



# Eccleston St Mary's C of E Primary School

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# SCHOOL NEWS

**Our Motto:**

**Believe & Achieve**

**Our Mission Statement:**

**Through Jesus we love, learn and grow**

This Wednesday, 23rd April, was St. George's Day—the patron saint of England. Therefore, we remember him in our prayer this week.

Dear God, you gave St. George the strength of character to overcome his fear and to die for his beliefs.

Please help us to develop the qualities of St. George, to take responsibility, to be truthful, to do our duty willingly, to have courage and determination and to dedicate our lives to helping others.

Amen.

## ☆☆☆ SHINING STARS ☆☆☆

Nursery	Ella	
Reception	Reggie	
Year One	Ruairi	
Year Two	Catriona	Sophia
Year Three	Poppy	Alice
Year Four	Oliver	Florence
Year Five	Whole Class	
Year Six	Archie	Anna

**WINNING HOUSE THIS WEEK**

**YARROW**

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**'I came to give life - life in all  
its fullness.'**

**John 10:10**



# CERTIFICATES



**Bronze certificates are awarded for gaining 50 house points.**

## BRONZE

**Year 6      Reuben**

**Year 5      Jacob      Francesca**

**Year 4      Oliver      Thea      Freddie**

**Year 2      Jackson S.**

**Year 1      Nyla      David      Alexander**

**Silver certificates are awarded for gaining 100 house points.**

## SILVER

**Year 6      Freddie      Rohan**

**Year 3      Henry      Freddie**

**Year 2      Catriona      Sophia      Joseph      Cassie      Leo**

## Mr Gatefield

Mr Gatefield is running in the Manchester Marathon this Sunday, to raise money for the Christie Hospice. I am sure you will join us in wishing him good luck. Go Mr Gatefield!



## Jellybeans

Jellybeans had a fun filled, busy first session back after Easter. They enjoyed playing games with the hoops and balls and had lots of fun using the big parachute.

It was so lovely to welcome everyone back again!



## Little Explorers

If your child would like to start our Little Explorers Nursery in September, please remember to contact our school office, so that their name can be added to our list.

You can find more information regarding fees, how to apply and a booking form on our website at:

[www.ecclestonstmarysprimary.com/page/little-explorers](http://www.ecclestonstmarysprimary.com/page/little-explorers)

## School Council visit the Outpost Bakery

Just before we finished for our Easter break, the Year 6 School Council members wanted to welcome the new bakery, Outpost, to the village. They created a card to congratulate them on opening their new business, then we enjoyed taking a walk to Outpost and delivering the card to the owners.

We all wish them well as they settle into our village!





## SODA Sessions

Our start of the Day activity sessions will be starting again each **Friday** (8.50—9.20 am) from the 9th May. The schedule of dates for each class is as follows:

Reception      9th May

Year 1          16th May

23rd May—no session because of Arts Week.

6th and 13th June—no sessions because of Sports Day and Reserve Sports Day

Year 2          20th June

Year 3          27th June

Year 4          4th July

Year 5          11th July

Year 6 - Y6 will look forward to welcoming their family and friends into school for the End of Year Play and Leavers' Assembly during the last week of term (15th and 17th July, respectively.)

## Bikeability Year 5

Year 5 have had an amazing two days completing the Bikeability course. The instructors have been incredibly impressed with every child and have commented on how wonderful their behaviour has been. The children have made incredible progress over the two days and will each be bringing home a certificate in recognition of their achievements.

Well done year 5!



