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In our Christian family, we all **SHINE** in the light of Jesus.

Friday 17th October 2025

Dear Parents,

Euxton Superstars!

Congratulations to this week's class Superstars:

Reception: Matilda

Year 1: Pippa

Year 2: Hannah

Year 3: George

Year 4: Charlotte

Year 5: Oscar

Year 6: Esmé

Well done to you all!

Next week, Celebration Assembly will be on **Thursday 23rd October at 9.05am.**

Girls Football Final



Mr Westwell reports that this week, our girls football team have done us proud yet again as they competed in the Chorley SSP girls football finals. Having qualified last week from the group stages, the girls had three matches to play in their finals pool. Following some excellent performances, we won all three games and qualified top of our group to advance to the final. We unfortunately lost 2-1 in a very close final against Lancaster Lane, meaning we finished 2nd overall. Congratulations to all the girls involved!

Boys Football Final



Mr Astle reports that it was a tricky Finals Day for the boys, and although we did not leave with a medal, they played absolutely amazingly, beaten only by the fact that we were in a group with a team who had not lost a single match in the tournament! A 1-0 loss in the first match pretty much ruled us out of contention straight away, however the boys did not let their heads drop, securing a 1-1 draw in the second match (after a beautiful run down the line from Austin) and a 3-1 victory in the third match. Maybe, if we had been placed in a different group, things could have gone differently, but it was a fantastic day of football! Man of the series... Jack - what a keeper!

Nasal Flu Spray

The school health team are in school on **11th November** to administer the nasal flu spray to all children whose parents have given permission. The link to give permission has been sent to all parents again via email this week. Please respond asap – the link closes **today Friday 17th October.** If you don't want your child to have the nasal spray, please complete the section in the link.



Online Safety

Please see the guidance below with help on the game EA Sports FC 26.

New Autumn/Winter Menu

The new Autumn/Winter School Meal Menu will start on the **3rd November**. The menu is available to download on our website. School meals continue to be very good value and cost £2.90 per day. If your child currently brings a packed lunch and would like to try a school meal or If you have any questions, please email Miss Croft in the school office a.croft@euxton.lancs.sch.uk.

Mimi Bracelets

Another wonderful result this week. The Y6 girls made and sold bracelets on Wednesday breaktimes and made a fantastic **£175**. The total raised by making and selling these lovely bracelets is now **£1005**. Well done girls! After half term please can these lovely bracelets please stay at home. We have noticed a few children chewing them which has resulted in broken bracelets and we really don't want them to be damaged or small beads to be swallowed. Thank you!

Lancashire Mind – Wear It Blue Day

Thank you again for all your donations last Friday. A grand total of **£192** was handed over to this wonderful charity this week.

PTFA Autumn Disco

We look forward to seeing you next week at the Autumn Disco **next Thursday 23rd October**:



- Reception, Y1 and Y2: **3.30pm - 4.30pm** (Reception parents are welcome to accompany their child)
- Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6: **4.40 - 5.40pm**

Attached is a flyer with a QR code to pay for your child's ticket. Please ensure you have purchased your ticket before **Wednesday the 22nd October** as the QR code will close on this day. Payment can be made on the door, £4 cash. Ticket price includes a drink and tuck shop will be available on the night.

YR, Y1 and Y2 children can bring their disco clothes to school in a bag and they will get changed at the end of the school day. Parents, unless staying, can collect at 4.30pm or if due to go to ASC, the ASC staff will collect them from the disco – please ensure the ASC staff are aware of your plans for the disco. Y3-Y6 children will return to school at 4.40pm ready for their disco to start – if they are at ASC on Thursday, they can bring along their disco clothes ready to get changed into at ASC and the staff will take them along to the disco.

Freddie Fit



Freddie Fit

Next **Tuesday 21st October**, we are excited to welcome Freddie Fit back to school for a PE circuits day. Please can children **come to school wearing shorts/joggers/leggings and trainers with their school polo T shirt**. Children will swap into their PE T shirts for the session.

Safety in PE



Chorley SSP have updated their guidance regarding jewellery. We would like to inform all parents that for the safety of all children, jewellery is **not** to be worn during PE lessons. This includes earrings, bracelets and watches. All children will be asked to remove their jewellery at the start of every PE lesson. This will ensure their own safety during the lesson and the safety of others. Children will be asked to take out their own earrings. Staff will not be able to do it for them. For this reason, if your child is not confident taking out earrings, please do not send your child to school with earrings on PE days. Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe.

