



# Euxton Church of England Primary School

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Headteacher: Mrs Mairi Ash



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

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2026

Dear Parents,

## **Euxton Superstars!**

Congratulations to this week's class Superstars:

Reception: Oliver

Year 1: Ava

Year 2: Jack

Year 3: Erin

Year 4: Brontë

Year 5: Poppy

Year 6: Henry

Well done to you all!

## **Girls Football Final**

Huge congratulations to the girls' football team who have qualified for the finals, taking place next **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October at Parklands High School**. In total, we played 15 games, winning 13, drawing 1 and losing 1. This put us right at the very top of our group! Next week, we play 3 more games, against the other qualified teams – good luck girls! Also stay tuned next week - we will also find out if the boys qualified!

## **Brass Lessons with Miss Hurst**

Miss Hurst has a few more slots free for brass lessons - trumpet, baritone or trombone – please email Mrs Hodges for more information if your Y3-Y6 child is interested in having 1-1 lessons in school. We are still looking to appoint a woodwind teacher and will let you know once we have secured one.

## **Admissions – Primary and Secondary Places**

You can apply via [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2026 (during half term)**

**Primary (Reception in Sept 2027) – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Parent Workshop

Please find below the link to the recording and presentation of the most recent Parent/Carer session from the providers of our Online Safety Newsletters. It is full of recent updates and guidance on how to manage the online world safely.

<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/online-safety-parent-carer-session-sept-2026/>

### Harvest Worship and Food Bank Appeal

Next week, Year 1 will be leading our Harvest Worship. As part of our Harvest celebrations, we are once again supporting our local food bank and would be grateful for any donations of non-perishable food items. Harvest is a wonderful opportunity to give thanks for all we have and to share with those who may be facing difficulties. Any contribution, no matter how small, will help support local families in need. We invite children to bring into school donations of non-perishable items for **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October**. Thank you for your generosity and for helping us live out our Christian values of compassion, kindness and service to others.

### Bishop's Harvest Appeal



The appeal will be supporting the people of the Diocese of Liwolo in South Sudan. In July the Rt. Rev. Joseph Aba, the Bishop of Episcopal Diocese of Liwolo reached out to Bishop Philip and appealed for urgent humanitarian assistance after an estimated 10,000 civilians fled their homes, fearing for their lives. The people were displaced by renewed violence along the South Sudan-Uganda border. This number has now increased to 36,000 and people are sheltering in 5 displacement camps in and around Liwolo Cathedral. The displaced population is

living in overcrowded conditions with urgent needs for food, clean drinking water, emergency shelter, blankets, cooking utensils, clothing, sanitation facilities, medicine and protection services. Bishop Philip is asking us to help him help his friend Bishop Joseph and is challenging us to raise money for the appeal by undertaking an assault course!

School Council have designed an obstacle course which will take place in school on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October**. Suggested donation of £1 or more to take part and contribute to the appeal. Donations can be made either by scanning the QR code below (there is a copy of this QR code in our parent noticeboard for ease) or sending money on the day in a sealed envelope labelled 'Bishop's Appeal'. Thank you for your support to making a difference to the people of South Sudan.



### **St Mary's Church Car Park**

I have been asked by Father Simon to remind parents about considerate parking on their car park. Very often cars are parked blocking in other vehicles and this causes upset and frustration to drivers. He has quoted a black Range Rover being a particular culprit. This may, of course, belong to a parent at either Busy Bodies or St Mary's and he has sent the email to both places also. Please, please be aware of other drivers when using the car parks – the last thing we need is for the car park to be unavailable to our parents by the use of locked bollards. Thank you for your consideration with this.

### **Free parent speech and language training course**

This is a 6-week course starting Wednesday **4<sup>th</sup> November** 6.15pm-8pm, which provides parents with practical strategies that they can use to support their child's language at home. \*Please note that although the training states ages 5-11, it is also suitable for parents of children in reception. Please see poster below for more information. If you would like to sign up, click on the link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc588da26QhItL7MJZYUMKzhNjzqIFtYrg22KfDEtiqs7mj\\_w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc588da26QhItL7MJZYUMKzhNjzqIFtYrg22KfDEtiqs7mj_w/viewform)

### **Taekwondo Lessons in Preston**

Please see poster below from Stewart Howard, head coach at Total Taekwondo on Greenbank Street in Preston. He runs taekwondo classes for children aged 4 to 11, and every child's first class is free. Tots (ages 4 to 6) and Children (ages 7 to 11) classes run on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. No experience is needed, parents are welcome to stay and watch, and children get a free suit and belt when they join.

