



Euxton Church of England Primary School

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

Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Parents,

Euxton Superstars!

Congratulations to this week's class Superstars:

Year 1: Theo

Year 2: Arthur

Year 3: Alex

Year 4: Gracelyn

Year 5: Levi

Year 6: Carson

Well done to you all!

Celebration Assembly

Class superstars for **Reception** will start from **Friday 25th September**. At this assembly, we would like to present our new Reception children with a special pebble to symbolise the start of their time with us. They will then place the blue pebble in our decorative bowl that stays in our entrance area. The children will then take one of these away with them when they leave us in Year 6. It is a lovely tradition. **Parents of our new starters are more than welcome to join us on the 25th.**

Air buds found under one of the chairs after last Friday's CW – please ask in the office. Thank you.

Girls Football League

Well done to our Y5/6 Girls Football Team who had a successful first week of the Chorley league. Great match results with 2 wins, one draw and no goals conceded. Well done girls and good luck for next week!

Euxton Parish Church

Church are holding a Family Treasure Hunt on Saturday 12th September 3-5pm at the Community Centre – please see the attached flyer for more details.

Euxton Library Summer Reading Challenge

We have received the following message from the library. If your child hasn't yet completed this, please can you all endeavour to do so by the 30th – we are currently in the lead! Brilliant!

These are currently the percentage of completions from the Lancashire Summer Reading Challenge at Euxton Library:

Euxton C of E: 11%

Euxton Primrose Hill: 6%

Balshaw Lane: 4%

Euxton St Mary's: 4%

Trinity: 4%

*The children have until **30th September** to complete the reading challenge, and it is not too late for them to sign up now and complete for this date. Remember if they have completed the challenge, they can submit all the books they have read and the two top classes over the 5 schools will get a £20 book voucher. It would be great if you could encourage the children to complete this summer reading challenge.*

Meet the teacher sessions

These are a great opportunity for you to find out a little more about your child's year group, to meet the team and see their learning environment. The morning sessions will be **9:10-9:30am** so once you have dropped your child off, please wait on the school playground. A member of staff will invite you to make your way into your child's classroom. These sessions are for information sharing about the year ahead. Staff are happy to arrange a convenient time to have a more detailed chat should this be required and if you have any questions personal to your child.

Tuesday 15th September @ 9.10am – Year 5 and Year 6

Tuesday 22nd September @ 9.10am – Year 2 and Year 3

Tuesday 29th September @ 9.10am – Year 4

Ms Lucas will be having the second part of her Reception Welcome meeting (curriculum and phonics) in the classroom on **Monday 21st September at 5.30pm**. We hope you can join us.

Parent's Evening

We will once again have two formal opportunities this year to meet with your child's teacher. The first will be held on **Wednesday 4th November** and will be an opportunity for you to discuss how your child has settled into their new class and discuss their learning so far. Appointments will start from 2.30pm onwards. The online booking system via our School Spider app will be open nearer the time for you to make an appointment. I will be available throughout the afternoon/evening if you would like to have a chat with me.

The second Parents Evening will be in the Spring term. This will be about the progress your child is making and you to have a look at the work they have been doing in school. **However, it is really important to us that you know that you are always welcome to ask for a meeting with staff during the year on a more informal basis.**

PTFA Lucky Numbers

If you haven't already joined Lucky Numbers please consider doing so. For £12 per year you have the chance each month to win the draw that takes place in Celebration Worship. £20 is won each month and at special times of the year, for example Christmas, there is a huge £50 prize! It is a wonderful way to support our PTFA from your armchair at home 😊. Flyer attached with more details on how to join in. Thank you for supporting our PTFA!

Admissions – Primary and Secondary Places

You can now apply via www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools for school places for next September. Supplementary Faith forms are available in the school office for our school. If you are applying to any faith school a separate form should be provided by them and completed. The closing dates are as follows:

Secondary (Y7 in Sept 2027) – Saturday 31st October 2026

Primary (Reception in Sept 2027) – Friday 15th January 2027

Please do not hesitate to have a chat with me if you would like any additional information. If you know anyone who is interested in their child coming to our lovely school then please encourage them to come along to our Open Days. To attend an Open Day, complete the sign-up form found on the front page of our school website.



Online Safety

Please see below this week's online guidance regarding AI.

Little Voices

Little Voices currently have free trial lessons available at venues in Fulwood, Bamber Bridge, Chorley, Eccleston and Leyland, giving children the opportunity to come along, experience a session and see what Little Voices is all about. Please see flyer below for more information.

