



# Euxton Church of England Primary School



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

Friday 22nd May 2026

Dear Parents,

## **Euxton Superstars!**

Congratulations to this week's class Superstars:

Reception: Louie

Year 1: Fenn

Year 2: Harry

Year 3: Alice

Year 4: Daniel

Year 5: Jessica

Year 6: Neva

Well done to you all!

## **Musical Success**

Congratulations to Charlie Hollas and Luca Palmer who have passed their copper music medal (guitar) and were presented with their certificates in Celebration Worship this morning. Thank you to Mr Wadsworth for teaching the children each week and preparing them for their music medals.

## **PTFA Lucky Numbers Winner**

Congratulations to Chloe Hancock (Barney's mum in YR) whose name was drawn out of the hat in Celebration Worship this morning. £20 is on it's way home to you.

## **Non-Uniform Day**

Thank you so much for all the donations sent in today. The staff and children have been a sea of pink and yellow and we are sending a wonderful **£336.53** to the charity Abbie's Army who have massively supported Emilia in Y6. Thank you!

## **CSSP Netball League Champions!**



Another huge congratulations to our netball team, who played in the Chorley SSP netball finals last night. Having won all 12 league matches, the team qualified top of their group for the finals along with the top 2 from the other groups. The girls played against 3 more teams in a final group, winning all 3 to qualify for the semi-final. A last-minute equaliser and extra time winner in a very close semi-final saw us qualify for the final. The girls showed excellent team spirit and determination all the way through the competition and were victorious in the final. This means we will now go on to represent Chorley in the Lancashire finals in July. Well done girls!

## **Clubs for Summer Term 2**

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

	<b>Before School/Lunchtime</b>	<b>Afternoon/After School</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<p><b><u>KS1 Mindfulness/ Lego (YR-Y2)</u></b> with Mrs Smith in the Y2 classroom at 12 noon starting on the 8<sup>th</sup> June – please just turn up.</p> <p><b><u>Cricket Club for Y5/6</u></b> with Mrs Ash &amp; Mrs Critchley 12pm-12.30pm starting 9<sup>th</sup> June (bring trainers to change into) Please email Mrs Hodges for a place.</p> <p><b><u>Chess Club</u></b> in Y6 classroom at lunchtime – children can just turn up.</p>	<p><b><u>Little Learners Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4</u></b> with Mrs Delves 3.30pm-4.30pm resuming 8<sup>th</sup> June for 5 weeks (link sent to parents).</p> <p><b><u>Striking and Fielding Club with KS1 (YR-Y2)</u></b> with Chorley SSP after school 3.30-4.30pm for 6 weeks starting 8<sup>th</sup> June @ £3.50 per week £21.00 for this half term. Please email Mrs Hodges for a place – places still available.</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p><b><u>Tennis with Mr Chatterley at St Mary's YR-Y6</u></b> 8am or 3.30pm (letter sent out to parents). Club starting 9<sup>th</sup> June for 4 weeks.</p> <p><b><u>Spanish Club</u></b> continues to take place at lunchtime.</p>	<p><b><u>Jam Coding Superhero Powers Club KS2 (Y3-Y6)</u></b> for 5 weeks starting 9<sup>th</sup> June -7<sup>th</sup> July 3.30-4.30. See flyer attached for booking information.</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p><b><u>Eco Group</u></b> with Mr Astle for Y5 and Y6 takes place during the morning in school. No need to sign up.</p> <p><b><u>School Council</u></b> with Mr Westwell.</p>	<p><b><u>Rock Steady</u></b> continues after lunch in school.</p> <p><b><u>Rounders Club for KS2 (Y3-Y6)</u></b> with Mr Westwell 3.30-4.30pm starting 10<sup>th</sup> June. Please email Mrs Hodges for a place – places still available.</p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p><b><u>Book Club</u></b> with Mrs Obertelli in the library for all year groups 12 noon - resuming on 4<sup>th</sup> June. New members most welcome!</p>	<p><b><u>Mr Crane Brass Club for Y4, Y5 and Y6</u></b> 3.30-4.30pm continuing on Thursdays from 4<sup>th</sup> June. No need to re-apply if already in the band.</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p><b><u>Choir for KS2</u></b> 8.20am in the school hall resuming on 5<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p><b><u>3D Club</u></b> for Y4 children 12.30-1pm – please email Mrs Hodges for a place – 10 max.</p> <p><b><u>Crochet Club KS2</u></b> 12.30-1pm in YR classroom with Ms Lucas continuing from 10<sup>th</sup> June.</p>	