### **Year 6 Netball Players Wanted**

Please see the flyer below from Firebirds Netball Club who are looking for new players.

### **Key dates ahead**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October** – Visit to Y2 and Y5 from Chorley Fire Brigade to discuss Fire and Road Safety.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October** – Open Day at 1.30pm

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

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October** – Y1 parent worship at 2.50pm in school hall.

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

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** – INSET day – school closed

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October** – Half term

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** – School open

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November** – Parents Evening 2.30pm onwards

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November** – Individual and sibling photos taken

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November** – Nasal Flu Sprays 9am.

### **Buckshaw and Euxton Free Clothes Swap**

Please see the flyer below with details of an event happening on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October** at St Mary's Church Social Centre.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Ash  
Headteacher

# PTFA NEWS

## **PTFA Vacancies – message from Chair, Emma Ratcliffe**

We are looking for a PTFA Co-Chair to step into the role at our November AGM. To keep our PTFA sustainable, our current Chair is seeking a co-lead with daytime flexibility to help manage on the ground event logistics, volunteer co-ordination and occasional stock runs, while she continues to handle core admin. Without a Co-Chair, we will have to scale back our activities significantly to simple passive fundraisers putting beloved events like our Christmas Grotto, Easter Bingo, Fun Runs and Discos at risk.

If you want to get more involved in school life, work alongside a supportive team, and make a direct impact for the children, please reach out to [Emma Ratcliffe or Helen Foran](#) directly or by clicking this link for a quick chat! Thank you very much.

## **PTFA Meeting**

The first PTFA meeting of the school year takes place on Monday **12<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm** via Teams – please see attached flyer. All are very welcome to attend.

## **PTFA WhatsApp Community**

The PTFA have set up a new WhatsApp Community to make it easier to receive ticket links and event details straight to your phone. A few quick things to reassure you:

Zero Pressure: This is just a central hub to keep you informed. Joining the community doesn't mean you are signing up to volunteer or attend meetings.

No Clutter: The main announcement hub is read-only, so you won't be flooded with random chat notifications - just the relevant updates.

Privacy: Your phone number is kept hidden from other community members that you have not connected with.

Take a look at the poster attached for a quick overview of how it works.

You can join us using the link below whenever you're ready!

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GbUIK3OWXGQ8WDIIP4CvI>

## **PTFA Autumn Disco**

Our PTFA have organised a couple of discos for the children to attend on the last day of term Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – please see the attached flyer for more information. The tickets can be purchased from the online shop <https://euxtonceprimaryptfa.sumupstore.com/> or QR code on the attached poster which is on the parent noticeboard and front door. Please ensure all bookings have the surname and year group in the notes at checkout to be able to allocate payments to the correct children. Thank you to the PTFA for organising such a lovely end of term event for the children to enjoy.

## **Christmas Orders**

Your child will have brought home an order form for the Christmas Shop showcasing their own artwork. Please do have a look at the online shop and place any orders by **25<sup>th</sup> October** when the shop will close, giving enough time for the orders to come back in to school in time for Christmas. If your child doesn't bring an order form home, they must not have been in school when the artwork was being created and templates sent off. See attached flyer. Many thanks for supporting our PTFA!



# New School Year MEETING

**New faces always welcome.**

**This is a great meeting to come along to as  
we will planning for 2026/27.**

**It will be held on MS Teams – just [email us](#) or WhatsApp if  
you would like the link to join.**



**Monday  
12th Oct  
@ 6.30pm**





# Euxton CE PTFA WhatsApp Community

**New for 2026/27:** Get event dates, ticket links and important updates straight to your phone.

- ✓ For all parents and carers
- ✓ Admin-only announcements
- ✓ Optional chats for active teams
- ✓ Privacy of your phone number
- ✓ Join once and stay informed
- ✓ No volunteering commitment

