



Euxton Church of England Primary School

Bank Lane, Wigan Road, Euxton, Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 6JW

☎(01257)263454

Website: www.euxtonceprimary.co.uk e-mail: head@euxton.lancs.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mrs Mairi Ash



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

Thursday 22nd October 2026

Dear Parents,

Bishop's Harvest Appeal



A huge thank you to all our families for your generous donations for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal. Your contributions will make a real difference to the Diocese of Liwolo in South Sudan for health care centres to provide lifesaving support. We don't have a figure from the QR code donations but have sent **£109.50** from cash donations to the appeal.

Thank you to our wonderful school council for organising a fun obstacle course called 'Get Moving, Get Thinking'.

Every child enjoyed navigating the apparatus around the hall and completing team challenges and puzzles. Harvest is a wonderful opportunity for us to reflect on the importance of gratitude, generosity and helping others, and we are incredibly proud of the compassion shown by our school family. Thank you!





Euxton Library Reading Heroes 2026 Winners!



Kath Deakin from Euxton Library along with Katrina Reed, Council Chairman for Euxton Parish Council, visited school on Wednesday to present our school with the trophy for Reading Heroes 2026. Well done to all the children who received their certificates. I know others have collected their certificates separately from the library so well done to those children also.

Happy Maternity Leave, Mrs Wiles!

As Mrs Wiles begins her maternity leave, we would like to send her our very best wishes from everyone at Euxton C.E. Primary School. We wish Mrs Wiles and her family every happiness as they prepare to welcome their new arrival.

Parent Governor Ballot reminder

Thank you for all the ballot forms that have so far been returned. If you still have to return yours, please remember to do so before 12 noon on Thursday 5th November. Thank you



Online Safety

Please see the attached poster about pupil wellbeing conversations.

Admissions – Primary and Secondary Places

You can 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 (during half term)

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.

Buckshaw and Euxton Free Clothes Swap

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

Nasal Flu Sprays

The health team are back in school on 11th November to administer the whole school with the nasal flu spray – with parent permission. The link has been sent to parents and we kindly ask that your permission is given (or not) for this to be administered. The nasal flu spray will not be administered without parent consent. Thank you.

Clubs for Autumn Term 2 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>Monday Phonics (was Little Learners) for Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4</u> with Mrs Delves 3.30pm-4.30pm to restart on 9th November for 5 weeks (email 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 re-starting 3rd November for 5 weeks. <u>Spanish Club</u> continues to take place at lunchtime.	<u>Sportshall Athletics Club Y3 and Y4</u> With Mrs Obertelli. Names to Mrs Hodges via email. Club starts 10 th November 3.30-4.30. 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. <u>School Council</u> with Miss Simm and Mrs Smith <u>Art and Craft Club (Y1 and Y2)</u> With Ms Lucas 12.30-1pm in YR classroom starting 11 th November. Please email Mrs Hodges for a place. Limited numbers.	
Thursday	<u>Chess and Boardgames Club (KS1 and KS2)</u> with Mrs Jones and Mrs Ash 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 re-starts back 6 th November – new members most welcome – just turn up at 8.15am. Choir will be getting ready for Christmas after half term and going into the community for festive singing.	

Key dates ahead

Monday 2nd November – School open.

Wednesday 4th November – Parents Evening 2.45pm onwards (appointments open for booking on school spider app)

Thursday 5th November – Individual and sibling photos taken (pre-school children welcome before school day begins to have photo with school aged siblings).

Wednesday 11th November – Nasal Flu Sprays from 9am.

Friday 13th November – Y4 parent worship 2.50pm in school hall. Y4 parents invited to attend

Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th November – Y5 Bikeability (details to follow)

Wednesday 18th November – NSPCC workshops for Y2, Y5 and Y6 (in school time)

Monday 23rd November – Parliament Week

Tuesday 24th November – Y4 trip to Ribchester Roman Museum

Tuesday 24th November – Y6 trip to The Museum of Lancashire (letter to follow)

Wednesday 25th November – Open Day for prospective Reception parents

Friday 27th November – Y6 Evacuee Day in school (information to follow)

Thursday 3rd December – Infant nativity performances at 9.30am and 2pm in the school hall

Monday 7th December – Y5 & Y6 Christingle service in Euxton Parish Church (afternoon)

Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th December – Y3 and Y4 singing carols in playground from 3.15pm

Friday 11th December – Festive fun day - last celebration assembly, Christmas jumper day and Santa Dash! (details to follow)

Monday 14th December – Pantomime for whole school of Cinderella in school.

Tuesday 15th December – Christmas Party Day - Infant & Junior party day – children can come into school wearing their party clothes. (Please still wear layers for the colder weather, sensible footwear and a coat). Thank you to the PTFA for providing snacks and drinks for the parties and panto.