Clubs for Autumn Term

Please see below list of clubs taking place after half term. If it states you need to contact Mrs Hodges, please email bursar@euxton.lancs.sch.uk Thank you.

	Before School/Lunchtime	Afternoon/After School
Monday	<u>KS1 Mindfulness/ Lego (YR-2)</u> with Mrs Smith in the Y2 classroom at 12 noon starting on the 10th Nov – just turn up. <u>Book Club</u> with Mrs Obertelli in the library for all year groups 12 noon - resuming on 10th Nov. New members most welcome!	<u>Little Learners Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4</u> with Mrs Delves 3.30pm-4.30pm resuming 3 rd Nov for 5 weeks (link sent to parents). <u>Gymnastics Club for YR-Y2</u> with Chorley SSP after school 3.30-4.30pm for 6 weeks starting 3 rd Nov @ £3.50 per week for this half term - please email Mrs Hodges if your child would like to join in
Tuesday	<u>Tennis with Mr Chatterley at St Mary's Y1-Y6</u> 8am or 3.30pm (letter sent out to parents). Club starting 4 th Nov. <u>Spanish Club</u> continues to take place at lunchtime.	<u>Sportshall Athletics Club for Y5 and Y6</u> starting 11 th November 3.30-4.30pm – please email Mrs Hodges if your child would like a place – only 20 spaces available.
Wednesday	<u>Eco Group</u> with Mr Astle for Y5 and Y6 takes place during the morning in school. No need to sign up. <u>School Council</u> with Mr Westwell.	
Thursday		<u>Players Drama School YR-Y6</u> New club starting 6 th November to 18 th December (link sent to parents). <u>Mr Crane Brass Club for Y4, Y5 and Y6</u> 3.30-4.30pm on Thursdays starting 6 th Nov – please see below for more info and email Mrs Hodges if your child is interested and which instrument they would like to play.
Friday	<u>Choir for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6</u> 8.20am in the school hall resuming on 7 th Nov – please email Mrs Hodges if your child would like to join in.	

New Brass Band Club with Mr Crane

After half term Mr Crane is starting a new club for Y4-Y6 children after school on Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm. Places are limited to 17 as this is the number of brass instruments in school (8 x trumpets, 4 x baritones and 5 x trombones). If your child is interested in joining in the Brass Band please email Mrs Hodges and let her know the instrument your child would like to play – it will be first come first served due to the restriction on instruments but hopefully we will soon have a brass band to be proud of. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to be part of something special in school and who knows what plans Mr Crane has for the band but one thing we do know is it will be a lot of fun.

Busy Bodies Big Kids Club

This club is situated in a portacabin behind St Mary's School and is used mainly by St Mary's children, but is open to our children also. A few of our children are collected at the end of the day by their staff. They have places at both their breakfast club and after school club Monday to Friday should our OSC not be able to accommodate you – I am aware we have a waiting list so this may help families struggling with BC and ASC. For more information please take a look at their website www.busy.bodiesnursery.co.uk or call Sophie on 01257 263237.

Dates ahead (including festive dates):

Monday 20th October - Parent's Meetings from 2.30pm in the school hall.

Wednesday 22nd October, 10:00am – Open day – this session is now full.

Wednesday 22nd October – Y6 WWII Evacuee Day (see class blog for more detail)

Wednesday 22nd October – Reception Balance Bikes session with Chorley SSP

Thursday 23rd October - Celebration assembly and end of half term. School closes at 3.30pm. After school club on as usual.

Friday 24th October - school closed for staff training INSET day.

Monday 3rd November - school open after half term break

Friday 7th November – individual school photos and pre-school siblings – more info next week.

Tuesday 18th November, 10.00am – Open Day – please sign up using the booking link on our school website.

Thursday 4th December, 9.30am and 2pm – Infant Nativity Performances for parents and grandparents

Monday 8th December, 2pm - Junior Christingle Service

Friday 12th December, 3pm – Santa Dash

Monday 15th December – Whole school panto of Peter Pan in school

Tuesday 16th December – Christmas Party Day

Wednesday 17th December – Grandparents Coffee Morning (more info to follow after half term)

Wednesday 17th December, 2.45pm – Rock Steady concert

Thursday 18th December, 3pm – Carols in the hall

Friday 19th December – last day of term, school finishes at 1.30pm (no ASC on this day).