## All community members



### Announcement Hub

Read-only bulletin board with event info, ticket links and updates

For all parents & carers of children who attend PTFA events

## Optional group



### Questions & support

Ask the PTFA a question directly when you need help

For all parents & carers as required

## Optional groups for those involved in volunteering



### Volunteer Pool

Hear about opportunities to help when you can

For those with capacity to volunteer ad hoc



### Event specific group

Temporary sub-group for confirmed event volunteering team

For event volunteering team



### PTFA Committee

Planning group for this current school year

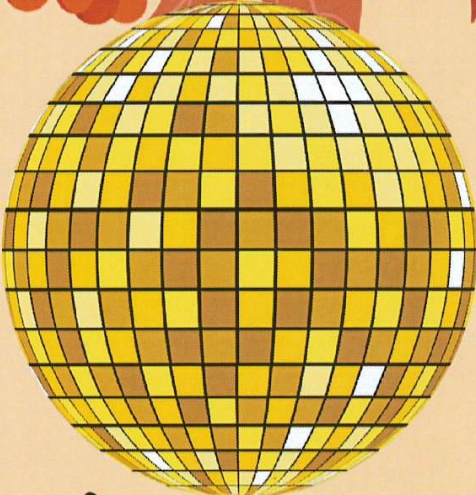
For active members. New members always welcome

## A few guidelines

- Please keep any group chats kind, supportive and relevant to PTFA events and fundraising
- Numbers are hidden in the community unless you have connected with someone in a personal or group chat
- Please do not share links to join outside of our school community
- Please respect privacy by not sharing photos of others in these forums without express consent

A link to join will be shared  
by the school office and  
in class group chats. Please do not  
share links outside of our school community.

**JOIN  
NOW**



# Autumn DISCO

**Thursday 22nd October**

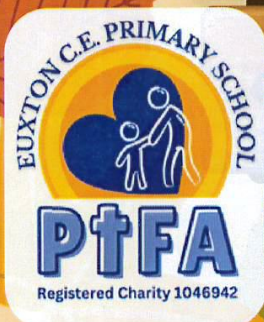
**Infants 3.30 – 4.30**

**Juniors 4.40 – 5.40**

**Advance Tickets**  
**£4.00** includes juice



\*all online bookings MUST include surname and  
year group/as payment reference



# Christmas Shop

## NOW OPEN

The PTFA Christmas Shop offers a variety of items based on your child's artwork

### Value Packs

Best Seller

**2 packs of 12 Christmas Cards**  
**PLUS**  
**42 self adhesive gift labels**  
**Bundle price £14.50**

Great gift

**Ceramic 11oz mug**  
**PLUS**  
**Full colour MDF coaster**  
**Bundle price £10.00**

### Stocking Fillers

#### Hanging Decoration



8cm design on MDF  
- a precious way to display your child's artwork year after year  
**£5.50**

#### Magnet

A fun way to share and display this year's drawings and ensure they last  
**£3.50**



#### Tea Towel

A special gift for your favourite Christmas Chef  
**£6.95**



#### Ceramic 11oz Mug

Individually packed and dishwasher safe to make a long lasting keepsake  
**£6.95**



### Keepsakes

#### Coaster

MDF coasters for everyday festive use  
**£4.00**



### Stationery

#### 12 Christmas Cards



A6 with envelopes - a personal way to share your Christmas wishes  
**£6.00**

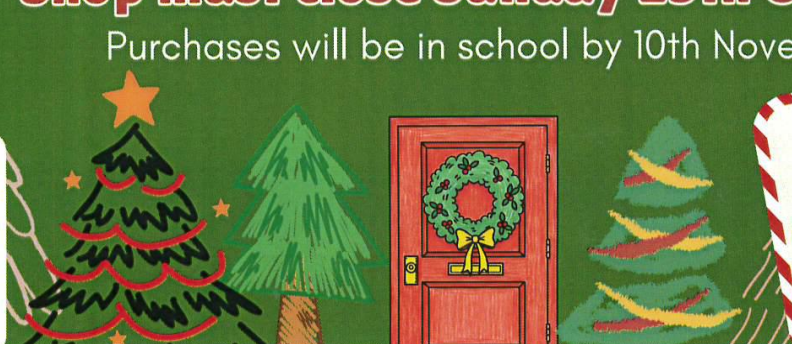
#### 42 self adhesive gift labels

38mm x 99mm semi gloss labels for speedy yet personalised gift wrapping  
**£3.50**



## Shop must close Sunday 25th October

Purchases will be in school by 10th November



Personal QR codes are available on the image preview flyer sent home. If you lose your link, visit [www.sforders.co.uk](http://www.sforders.co.uk) to request a replacement



Join us this Halloween for a spooktacular Holiday Club packed with fang-tastic activities! It's the perfect way to make your child's break unforgettable while helping them build valuable digital life skills!

From Minecraft coding to multi-sports, there's something here for every child.