Wednesday 16th December – Grandparents Coffee Morning 9.30-10.30am (booking list will open after half term. Please wait for further announcement).

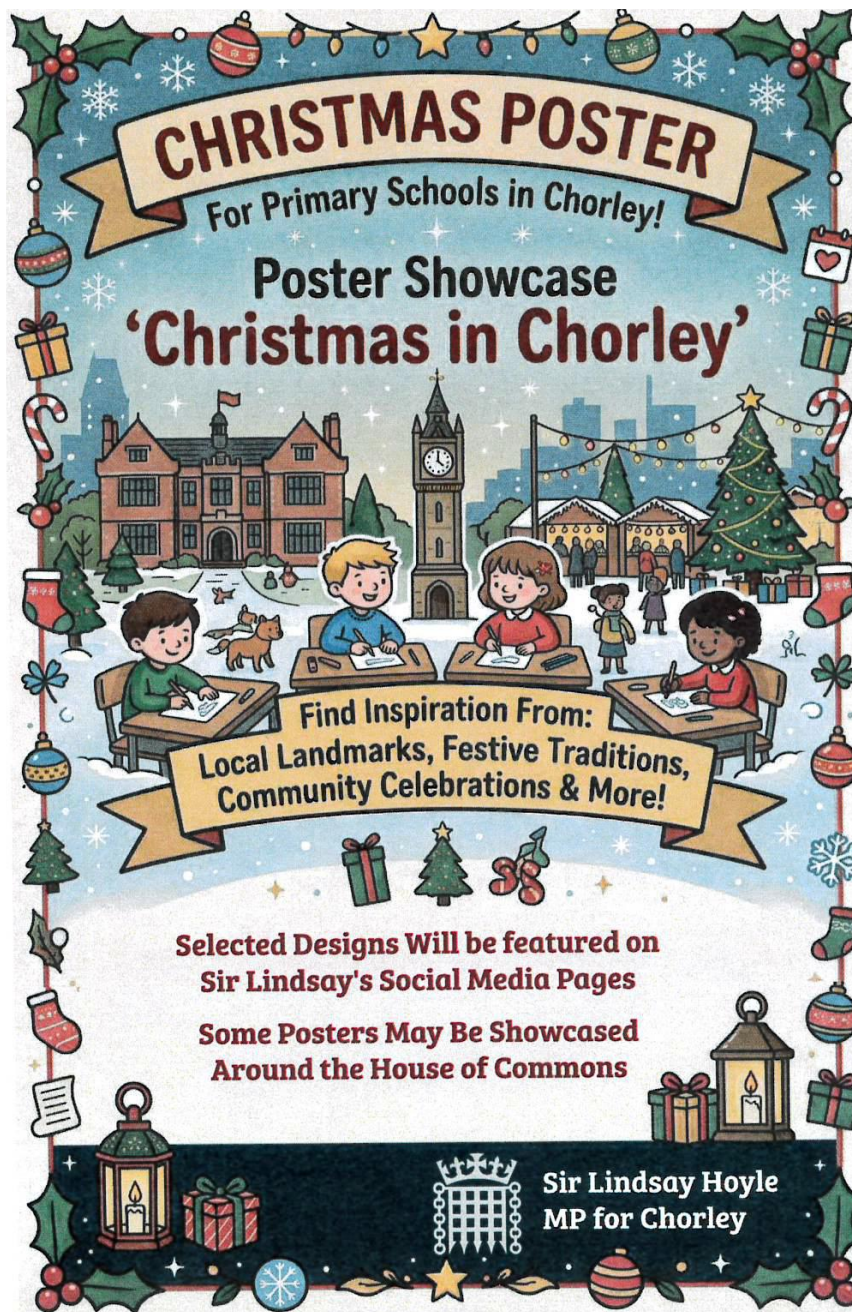
Thursday 17th December – Carols in the hall at 3pm – all welcome.

Friday 18th December – last day of term, school finishes at 1.30pm (no ASC on this day).

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



After half term and until Wednesday 11th November we will be selling the items below at break times. Poppies are a minimum donation of 20p, poppy reflectors are 50p, snap bands and bracelets are £1, pencils are 50p and stickers 20p each. All proceeds go to the Royal British Legion. Thank you for your support.



'Christmas in Chorley' Christmas Poster Competition 2026

This week we have received a letter from the House of Commons.

We are delighted to share an exciting opportunity for our pupils to take part in the 'Christmas in Chorley' Poster Competition, organised by Sir Lindsay Hoyle MP.

Children are invited to create an **A4 portrait poster** showing what Christmas in Chorley means to them.

Designs could feature local landmarks, Christmas traditions, community celebrations, or festive family themes.