## **EuXton Factor 2026**

Auditions for this year's EuXton Factor will be held in class during the week commencing **Monday 29th June**. Children from Year 1 – Year 6 can audition as individuals or groups. Any talent is welcome e.g. magic, hula hooping, singing, dancing etc. If equipment is needed for your act, you will need to bring your own. Two acts from each class will be chosen to perform in the **final on Thursday 16th July**. Parents of the chosen performers will be informed the following week and will be able to join us to watch the final.



## **Online Safety**

Please find attached online safety guidance regarding Minecraft.

## **Euxton Parish Church Job Vacancy**

Please see the flyer attached for details of this Administrative Assistant role at church. Thank you.

## **Sports Days**

Well done to children in Year 6 who took part in their class sport's day this week. We were fortunate again with the weather and so proud of everyone's team spirit and involvement in the races.

## **Reception – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm**

**Y1 – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 9.15am**

**Y2 – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2.30pm**

Children can bring trainers into school for the sports day races. Gate will open 10 minutes before start time. Please come along and cheer for your child!

## **PTFA End of Year Mementos**

All the children have been busy drawing portraits of themselves during this half term. Please see the flyer below explaining what the end result will look like. Order forms will come home with your child after half term and the shop will close on 20<sup>th</sup> June to enable the items to be delivered to school before we break up for the summer. I am sure you will love seeing the children's creativity. All proceeds go towards our PTFA! Thank you!

## **PTFA Volunteers Needed – Can You Help?**

Our PTFA plays a vital role in organising events and fundraising activities that directly benefit all of our children. From discos and fairs to special projects and experiences, these opportunities simply wouldn't happen without the support of dedicated volunteers.

At the moment, the PTFA is running with a small number of members, and we are in real need of more parents to get involved. Without additional help, the number of events we can offer may become limited. You don't need to commit lots of time – every contribution, big or small, makes a difference. Whether you can help at events, support planning, or join the committee, your involvement would be hugely valued. If you are interested in finding out more or would like to join the PTFA, please contact the school office or speak to a member of staff.

**Together, we can continue to create memorable experiences for our children. Thank you for your support.**

## **Family Fun Day Fundraiser**

This is taking place at Astley and Buckshaw Sports Hub, Chancery Fields, Chorley, PR7 1DG on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May from 10am-3pm – please see the flyer below for more information.

**Summer term key dates:**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June & Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** – INSET days. School closed.

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** – School open.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June** – Welcome meeting for parents of Reception starters September 2026 at 6pm.

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June** – Lancashire Sings choir performance in Chorley.

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June** – Y1 trip to Fireground Museum.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June** – Y4 trip to Ribchester Roman Museum.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June** - Y5 Geography trip to Blackpool.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June** – Y3 trip to Bolton Museum.

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July** – Reception Assembly for parents – Look at me now! 9.10am in the hall.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** – Y6 trip to Leyland Trucks.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July** – Euxton Gala Day on school field.

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Move up day. Transition day for classes to meet next year's teacher and spend time in new classrooms (TBC).

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Y6/Y5 Production – performances at 2pm and 6pm – **please note date change**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July** – Y2 trip to Clitheroe Castle.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July** – End of year celebration assembly.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July** – last swimming session for Y3.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July** – Y6 Leaver's Service – 2pm in church.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July** – EuXton Factor Final 2pm.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July** – End of school year. School finishes at **1.30pm**. No After School Club on the day.



Have a happy half term and enjoy the sunshine.  
Take care and keep safe.

