniel	Henry
Year Six	Whole Class		

WINNING HOUSE THIS WEEK

LOSTOCK

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

John 10:10

Sports Day

Last Friday, we held our annual Sports Day and were delighted to see so many parents and family members join us to support the children throughout the day.

In the morning, pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in a variety of races and field events, demonstrating fantastic determination, teamwork and sportsmanship. All of the children should be extremely proud of their efforts. Congratulations to Yarrow House, who were crowned the overall winners for the Junior Sports Day



During the afternoon, it was the turn of our Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children to take to the field for their Sports Day events. Our youngest athletes showed great enthusiasm, resilience and enjoyment as they competed in a range of activities. We were incredibly proud of every child for taking part and trying their very best. Congratulations to Lostock House, who were the overall winners of the Infant Sports Day.

Thank you to everyone who came along to cheer on the children and help make the day such a success.



Year 4

Year Four explored Forest School on Monday afternoon, in search of living things which live on our school environment.



They made good use of the app "Seek" to photograph and name any unfamiliar plant.

Year 2

Year 2 are learning about keeping healthy in science lessons.

This week we learned about dental hygiene and the importance of looking after our teeth.

We used models to practice brushing our teeth correctly.



Little Explorers

This week Little Explorers have been focusing on 'problem solving.' Each day they have attempted a different challenge and worked together in small groups to complete them.



They have thoroughly enjoyed learning new skills and worked really well as a team!

Reception

A big thank you to all the Reception parents that came to our Reading Breakfast this morning. It was a super session full of story sharing, breakfast treats and looking through our work from the year. It was a great turn out and we appreciate the time you have taken to join us this morning, even in this heat!



Year 1

In Maths this week, Year 1 have been learning all about money!

They sorted all the different coins and notes into groups. They looked at the different metal colours, the different shapes, and the different sizes

of the coins. They then learned about the values of each coin and note and had a go at ordering them by size of coin and then by the value. Great Maths work Year 1!



Rock Steady Music

On Wednesday morning, Rock Steady Music came into school to deliver an assembly for the children. Jacob talked all about the different instruments and performed lots of sing-along songs.

Mr Lyons, Miss Slater and Miss Ryan then took to the stage to create a band and perform for the children! The infants and juniors then took part in workshops where some children had a go at playing the instruments and formed their own bands. It was lots of fun!



Ice Pops

Thank you to the mums of Levi, Hugo and Neve in Year 2, who kindly donated ice pops for the whole school to enjoy on Thursday and Friday.

They were a very welcome treat to keep us cool during this week's hot weather!

Year 3 and 4 enjoyed eating their ice pops while exploring Hannah's garden.



Open the Book

On Tuesday, we welcomed the Open the Book team for the final time this academic year. Alongside pupils from Year 4, they told the story of Zaccheus.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those involved in Open the Book, for the time they give every month to lead us in worship.



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!

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. 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.



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

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	4.45-5.6.00pm	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
Friday 17th July	Lunchtime	Leavers Lunch
Friday 17th July	2.00pm	School Finishes for Summer

School reopens at 8.45am on Wednesday 2nd September.

Letters Home

PTFA Infant Disco—Letter

Y5/Y6 Swimming Gala—Letter

YR2 PSHE—Letter

PTFA Junior Disco—Letter

Whole School—Rock Steady Letter

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 £7,4000 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.

It is important for all families who receive Universal Credit to apply, even if their child is in the infants and receiving Universal Free School Meals. Funding for school is dependant on the amount of families who claim free school meals.

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.