Successful entries may be showcased on Sir Lindsay Hoyle MP's social media pages and could even be displayed in Parliament.

Entries should be children's own work, produced on A4 paper (portrait) and clearly reflect the theme 'Christmas in Chorley'.

How to submit

Please ensure completed entries are submitted to school by **Friday 20th November** so that they can be ready for collection the following week by a member of Sir Lindsay's team. Please clearly label the back of the poster with name, school and year group.

We look forward to seeing our children's creativity and festive spirit on display!

Wellbeing homework

Please ensure completed entries are submitted to school by **Friday 20th November** so that they can be ready for collection the following week by a member of Sor Lindsay's team. Please clearly label the back of the poster with name, school and year group.

We look forward to seeing our children's creativity and festive spirit on display!



Wellbeing Homework Activities

for your Half Term Holiday

Small steps make a big difference! ♥

Your wellbeing matters! Try some (or all!) of these activities over the half term. They're simple, fun and will help you feel happy, calm and healthy.



Be Active



Go for a walk, ride a bike, play a game or do some fun exercise.

How does it make you feel?

Notice the Good



Each day, think of 3 things you are grateful for. You can write them, draw them or say them out loud.

Get Creative



Try drawing, painting, making, reading or building something. Do something that you enjoy just because it's fun!

Keep in Touch



Call, message or spend time with family or friends. A kind word can make someone's day!

Take Care of You



Get enough sleep, eat healthy food, drink water and take time to relax.

What helps you feel calm?

Help Others



Do something kind for someone else — share, help, or just be a good friend. Small acts of kindness make a big difference!

Try Something New



Have a go at something you haven't tried before. It could be a new hobby, a recipe or a game!

Be Mindful



Stop
Breathe
Notice
Smile
♥

Take a few slow breaths, look around, and notice what you can see, hear, feel and be thankful for.

Set a Happy Goal



My goal: _____

Think of something you'd like to do over the holiday. It could be big or small — just something that makes you feel good!

Happy Holidays!

Be kind ♥ Be active ♥ Be you!



Please keep reading class blogs to stay up to date with your child's current learning and class news. This week's homework is linked to wellbeing. Enjoy having a go at the suggested activities to help the children feel calm, happy and healthy.

Wishing everyone a restful half term break.
Take care and keep safe,

Mrs Ash, Headteacher

PTFA NEWS

A new way to support: Sponsored items in the PTFA shop

Alongside our usual event tickets, we have introduced a collection of Sponsored Items. Our families often tell us they would like a simple, transparent, and direct way to support. This new option directly funds extra experiences, resources, and treats that make Euxton C of E Primary so special for our children.

Initially, we have introduced sponsorship for:

Reception Book Bags: Helping welcome our newest pupils to school with their school book bag.

Year 6 Leavers' Bibles: Sponsoring a meaningful keepsake for our leavers as they move on to high school.

Coach Seats for School Trips: Directly subsidising transport costs so we can help keep school trips affordable.

Class Funds: Providing extra budget directly to teachers for creative projects, seasonal crafts, and classroom enrichment.

Take a look at our updated shop here: [Products | Euxton C of E Primary School PTFA](#)

Thank you, as always, for your wonderful generosity and continued support!

Annual General Meeting - Monday 16th November

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is taking place on Monday 16th November at 6.30pm.

The AGM is our once-a-year opportunity to look back on everything we've achieved, review how the funds raised have supported our children, and map out our plans for the year ahead.

Most importantly, we need to meet our official quorum to make the meeting legal! This simply means we need a minimum number of parents and carers present for decisions on our Committee roles to be formally approved. Whether you can stay for the whole evening or just pop in, your attendance makes a huge difference in keeping our PTFA running.

We are looking for a New Co-Chair!

We are also searching for a new Co-Chair to stand at the AGM alongside our current chair, Emma Ratcliffe and join our friendly committee team. Co-chairing is a brilliant, shared role - it means you won't be taking it on alone, and it's a rewarding way to get involved in school life, share ideas, and help shape events for our families.

If you'd like to find out more about what the role involves (with zero pressure!), please reach out to Emma Ratcliffe or Helen Foran via WhatsApp Community or euxtoncofeptfa@gmail.com

Christmas Shop

The Christmas Shop is still open for you to purchase Christmas cards and keepsakes which incorporate your child's illustration.

Order forms were sent home last week with the QR code. If you have misplaced your form, please email the PTFA to request your PIN.

All orders must be placed on or before **Sunday 25th October**. Items will be in school by mid-November.

