



Eccleston St Mary's C of E Primary School

Newsletter 3 | 18th September 2026

SCHOOL NEWS

Our Motto:
Believe & Achieve

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

PRAYER

At the end of the school day, our Infant classes say this following prayer. Perhaps you might like to include it in your bedtime routines at home as well?

Now the day is over, we lift our hands and say,
Thank you Heavenly Father for today.
We're sorry for the wrong things,
But glad about the right,
Keep us Heavenly Father, in your love tonight,

Amen

☆☆☆ SHINING STARS ☆☆☆

Explorers	Sienna	
Adventurers	Ava	
Navigators	Lucas	Aspyn
Voyagers	Karlie	
Inspiration	April	Jaxon
Curiosity	Austin	George
Discovery	Violet	

WINNING HOUSE THIS WEEK

YARROW

Please click to find out
more about our school

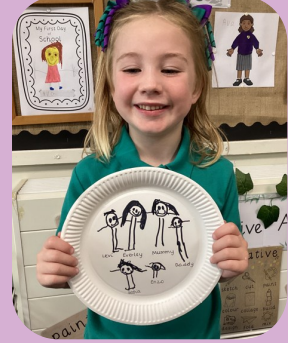
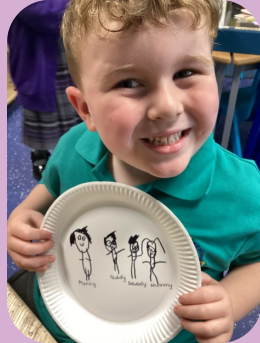
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"I came to give life—life in
all its fullness."

John 10:10

Adventurers

Adventurer class have been super busy since starting school. We have enjoyed exploring our topic 'All About Me'. We have created our own self portrait, a puzzle picture and a lovely drawing of our family. We have loved learning about what makes us all special and unique, whilst making lots of new friends.



Inspiration Class

Inspiration Class modelled the digestive system in Science. It got very messy, but it was great fun!

Certainly a fascinating and hands-on way to learn how our digestive system works.



Rock Steady Music

Here are just a few of the new rock musicians who have started Rock Steady music lessons with our band leader Chris. They had a great time thinking up band names, picking songs and starting to rehearse as brand-new bands together.



Little Explorers

This week, Little Explorers have been enjoying the story Handa's Surprise. We had lots of fun making our own fruit kebabs and, of course, enjoying them together for snack time. The children explored different fruits and loved creating their colourful kebabs.

We also made the most of the rainy weather and had a fantastic time playing outside, splashing in puddles and enjoying some muddy, wet-weather fun!



Navigators

Navigator class have had great fun in PE this week, learning lots of yoga poses!



Harvest

You are warmly invited to join us for our annual Harvest Service at **9.45 am on Thursday 1st October at St. Mary's Church**. In the event of rain, we will hold the Service in the school hall at 9.05 am.

We would be really grateful if you could provide your child with a small, non-perishable Harvest gift to present at Church - dried pasta, rice or tinned goods such as soup, baked beans, etc are the most suitable (and easiest to carry!)

Thank you so much in advance and we look forward to seeing you there!



Consent Forms

Please remember to send your completed data and consent forms back to school as soon as possible. Thank you



Upcoming Dates

Monday 21st September	All Day	School Council Manifesto Deadline
Tuesday 22nd September	9.00am	Open the Book
Tuesday 22nd September	1.15-2.15pm	Lets Go Sing Rehearsal-Inspiration
Monday 28th September	All Day	School Council Elections
Tuesday 29th September	1.15-2.15pm	Inspiration visit to Methodist Church
Thursday 1st October	All Day	School Census
Thursday 1st October	9.45am	School Harvest in Church
Thursday 1st October	4.30-6.30pm	Open Evening
Sunday 4th October	10.45-11.45am	Harvest at St Mary's Church
Monday 5th October	1.00-3.20am	Adventurer Class Bear Workshop
Friday 9th October	8.45-9.15am	Discovery Class SODA
Monday 12th October	8.45am	School Photographs
Wednesday 14th October	9.00-10.30am	Inspiration Class Worship at Church
Friday 16th October	8.45-9.15am	Curiosity Class SODA
Friday 16th October	3.30-6.30pm	Disco Friday (more info to follow)
Monday 19th October	1.10-3.10pm	Child Safe Y2/3 & Y6
Monday 19th October	2.00-7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 20th October	9.00-9.30am	Open the Book
Wednesday 21st October	9.00-10.00am	Inspiration Class Worship (Please join Us)
Thursday 22nd October	1.00pm	Library Book Bus Visit
Friday 23rd October	8.45-9.15am	Inspiration Class SODA

Letters Home

Welcome Letter/Curriculum Overview—Whole School

Everywhere Bear Adventure Workshop—Adventurer Class

Sports and Social Clubs

Tuesday	Multi Sports YR, KS1 & KS2	3.20-4.10pm
Thursday	Guitar Lessons KS2	12.30-1.30pm
Thursday	Girls Football YR, KS1 & KS2	3.20-4.10pm
Thursday	Spanish Club	8.00-8.45am
Friday	Brass Club	3.20-4.15pm

School Council at
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Navigators Class
to
Discovery Class



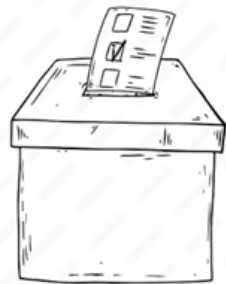
Please bring
your manifesto
into school no
later than
Monday 21st
September
ready for you
to present this
to your class.