Best wishes,

Mrs Ash,  
Headteacher

# End of Year Mementos

## COMING SOON

The PTFA Keepsake Shop offers a variety of items based on your child's artwork to remember this school year

### Classic Keepsakes

Best Seller

#### Class Tea Towel

Portraits from the whole class with your child at the centre - the perfect memento

£7.95



#### Individual Tea Towel

This towel is printed with only your child's design making it a super personal keepsake

£7.95



Great gift

### Perfect Pairings

#### NEW Tote Bag

A large capacity tote printed with the same whole class design as the tea towels

£7.25



#### Cushion Cover

A fun way and personal way to display your 2026 portrait

£8.50



#### Ceramic 11oz Mug

Individually packed and dishwasher safe to make a long lasting keepsake

£6.50



#### 12 Greeting Cards

From invitations to thank you notes, these A6 cards are the perfect personal touch

£6.00



#### 2 coasters

MDF coasters for everyday use

£6.00



### Mini Mementos

#### Magnet

A fun and easy way to display their drawing and ensure they last

£3.50



#### Keyring

A lovely portable keepsake with your child's artwork and name

£3.50



## Shop will close Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June

Purchases will be in school w/b 6th July



Order forms with personal QR codes will be sent home after the half term

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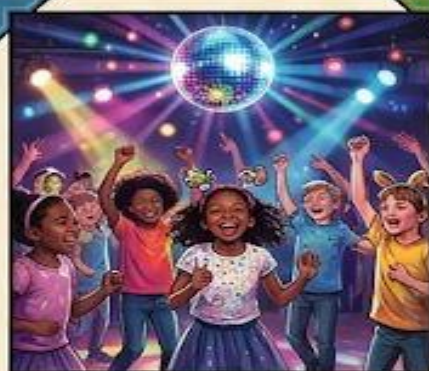
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP TO  
MAKE THINGS HAPPEN!**

**HELP PLAN & RUN FANTASTIC EVENTS  
FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY**



**CHRISTMAS FAIR**



**SCHOOL DISCO**



**COLOUR RUN**

**JOIN THE PTFA TEAM!**

- **HELP PLAN EXCITING EVENTS**  
(Colour Run, Disco, Christmas Fair, Bake Sales!)
- **SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN & SCHOOL**  
(Fundraising for equipment, trips & activities!)
- **GET INVOLVED & MAKE NEW FRIENDS**  
(Fun, flexible roles, meet other parents & staff!)
- **ANY AMOUNT OF TIME HELPS!**  
(Even just an hour makes a huge difference!)



**READY TO GET INVOLVED?...  
WE'D LOVE HELP FROM YOU!**

**\*\*PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO  
JOIN OUR VOLUNTEERS WHATSAPP\***





“ When children pretend, they're using their imaginations to move beyond the bounds of reality. A stick can be a magic wand. A sock can be a puppet. A child can be a superhero!

Euxton C of E Primary School - Key Stage 2

# SUPERHERO POWERS Afterschool Club

At Jam Coding, our goal is to help improve children's digital skills. Children will learn to develop the illusion of superhero powers in this micro:bit **Superhero Powers** workshop. They will learn how to program in a new coding environment and develop their coding skills to create the illusion of a range of superhero powers, including: telepathy, mind reading, transforming, ghost busting, time travelling and teleporting! Coders will learn how to run these programs on an emulator and a real Micro:Bit computer. At the end of the course, all children will receive a certificate and one team will receive a trophy!



**DATES :** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July

**TIME :** 3:30pm - 4:30pm

**PRICE :** £7.00 per session

**BOOK HERE :** <https://portal.jamcoding.franscape.io/class-overview/6113>

Click the link above to view course details OR visit our website and head to the booking tab. Enter your postcode in the locations field and click search to view courses. Then select the school or venue you require.  
N.B. You can only attend courses held at the school that your child attends. You can also search by the school postcode.

For more information, contact your Area Manager on:

01254 480470 or email: [support@jamcoding.co.uk](mailto:support@jamcoding.co.uk)

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EUXTON PARISH CHURCH



# WE'RE HIRING!



## ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

- 10 hours per week to support our growing church family.
- Must have excellent IT & Organisational Skills

Further information including job description and application details can be found on our website

[www.euxtonparishchurch.org](http://www.euxtonparishchurch.org)

Closing date - 12noon Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026

Interviews - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026

*For an informal conversation / more information contact  
Revd Jo Smith 07926 279494 / [vicar@euxtonparishchurch.org](mailto:vicar@euxtonparishchurch.org)*

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MINECRAFT

As the best-selling game in history, Minecraft has made a name for itself by empowering audiences of all ages to harness their creativity. Originally an indie hit, it's become a cultural phenomenon with merchandise, spin-off titles, and wider media adaptations. Even if you don't know your Creepers from your Endermen, this guide will explore the risks of Minecraft in 2026 and explain how to support a safe gaming experience for the children in your care.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### PUBLIC SERVER COMMUNICATION

Many players enjoy Minecraft with others, including friends and unknown players online. In-game text chat is commonly used to coordinate building projects and gameplay, and this can extend to adding friends to voice chat. While often harmless, this creates risks around contact with strangers, and in some cases server hosts may expose IP addresses (if hosting independently), which raises privacy and security concerns.