Clubs for Autumn Term 1 2026

Below are the clubs for this half term. If you need to email Mrs Hodges, please email bursar@euxton.lancs.sch.uk

	Before School/Lunchtime	Afternoon/After School
Monday		<u>Little Learners Y1, Y2 and Y3</u> with Mrs Delves 3.30pm-4.30pm to restart on 14th September for 5 weeks (link sent to parents).
Tuesday	<u>Tennis with Mr Chatterley at St Mary's Y1-Y6</u> 8am or 3.30pm (letter sent out to parents). Club starting 8 th September for 7 weeks. <u>Spanish Club</u> continues to take place at lunchtime. <u>School Council</u> with Miss Simm and Mrs Smith <u>Art and Craft Club KS1 (Y1 and Y2)</u> With Mrs Wiles 12.30-1pm in Y4 classroom. Please email Mrs Hodges for a place. Limited numbers.	<u>Sportshall Athletics Club Y5 and Y6</u> With Mrs Jones and Mrs Obertelli. Names to Mrs Hodges via email. Club starts 22nd September 3.30-4.30. Limited numbers. <u>KS2 Football Club</u> with Mr Astle 3.30-4.30 starting 18 th September. Names to Mrs Hodges via email. Limited numbers.
Wednesday	<u>Eco Group</u> with Mr Astle for Y5 and Y6 takes place during the morning in school. No need to sign up.	
Thursday	<u>Chess and Boardgames Club (KS1 and KS2)</u> with Mrs Jones in Y5 12.30-1pm – no need to book – please just turn up.	
Friday	<u>Choir for KS2 (Y3-Y4)</u> with Ms Lucas and Mrs Tattersall starts back 18 th September – new members most welcome – just turn up at 8.15am	

Home-School Partnership (apologies this was not attached last week)

Please find attached to this newsletter our Home-School Partnership. At our school, we believe that children achieve their very best when parents and staff work together in a positive and supportive partnership. By maintaining respect, open communication, promoting good attendance, supporting learning at home, and modelling our shared values, we can help every child thrive both academically and personally. We are grateful for the continued support of our families and look forward to working together throughout the year to ensure all children feel happy, safe, and successful in their learning.

High School Open Events

We will endeavour to keep Y5 and Y6 parents aware of any high school open events that we are made aware of. Please do check any high school websites yourselves that your Y5 or Y6 child is interested in – here are the ones so far:

Wellfield Academy – Thursday 17th September 4.40-7/30pm

Southlands – Thursday 17th September 4.00pm – 7pm

Westholme School – Thursday 17th September 5.00-8.00pm

Albany Academy – Thursday 24th September 5-8pm

Balshaw's High School – 1st October 5.30-8.30pm

Holy Cross Catholic High School - Thursday 8 October 4.30 pm – 7.00 pm (Last entry: 6.30 pm)

If you decide you would like to take your child to an open event during the school day, please just let the school office know – thank you.

Key dates ahead

Tuesday 15th September– Meet the Teacher sessions for Year 5 and Year 6 at 9.10am

Monday 21st September – Reception Curriculum Meeting for parents at 5.30pm.

Tuesday 22nd September – Meet the Teacher sessions for Year 2 and Year 3 at 9.10am

Tuesday 29th September– Meet the Teacher session for Year 4 at 9.10am.

Wednesday 16th , 23rd September & 7th October – Y5/6 Girls Football League at Parklands 4pm

Thursday 17th September – Reception class photo for Chorley Guardian

Thursday 24th September & 1st October – Y5/6 Boys Football League at Holy Cross 4pm

Thursday 24th September – Open Day at 9.30am

Thursday 1st October – Open Day at 9.30am

Wednesday 7th October – Open Day at 9.30am

Friday 16th October – Y5/6 PSHE trip to Chorley Crucial Crew (letters sent home)

Friday 16th October – Y1 parent worship at 2.50pm in school hall.

Thursday 22nd October – End of half term. School closes at 3.30pm. After school club as usual.

Friday 23rd October – INSET day – school closed

Monday 26th – Friday 30th October – Half term

Monday 2nd November – School open

Parent Governor Vacancies

As we approach the end of their terms of office, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mr Walker and Mrs Callander for their dedicated service as Parent Governors. Their commitment, support and contribution to the strategic development of the school have been greatly appreciated, and we thank them for the time and expertise they have given to our school community.

We are seeking to appoint two new Parent Governors, with successful candidates taking up their posts from 10th October 2026.

Parent Governors play a vital role in supporting the strategic leadership of the school, helping to shape its future and ensuring the best possible outcomes for all pupils. This is a rewarding opportunity to contribute your skills, experience and perspective to the continued success of our school. No previous governing experience is required, as training and support will be provided. We welcome applications from parents who are committed to working collaboratively with school leaders and fellow governors.