Community Centre Open Afternoon

The Church Community Centre is hosting an open afternoon tomorrow **Saturday 18th October**. The centre will be showcasing its various groups and activities. Refreshments will be available.

All are welcome to come along between 2.30pm until 5pm to see what your village community centre offers! Please share with others in the community. Thank you.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

After half term, from **Monday 3rd to Tuesday 11th November**, we will be selling poppies and other goodies in support of The Royal British Legion. Plastic snap bands and fabric wrist bands £1, reflective poppies 50p and a minimum donation of 20p for paper poppies. Our Year 6 children will visit each classroom on allocated days for children to purchase their poppy items.

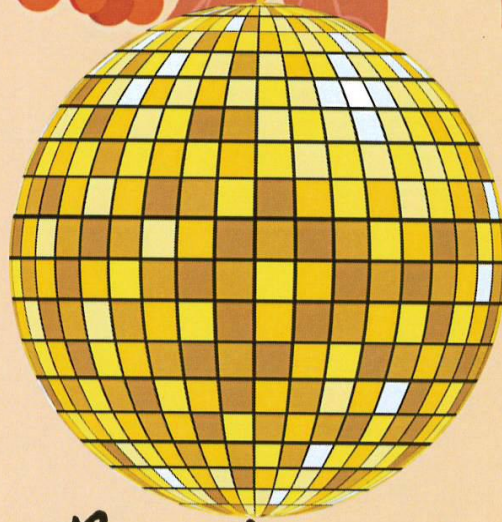


Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,
Mrs Mairi Ash
Headteacher

In our Christian family, we all SHINE in the light of Jesus.

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Autumn DISCO

Thursday 23rd October

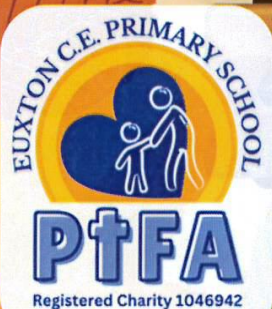
Infants 3.30 – 4.30

Juniors 4.40 – 5.40

Advance Tickets
£3.50 includes juice



*Include surname and year group/s
as payment reference. Tickets on the door £4



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 26

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AN ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE

As was the case with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it, the franchise rolls out once a year with updated squads and new features. This can make it expensive to keep up with, particularly when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.

VOICE CHAT

Voice chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against. While it can be switched off, some children will no doubt want to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which can expose them to inappropriate language or behaviours.

IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC, letting players spend real money on packs that they can open to build a squad of the world's best players. They're not always easy to obtain, and new, improved versions of players will be regularly added as limited-time offerings. Young people could feel pressured into spending money and experience fear of missing out.

SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from looking to dupe players out of money and in-game coins. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, while others will 'sell' coins - something the developer is still working to crack down on. Some try to gain access to others' accounts, potentially giving them access to payment information.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

While EA Sports FC is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and mirroring of the real-world skill and glamour of football, Ultimate Team's focus on limited-time rewards and the lottery of winning packs can make it feel closer to gambling than gaming, which may lead to addiction and impulsive spending of money.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR

The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to incentivise good behaviour at the start of term. If children are applying themselves and preparing for a new year of school, or were particularly well behaved in the summer, EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.

LIMIT SPENDING

If you're worried about children accidentally spending real money in Ultimate Team, whether in game or on the EA Sports FC companion app, don't link a payment card to their account. Reclaiming funds can be a mountain to climb, and the dopamine hit of opening flashy packs with slick animations means one purchase can lead to another very quickly. It's also worth adding a prepaid card if you'd prefer them to make their own choices with their budget.

MONITOR VOICE CHAT

As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

BE VIGILANT

As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager application to keep them secure. EA will never contact players through the game itself, so be vigilant with incoming messages, and block and report suspected spam. EA will contact players by email if needed, but they will never ask for usernames or passwords. Players should also avoid buying in-game currency from unofficial websites - doing so can lead to accounts being banned and could cost players money in the process.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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