Stories

songs

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SPORTS BETTING ONLINE

At The National College, our **WakeUpWednesday** guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Regularly delivered by specialist online safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

Sports betting online involves placing wagers on real-world sporting events through websites, apps, and in-account. In the UK, licensed gambling is illegal for under-18s, yet young people may still encounter betting through sports coverage, social media, gaming spaces, friends, or adult accounts. With gambling content increasingly visible online, parents and educators should help children understand the risks, financial impact, pressure, and how to make safer choices.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- EASY ONLINE ACCESS**
Online sports betting sites and apps are widely available on computers and mobile devices through desktop, tablets, and smartphones. Some young people may attempt to bypass age checks using false details or someone else's account. Digital wallets, prepaid cards, and online payment methods can also make spending harder to notice, increasing the risk of discreet or impulsive betting.
- PEER AND INFLUENCER PRESSURE**
Social media influencers, online streamers, and sports content creators can make betting appear fun, profitable, or a part of being an influencer. Young people may feel pressure to copy this behaviour, especially when friends make bets, or when influencers or predictions during matches, doubling advertising sales on in-game content. But children may not see persuasive betting content in online spaces.
- FREE BET OFFERS**
Online betting platforms often use free bets, bonus credits, or risk-free promotions to attract users. These offers can create gambling seem like a low-risk or free activity, but they usually include terms and conditions that prevent users from not understanding. Free incentives can lead to free gambling, repeated deposits, or the belief that gambling is easier to control than it is.

NORMALISING GAMBLING BEHAVIOUR

Online sports betting can normalise gambling behaviour, which is a problem for young people who may begin to see odds, predictions, and wagers as harmless entertainment rather than a financial risk. This can blur boundaries with other gambling-like activities, including loot boxes, skin betting, or cosmetic games, making later gambling feel more acceptable or familiar.

ADVERTISING AROUND SPORT

Young people can be exposed to betting advertising through sports broadcasts, social media, gaming spaces, and influencers. Repeated exposure may make gambling seem like a normal, fun, or expected part of the sport. Without adult guidance, children may be quick to accept such marketing, trying and succeeding, rather than understanding that gambling is designed to make money from customers.

CHASING WINS AND LOSSES

A winning bet can create excitement and encourage a young person to try again, while a losing bet may lead them to place another wager to win back the money. This is known as chasing losses. Because online bets can be quick, small, and available at any time, children may not recognise how rapidly repeated bets can become costly and emotionally harmful.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- START EARLY CONVERSATIONS**
Talk openly with children about how betting works, including odds, losses, advertising, and the fact that gambling companies are commercial businesses. Use examples they may recognise, such as betting adverts during football matches, influencer predictions, or social streamers. Keep the conversation casual, so that children feel able to ask questions, share concerns, and discuss pressure from friends without fearing punishment.
- SET SAFER BOUNDARIES**
Use device, app store, and bank settings to limit spending, block gambling transactions, where possible, and require parental consent for in-app purchases. Check payment histories for unfamiliar withdrawals, digital wallet purchases, or repeated small transactions. These safeguards will set clear boundaries and encourage conversations, helping children understand that online payments are still real money, even when they feel quick, hidden, or invisible.
- EXPLORE ONLINE EXPOSURE**
Ask which apps, websites, games, sports channels, and social media accounts children use around live sport. Betting content may appear through adverts, sponsorship, livestreams, ticker pages, or discussions with influencers. Watching a match together can help you point out gambling messaging in real time and explain how it is designed to influence choices, normalise betting, and encourage spending.
- NOTICE AND SEEK SUPPORT**
Look out for secrecy around devices, sudden interest in odds, requests for money, unexplained spending, mood changes linked to sports results, or late-night phone use. Respond with support first, then gather evidence, and seek professional advice when needed. Organisations such as Gamblers Anonymous, GamCare, or the National College offer confidential support, information about gambling harms, education, blocking tools, and support routes.

Meet Our Expert

Robbo Goodwin is a Senior Lecturer and the head of events at the University Campus of Sports. He is also the President and Co-founder of the Volunteering and Sports Foundation, a charity that supports safe and inclusive gaming environments. With over 25 years of experience in sports, education, and media, Robbo is a great leader in promoting positive gaming practices for youth and families.

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- * FAMILY PORTRAIT AT HEATHER
CAPTURE PHOTOGRAPHY
- * 2 X 1 MONTH GYM MEMBERSHIPS AT
APEX FOUNDRY
- * PRIVATE HORSE RIDING LESSON AT
ECCLESTON EQUESTRIAN CENTRE
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LICENSED BAR - BBQ - ENTERTAINMENT
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ECCLESTON ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRI 3RD JULY - 4PM TIL 6.30PM