If you are interested in contributing to the continued success of our school and representing the parent community, we encourage you to consider standing for election. Please contact the school office for further information about the role and nomination process. We look forward to receiving nominations from interested parents and carers.

Enjoy your weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Ash

Headteacher

Wisdom Compassion Humility Friendship Peace Trust Forgiveness Hope



PTFA



LUCKY NUMBERS



JOIN OUR LOTTERY!

Support our school and win cash prizes!

Cash prizes awarded monthly!

All proceeds go to supporting PTFA-funded school projects

How it works

- Join our monthly lottery
- It is open to parents, grandparents, carers, staff and friends of the school
- Each number you buy gives you a chance to win!
- There is a monthly draw to win £20 (£50 on some occasions!)
- It costs just £12 a year to buy a number and enters you for 12 months from when you make your payment
- The easiest way to join is to set up an annual (£12) standing order

Account Name: Euxton C of E PTFA

Account Number: 20565534

Sort Code: 01-01-94

Reference: Your surname and first initial

Then email luckynumbersptfa@gmail.com and let us know you have set up your standing order, your child's name and their year and you'll be allocated a number



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12 SEPTEMBER



3-5 PM



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EVERYONE
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CLUES!



CHALLENGES!



TREATS!



PRIZES!

COME ALONG, HAVE FUN AND DISCOVER!





Euxton CE Primary School



Home/School Partnership

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

Our School will always strive to:

- Provide your child with the opportunity to develop Christian values in a Christian setting. These values are: compassion, trust, humility, hope, forgiveness, peace, wisdom, friendship and fellowship.
- Provide your child with the opportunity to develop British Values.
- Create a happy, healthy environment where everyone feels cared for, included, secure and a valued member of our school family.
- Provide a high standard of education to meet the needs of your child and enables children to thrive.
- Develop a broad, balanced and creative curriculum that meets individual needs.
- Celebrate achievements within the school and the wider community.
- Promote positive attitudes and high expectations of behaviour through good relationships and develop a sense of responsibility.
- Support spiritual, moral, social and cultural development through encouraging fairness, honesty, independence, respect and tolerance of others – including other faiths and religions, genders and people with disabilities.
- Keep you informed about school matters and your child's progress.
- Be open and welcoming, offering support and advice to families and offer opportunities for you to become involved in the life of school.
- Contact home promptly if there are concerns about attendance, punctuality or wellbeing.
- Teach pupils how to stay safe online, including
 - Respectful online behaviour and digital citizenship.
 - Recognising risks, harmful content and contact.
 - How to report concerns and seek help.
- Ensure filtering and monitoring systems are in place to protect pupils online.
- Model responsible use of social media and maintain the reputation, respect and privacy of staff, pupils and parents.
- Provide opportunities for extra-curricular activities, curriculum enrichment opportunities and smooth transitions through school and beyond.

As a family, we will always strive to:

- Encourage your child to develop the Christian values and share the school's vision and aims.
- Positively support the school.
- Ensure excellent attendance and punctuality.
- Keep school informed of any changes e.g. absences and emergency contact details.
- Support the school in promoting good behaviours and discipline through School's Behaviour Policy, encouraging your child to show consideration and respect for other children and adults in school.
- Respect all members of the school community, abiding by the policy of zero tolerance towards rude and aggressive behaviour.
- Be sensitive to the reputation, respect and privacy of staff, children and families of our school.
- Share any concerns that may affect our child's work or behaviour.
- Support all school policies for example, learning, behaviour, attendance communication and uniform.
- Attend meetings and discussions about our child's progress.
- Support the importance of home reading and praise children's efforts.
- Promote safe and responsible online behaviour at home, including:
 - Supervising internet use and applying parental controls.

- Talking to our child about online risks, privacy and reporting concerns.
- Encouraging balanced screen time and positive digital habits.
- **Use social media responsibly**, respecting the reputation and privacy of the school community.
- Follow health and safety guidelines on school premises e.g. use of school drive and playground equipment.

As a pupil, I will try my best to:

- Shine in the light of Jesus.
- Show Christian and British values in my words and actions.
- Be sensible, reliable and well behaved.
- Be ready, safe and respectful.
- Try my best with my work both in school and at home.
- Listen carefully to instructions.
- Be a good friend and look after others.
- Keep the school tidy and respect property.
- Ask for help if I am worried about anything.
- Use technology safely and responsibly, including:
 - Being kind and respectful online.
 - Never sharing personal information or images without permission
 - Telling an adult if I see something that makes me uncomfortable.

Signed: M Ash Headteacher

Date: May 2026



Albany Academy

Open Evening

Thursday 24th September 2026
5pm-8pm



Email: - info@albanyacademy.co.uk

Telephone: - 01257 244020



Our Open Evening

will take place on Thursday 1st October 2026
from 5.30pm to 8.30pm.