### GRIEFING BEHAVIOUR

Some players deliberately damage or destroy other players' creations. This behaviour, known as 'griefing', is a form of bullying that can undo hours of effort and cause frustration or distress to affected players. Although many servers treat griefing as a serious offence, enforcement varies. Children who prefer to build independently may feel safer working on private worlds or controlled servers.

### ADDICTIVE GAMEPLAY LOOPS

Minecraft's creative focus can make it easy for players to lose track of time. The cycle of gathering resources and building projects can be highly engaging, which may challenge agreed screen-time limits. If not managed effectively, this can impact children's sleep, schoolwork, and real-world social interaction.

### SCARY GAME ELEMENTS

Although often compared to digital construction toys, some gameplay modes include hostile creatures with unsettling sounds and sudden encounters. While there is no graphic violence, younger players may still find zombies, spiders, or dark environments frightening. These experiences can lead to anxiety or reluctance to play, depending on the child's age and sensitivity.

### IN-GAME SPENDING

Minecraft requires a one-off purchase after a free trial, usually around £15, but additional spending is possible. Players can buy cosmetic content or subscribe to Minecraft 'Realms' for private servers. Without supervision, children may make unintended purchases. Subscription services and add-ons can also increase overall costs over time if not monitored.

### ONLINE INTERACTIONS

Playing with others can introduce broader online safety concerns, including exposure to inappropriate language or behaviour. Some players may attempt to move conversations beyond the game, which can increase risks to children's safety and welfare. Children may not always recognise these situations, meaning guidance and ongoing conversations about safe interactions are essential.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### CHOOSE SUITABLE GAME MODES

Creative or Peaceful modes remove hostile creatures and reduce the pressure during gameplay. These options allow children to focus on building and exploration without fear of attack. They are also ideal for shared play between adults and children, creating a calmer environment to learn the game and enjoy collaborative projects.

### USE PRIVATE SERVERS

Setting up a private server helps control who can join a child's game. Access can be limited to trusted friends through passwords or invitations. This reduces the likelihood of unwanted interactions and gives adults greater oversight. While some options involve a subscription fee, they offer a safer and more controlled multiplayer experience.

### DISCUSS ONLINE STRANGERS

Children should understand that not everyone they meet online is who they claim to be. Clear guidance about not sharing personal information is essential. Encourage children to report any worrying or uncomfortable interactions and reassure them that they can seek help without fear of punishment. Open, ongoing conversations help build their confidence and awareness of these issues.

### SET SPENDING BOUNDARIES

Agree on clear rules around purchases before letting children play, and use device settings or platform controls to restrict spending within agreed limits. Explaining that in-game currency uses real-world money can help children make informed decisions. Regularly reviewing purchases together can also prevent unexpected costs and encourage responsible behaviour.

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes spent 7 years in games media, before moving into the games industry via PR and marketing. A parent himself to a Minecraft-loving son, he understands why it's so important to stay safe online.



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Join us for a day of  
*fun*, entertainment,  
and community spirit!

# FAMILY FUN DAY & FUNDRAISER

 **ASTLEY & BUCKSHAW SPORTS HUB**  
Chancery Fields, Chorley, PR7 1DG



**SATURDAY  
30<sup>TH</sup> MAY**



**10:00AM -  
3:00PM**

**FUN  
FOR ALL  
THE  
FAMILY!**

## WHAT'S ON



**BRYSDALES V DALZIEL  
CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH**

★ **KICK OFF 1:00PM** ★



**WORM CHARMING  
COMPETITION**



**STALLS, ICE CREAM,  
RAFFLE & GAMES**

**FREE ENTRY**



**PLEASE BRING CASH  
FOR STALLS AND ACTIVITIES**



WE'RE TAKING PART IN THE  
**CORPORATE  
CHALLENGE**  
**£50 TO FORTUNE**

**INSPIRE**

An **OnSide** Youth Zone