#### Activities (optional):

- Dive into **Minecraft** & **coding** masterclasses
- Get creative with **arts & crafts**
- Bring your ideas to life in **animation creation**
- Burn off energy with **football, dodgeball & multi-sports sessions**

[Click here to book a FREE place.](#)

[Click here to book a PAID place.](#)

More info: [www.jamcoding.com/lancashirehaf/](http://www.jamcoding.com/lancashirehaf/)



**26th-27th  
October 2026**  
MONDAY & TUESDAY

FROM  
**9 AM - 5 PM**

**St Gregory's  
Primary School**

EAVES GREEN RD,  
CHORLEY, PR7 3QG

**FREE  
FOR PUPIL  
PREMIUM  
SUPPORTED  
FAMILIES!**

**JUST  
£28 PER  
DAY!**

**MASSIVE  
20FT  
MINECRAFT  
INFLATABLE**

## BOOK A FREE PLACE

Free places are available for eligible children, including those who:

- Receive benefits related Free School Meals / meet the HAF eligibility criteria
- Are young carers
- Have additional needs or vulnerabilities
- Would benefit from additional support or social inclusion during the school holidays

A nutritious lunchtime meal is provided for all children attending on a free HAF place.

**To book a FREE place, scan the QR code to the right.**

## BOOK A PAID PLACE

Don't miss out on the fun!

If you're not eligible for a free place, you can still join us for a full day of Halloween fun for just £28.00. Please bring a packed lunch and a water bottle.

**To book a paid place, scan the QR code to the right.**

For more information, please visit:  
[www.jamcoding.com/lancashirehaf/](http://www.jamcoding.com/lancashirehaf/)



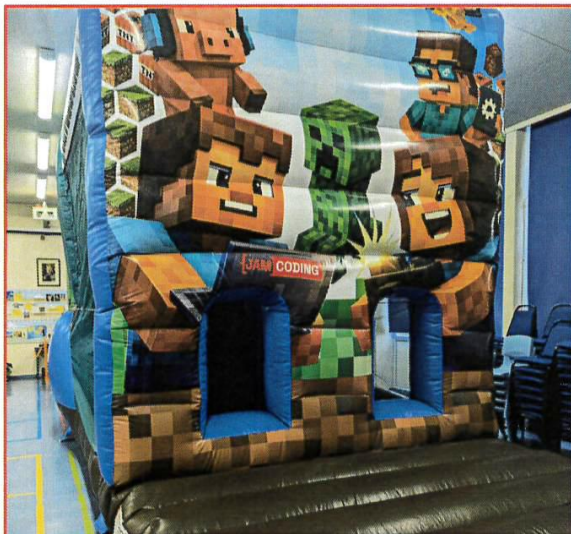
**SCAN ME**

**Click here  
to book a  
FREE place.**



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## Let's Talk with 5-11s

A practical course which helps parents and carers learn how to develop and enhance children's understanding and talking.

Sign up here!



All Eiklan courses are accredited through OCN London.



For more information:  
email [cissreferrals@highfieldcps.co.uk](mailto:cissreferrals@highfieldcps.co.uk)

### Would you like support with developing your child's speech and language skills at home?

This practical course is designed for parents and will enable you to learn how to develop your child's understanding and talking.

The course workbook is full of strategies and activities that can be used with your child at home and at school

#### What the experts say

'Early language is the single most important factor in influencing literacy levels at age 11'. (The Lost Boys report, Children's Society, 2016).

Children with poor vocabulary at age 5 are more than twice as likely to be unemployed at age 34 and 1.5 times more likely to have mental health difficulties than those with typical development (Talking About a Generation, Gascoigne, M & Gross, March 2017, The Communication Trust)

#### When will it take place?

The course will run for 6 weeks starting on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November and finishing on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Sessions will be held from 6.15pm - 8pm every Wednesday

#### Where will it take place?

The course will be held at Eaves Green Community Centre, 35 Cottage Fields, Chorley PR7 3QE

#### How much will it cost?

**This course is free for parents to attend!**

For more information:  
email [cissreferrals@highfieldcps.co.uk](mailto:cissreferrals@highfieldcps.co.uk)

# **TOTAL.**

PRESTON · AGES 4 TO 11

## **THEIR FIRST CLASS IS FREE**

No experience needed. Parents can stay and watch, and kids get a free suit and belt when they join.