Please see our website for full details - www.balshaws.org.uk



*Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path (Psalm 119, vs 105)
Lighting the path to excellence through Christian vision and values.*



WESTHOLME

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OPEN EVENING

Thursday 17 September 2026

17:00 – 20:00

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about CHARACTER.AI

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Character.AI is an entertainment platform where users create and chat with AI-powered characters. These chatbots can act like existing favourite characters from movies or books, or like friends, mentors, or even romantic partners, responding in an emotional, personally engaging way. Although this can encourage creativity, it can also make a generated conversation feel like a genuine relationship, which is concerning if it takes the place of human relationships.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

AI replies are generated in real time rather than chosen from a fully checked script. Even with safety filters on, conversations can still move into sexual, violent, discriminatory, or self-harm material. These AI characters are often made by users, so a familiar name or child-friendly description does not guarantee that every response from the character will be suitable for a young person.

BLURRED BOUNDARIES

Characters on Character.AI can use the language of friendship, love, and empathy without ever feeling anything. Vulnerable young people may struggle to separate this simulation from genuine understanding. Romantic role-play or a character that demands attention, loyalty, or secrecy could also risk distorting young people's expectations around consent, disagreement, and the give-and-take involved in healthy human relationships.

UNRELIABLE ADVICE

Characters, like other chatbot platforms, are at risk of inventing facts or giving inappropriate advice while sounding completely confident. Characters may also echo a young person's assumptions instead of questioning them. This can become particularly risky when users rely on a character for guidance about health, mental wellbeing, relationships, money, or personal safety instead of checking with a credible source or trusted adult.

EMOTIONAL DEPENDENCY

Character.AI chatbots can appear endlessly attentive, supportive, and affectionate, which is one of the hallmarks of the generative AI models that such companions are built on. A young person may start turning to a character chatbot whenever they feel lonely or upset and believe that it understands them better than the humans in their life. This can become more concerning when chatting starts to replace sleep, schoolwork, hobbies and friendships.

PRIVACY CONCERNS

Character.AI chats may feel private, especially when a bot sounds personal and caring, but they take place on a company's online systems. Users could intentionally or unintentionally reveal their name, school, location, routines, images, or intimate concerns. Character.AI says some data may be retained to improve its services and AI models, so young people should never treat a chatbot like a confidential diary.

UNHEALTHY ENGAGEMENT

Be aware of warning signs such as secret accounts, bypassing age restrictions, hiding phone use from adults, chatting late at night, distress when access to the platform or character stops, withdrawal from other people, falling interest in school, or believing the character is conscious. Increased use may also signal that the young person is already lonely, anxious, or seeking help.

Advice for Parents & Educators

KEEP CONVERSATIONS OPEN

Ask what the young person enjoys about Character.AI and invite them to show you how the platform and their favourite characters work. Useful questions include, "Has it ever said something that felt wrong?" and "How can you tell it doesn't have feelings?" Avoid shaming them for using platforms like Character.AI or making them feel there is something wrong with them for doing so.

PAUSE, CHECK AND ASK

Teach young people to pause before accepting an answer from characters on Character.AI. Encourage them to check important claims against a trustworthy source and ask a safe adult when the issue matters. Never use a character as the sole source of medical, mental health, legal, financial, or safeguarding advice. Remind them not to share passwords, contact details, school information, live locations, or private images.

CHECK AGE, SETTINGS & LIMITS

Character.AI's minimum age is 16 in the UK, but open-ended companion chat is restricted to adults aged 18 or over. Users aged 16 to 17 receive a different experience built around guided 'Stories' and other creative or social features. Check their current settings, never help or encourage a young person to give a false age, and apply the same safety rules to other chatbot apps.

NOTICE AND RESPOND

Take action if chats involve sexual content, threats, coercion, abuse, self-harm or danger. Save relevant evidence, report the character and follow the setting's safeguarding process; educators should involve the designated safeguarding lead. If anyone is in immediate danger, contact emergency services. Childline is available on 0800 1111 and the NSPCC Helpline on 0808 800 5000.

Meet Our Expert

Darren Coxon is an educator with almost 30 years' experience across teaching, school leadership and governance. He works internationally supporting schools and colleges with AI leadership and governance and [insert NC courses I have written].



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From childhood upwards, we all need to have self-confidence and emotional intelligence to convey our thoughts and feelings, express our opinions politely and confidently, to have a voice in the classroom or workplace, and know how to establish positive relationships with other people. These life skills give us the freedom to develop to our full potential and have self-confidence in our own abilities.

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CONTACT US

Wigan and Chorley Classes

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