Your manifesto
can be either a
poster or a
speech that
you will deliver
your class.

Election Day- Monday 28th September



Are you
bursting with
ideas to
improve our
school and
help our
community?



fun activities

Jellybeans

Jellybeans sessions for under 4s

9am to 10am

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

stories

songs

please share this information
with other families in the village.

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. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Almost anyone with an internet connection knows about YouTube. The Google-owned platform allows users to upload and share videos globally, making it a readily accessible resource with free content on almost any topic. However, with over 20 million videos uploaded each day, not all material is suitable for younger audiences.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed across multiple device types, even without an account. While some videos are marked as 'age restricted', this relies on uploader honesty and automated moderation, meaning children and young people may still encounter offensive content if these measures aren't taken.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

Popular trends and challenges can be entertaining and widely shared. While many are harmless, some can be risky or harmful if copied. For example, the 'salt and ice challenge' has caused injuries when emulated.

EXPOSURE TO EXTREME CONTENT

The platform's algorithm often promotes content that attracts high engagement, which can sometimes include videos containing extreme viewpoints, misinformation, or risky behaviour. As children and young people watch more of this content, similar videos are likely to be recommended by YouTube's algorithm, therefore reinforcing the exposure.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

YouTube includes social features such as comments and direct messaging. This means young users can interact with people they don't know, potentially exposing them to inappropriate language, cyberbullying, or unwanted contact. Young content creators may be especially vulnerable.

SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos based on what a user has previously watched. While this can enhance the experience, it may also encourage binge-watching and excessive screen time, particularly when Autoplay is enabled. Without an account, users are shown trending videos, which are not always age-appropriate.

SHORT-FORM CONTENT IMPACT

YouTube Shorts - short, fast-paced videos - are designed for continuous viewing. This style of content can be highly engaging but may also contribute to increased screen time and difficulty with maintaining focus over longer periods.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CONSIDER YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids can help reduce young users' exposure to unsuitable content by filtering videos into age groups, such as preschool, young, and older children. However, as moderation is automated, it should be used alongside active supervision.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Google Family Link allows adults to filter content, monitor usage, and manage younger users' screen time. Supervised accounts offer a gradual step up from YouTube Kids, enabling children to explore the platform with appropriate safeguards.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

If a child in your care uploads content, consider setting videos to 'Private' or 'Unlisted' so they are only shared with trusted viewers. Disabling comments can also help reduce unwanted interaction from strangers.

WATCH TOGETHER

Spending time watching YouTube with the children and young people in your care can help you understand what they enjoy and guide your conversations about content. Tools like Downtime in Family Link can also help limit unsupervised viewing.

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for publications including Wired, Tech Radar, Tom's Guide, The Evening Standard and The New Statesman.

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See full reference list on our website

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SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY SOUTH

**Do you have a child starting
primary school in September 2027
and living in Lancashire?**

Closing date: 15 January 2027

You must apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school,
or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

Apply for a school place now by scanning
the QR code or visit lancashire.gov.uk/schools



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference,
please check the guidance on our website, or call 01772 532109.

Have
your say

Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with
you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs.
To find out more please visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces
and click 'school admission policies'.

lancashire.gov.uk



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Primary School Admissions – Reception Intake September 2027

If your child is in their final year of pre-school
or nursery, you can now apply for their
primary school place for September 2027 at:
www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

The application process is quick and easy,
and you'll receive an email confirmation once
submitted.

You must apply even if your child already has
siblings attending the school.

If you live in Lancashire, you can include
out-of-area preferences on your online
application.

The closing date for applications is **23:59 on
15 January 2027**.



SIP & SHOP

Sunday 4th October 2026, 12pm-5pm

Join us once again, for a memorable afternoon at the luxurious
'Waterfront Southport Hotel'. Indulge in an exquisite afternoon tea
and shop 'til you drop with a variety of shopping stalls...
All funds raised will help Rainbow Hub to brighten lives

PLUS:

Drink on arrival

Event MC & Live Entertainment with Hayley Murray Music
Fallen Angelz are back again with their fun fashion show

Event kindly supported by:

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Ticket cost: £36 per person

**Venue: Waterfront Southport Hotel, Marine Lake, Promenade,
Southport, Merseyside, PR9 6DZ**

For more information, and to book, please contact:

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SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SECONDARY

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2027

You must apply if your child is in their
last year of primary school (year 6) from
September 2026.

You must apply even if an older brother or
sister is already at the school.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply
through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for
your chosen schools on the website or
get a copy from them.

School transport



If travel cost is an
important factor in your
school preference, search
'school transport' at
lancashire.gov.uk
or scan the
QR code.



CLOSING DATE
31 October 2026

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You are invited to our
PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY



OPEN DAY



at
Eccleston St Mary's CE Primary School
and
Little Explorers Nursery

Thursday 1st October

4.30-6.00pm

Friday 13th November

9.30-11.00am

Meet our
Headteacher,
Mrs Birchall

Visit our
classrooms

See lessons
in action

Chat with our
friendly staff
and pupils

Enjoy
refreshments
in the school
hall

Our school is a very special
place where children are happy
in their learning with endless
exciting opportunities.



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