| Ages 4 to 6

### **TAEKWONDO TOTS**

Tue 4.45 to 5.30pm

Wed 5.15 to 6pm

Sun 4.15 to 5pm

| Ages 7 to 11

### **CHILDREN**

Tue 5.30 to 6.30pm

Wed 6 to 7pm

Fri 5 to 6pm

Sun 5 to 6pm



## **BOOK A FREE TRIAL**

[totaltaekwondo.co.uk/free-trial](https://totaltaekwondo.co.uk/free-trial)

Unit 4, Oxheys Industrial Estate, Greenbank Street, Preston  
PR1 7PH



# Buckshaw and Euxton Baby & Kids Free Clothes Swap

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2026, 10:00-12:00**

**St Mary's Church, Euxton, Social Centre (back room),  
PR7 6JW**

Bring **washed** old/outgrown clothes **sorted** into the following sizes:

- Preemie
- Newborn/ up to 1 month
- 1-3 months
- 3-6 months
- 6-9 months
- 9-12 months
- 12-18 months
- 18-24 months
- 2-3 years
- Then by year from 4-11

**Bring a bag and leave with new clothes in the right size**

**If you are looking for newborn clothes, please just come without any donations to take some things for your new arrival!**

School uniform is welcome, but do please use your school's schemes

**A table for miscellaneous other items also available**

**Tea, coffee, squash and cakes available to buy.** Proceeds going to hall hire/charity

If you have clothes that you would like to drop before the event or have any questions, please contact Andy at [lunn.andrew@gmail.com](mailto:lunn.andrew@gmail.com)

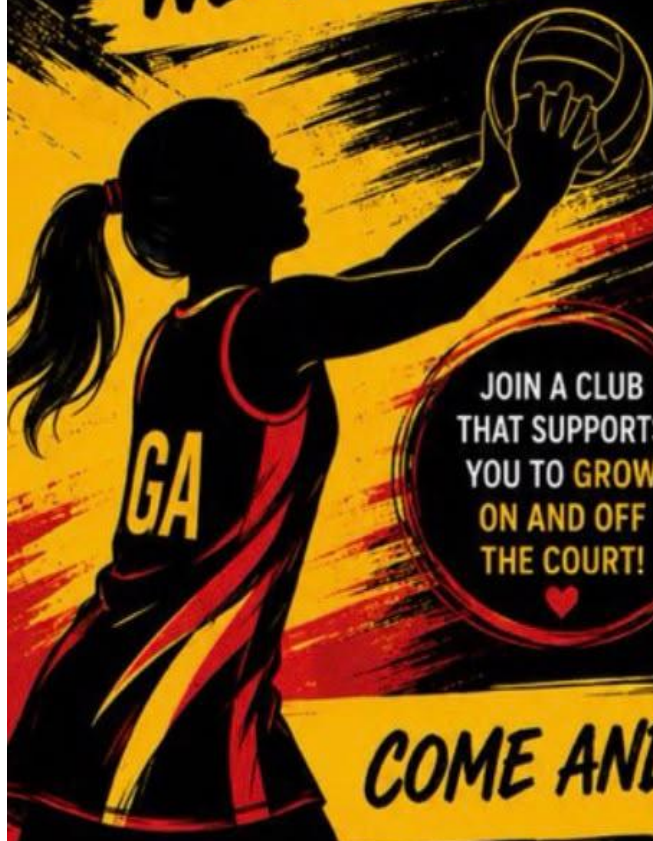
# YEAR 6 NETBALL PLAYERS

**WE WANT YOU!**



**#SPARK THE PASSION**

LOVE NETBALL?  
WANT TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS,  
LEARN NEW SKILLS AND  
BE PART OF AN AMAZING TEAM?  
**THEN FIREBIRDS IS  
THE PLACE FOR YOU!**



JOIN A CLUB  
THAT SUPPORTS  
YOU TO GROW  
ON AND OFF  
THE COURT!



**GREAT  
COACHING**

Develop your  
skills and  
confidence



**TEAMWORK  
& FRIENDSHIP**

Be part of a  
positive and  
supportive team



**FUN  
& PASSION**

Enjoy the game  
and compete  
with pride

**COME AND BE A FIREBIRD!** 



**TRAINING SESSIONS  
STARTING SOON!**  
***DON'T MISS OUT!***

**INTERESTED?**

CONTACT US TO FIND OUT MORE

 [firebirdsnetballclub@gmail.com](mailto:firebirdsnetballclub@gmail.com)

 Firebirds Netball Club

 @firebirdsnetballclub

**TOGETHER  
WE FLY  
HIGH!**



**RESPECT • EFFORT • TEAMWORK • DETERMINATION**