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

Ceramic 11oz mug

PLUS

Full colour MDF coaster

Bundle price £10.00

Great gift

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

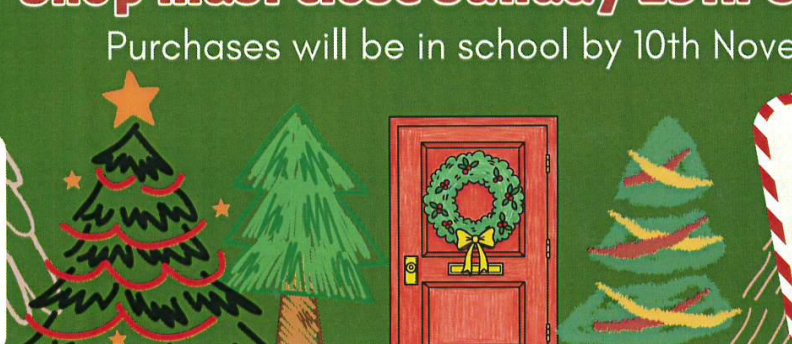
38mm x 99mm semi gloss labels for speedy yet personalised gift wrapping

£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 to request a replacement

Annual General MEETING

**If you haven't been to a meeting before,
this a great one to join. We will select our
new committee and continue preparation
for this year's events.**

**All
welcome**

**16th
November
@ 6.30pm**



Top Tips for Educators

PUPIL WELLBEING CONVERSATIONS

It can feel difficult to know how to start a conversation with a pupil about their wellbeing, either because you do not feel equipped with the information you think you need, or because you do not feel confident opening it up. You do not need to be a specialist. This guide covers how to start, what to say about confidentiality, and what to do with what you hear.

1 NURTURE WARM, TRUSTING, & KIND RELATIONSHIPS

When pupils have a consistent, emotionally available adult who shows they care and who holds them in mind, they thrive. They are also far more willing to open up and seek support. Positive, trusting relationships are an important part of supporting pupil wellbeing and complement more formal wellbeing programmes or sessions.

2 KEEP CALM, EVEN IF YOU'RE WORRIED

When a pupil discloses, stay calm while showing that you take it seriously. Panic can raise their anxiety and teach them that telling an adult makes things worse. Your steadiness can help them to keep calm and give them enough space to say the rest. Calm does not mean unmoved, and it is fine to tell them that what they have said is important and will be heard.

3 HAVE SIDE-BY-SIDE CONVERSATIONS

Many pupils find it easier to talk when a conversation does not require them to sit face to face with an adult. For example, conversations might take place while walking, tidying the classroom, or taking part in a lunchtime club. Sitting alongside someone removes the demand of eye contact, allows longer thinking time and lowers the intensity of the exchange. This can be particularly true for neurodivergent pupils, and for anyone who needs a moment before answering.

4 THINK ABOUT WHERE YOU ARE

Consider whether the pupil can speak without being overheard or interrupted. If a pupil has already started talking, avoid unnecessarily disrupting the conversation by moving elsewhere. Where a more appropriate location is needed, explain why you need to move and give the pupil the opportunity to continue what they were saying.

5 BE HONEST ABOUT CONFIDENTIALITY

Never promise to keep information to yourself. Schools have a legal duty to share information relevant to a pupil's safety or welfare. Tell them at the start that you may need to pass something on, and who to. Then involve them in what happens next, as far as their age and understanding allow. Ask what they want to happen, what they want to say, and who they want to be told. Be honest that some things will need to happen whether they agree or not. A pupil who helped shape next steps is far more likely to tell someone again.

6 CREATE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Provide a classroom free from belittling and shame-based behaviour management. Pupils who expect to be humiliated will not disclose. Where they feel listened to and see that difficulties are acted upon, they share worries earlier and whilst those worries are still small. If pupils hear adults belittling or talking about other pupils openly, it damages trust and they are likely to assume their worries will also be handled this way.

7 DO NOT CARRY IT ON YOUR OWN

Hearing something difficult can stay with you. When informing your designated safeguarding lead, share with them how it left you feeling and whether you feel you need further support. Your role as a trusted adult is what makes all of the above possible, and just as you have a responsibility to protect pupils' welfare, your school has a responsibility to protect yours.

HELPFUL OPENERS

- I've noticed you've been quieter. How's your week been?
- You don't seem your usual self, when might be a good time to catch up today?
- Sometimes it's hard to know what to say, but I'd like to understand?
- You don't have to talk now. I'll check in with you later?

Meet Our Expert

Anna Bateman is a mental health and wellbeing specialist with nearly thirty years in education. She is a multi-academy trust director, special adviser, and a former adviser to the Department for Education on its mental health green paper.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

See full reference list on our website



@wake_up_weds



/www.thenationalcollege



@wake.up.wednesday



@wake.up.weds

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Current as of the date of release: 07.10.2026



Buckshaw and Euxton Baby & Kids Free Clothes Swap

Saturday 24th 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