## Upcoming Dates

Wednesday 30th April	8.50-10.40am	YR Worship at Church
Thursday 1st May	4.00-6.00pm	Netball Y6 (Holy Cross)
Tuesday 2nd May	1.15-2.15pm	Choir with Lancashire Sings

## Monday 5th May School Closed for Bank Holiday

Tuesday 6th May	9.05am	Open the Book
Tuesday 6th May	6.00-7.00pm	New Intake Meeting Reception Starters 2025
Wednesday 7th May	9.05am	Sleep Hygiene Assembly
Thursday 8th May	4.00-6.00pm	Netball Y6 (Holy Cross)
Friday 9th May	9.00am	SODA YR
Monday 12th May	All Week	SATS Week
Thursday 15th May	All Day	School Census Day
Thursday 15th May	All Day	Science Festival Y5 (UCLAN)
Friday 16th May	9.00am	SODA Y1

## Letters Home

Y6 Netball League—Letter

## Sports and Social Clubs

Monday	Guitar Lessons KS2	Lunchtime
Tuesday	Multi Sports All Years	3.20-4.20pm
Tuesday	Choir	3.20-4.15pm
Wednesday	Spanish Club-All Years	8.00-8.45am
Thursday	Girls Football	3.20-4.20pm
Friday	Brass Club	3.20-4.15pm



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# FUN SPANISH CLUB!

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HAVING FUN &  
TRY THE CLUB  
WITH OUR  
TASTER  
SESSION!

AT ECCLESTON ST MARY'S PRIMARY

**Fun Spanish Morning Clubs before School:**  
Wednesday mornings - OPEN TO RECEPTION UP TO YEAR 6 in  
Summer Term, 8am-8.50 before school, 50 mins £6.10/fwk x 10wks  
with no membership pack fee this term\*. Sibling discounts & Monthly  
DD/Standing Order available to spread cost. Limited places - sign up  
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# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SEARCH ENGINES

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Search engines are an integral part of everyday life – with Google alone processing around 100,000 searches every second. Search engines use algorithms to predict which results will be useful to us, though this can expose children to inappropriate content, misinformation and even scams. This guide explains the risks associated with search engines and offers practical advice to help safeguard young users online.

### MANIPULATED SEARCH RESULTS

Although search engines take site reputation into account, trustworthiness isn't the main factor. Instead, they use algorithms that can be gamed via tactics like search engine optimisation (SEO), which is big business. As a result, users may encounter misleading content and low-quality commercial products that appear more credible than they actually are.

### MISINFORMATION AND DISINFORMATION

Search engines index billions of web pages – and not all of them are factual or safe. Children might stumble across false information or even deliberate disinformation, especially when searching for trending topics or controversial issues.

### ENGINES BEYOND GOOGLE

Even if Google's SafeSearch is enabled, children may use lesser-known search engines that don't have similar protections. Some of these alternatives are less effective at blocking unsavoury content – sometimes by design – making it easier for children to encounter harmful or explicit material. Parental controls may also struggle to detect and block these sites.

### FUNNY JOKES

### ILLEGAL CONTENT CAN SURFACE

Search engines are designed to retrieve content based on keywords – not to judge whether that content is lawful. As a result, even illegal or harmful material can appear in search results. Children might assume that anything found through search engines must be safe, just because they're so widely used. This misunderstanding can lead to accidental exposure to seriously inappropriate content.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT EXPOSURE

Although parental controls like Google's SafeSearch exist, they aren't foolproof, and search engines may bypass them. Young users may still see inappropriate images or content, especially in image searches, even though they may not be able to click on the results. Some niche search engines lack even basic filtering, posing further risks.

### UNRELIABLE AI SUMMARIES

Some search engines now offer AI-generated answers at the top of results. While these can be helpful as webpage summaries, they're not always accurate. There have been instances where AI summaries have presented false or even dangerous information, reinforcing the need for critical thinking.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS

While no parental controls tool is perfect, this search can help reduce the likelihood of inappropriate content appearing in search results. Use tools like Google Family Link to set search restrictions and monitor your child's browsing activity.

### QUESTION AI-GENERATED CONTENT

While AI content is generated quickly and often appears legitimate, teach children that, just because an AI summary is well presented, it doesn't mean it's accurate. Encourage them to review the sources behind AI summaries and check the information with reputable sites or fact-checkers.

### IDENTIFY AND AVOID ADVERTS

One of the ways search engines generate revenue is by showing ads to their users. Sponsored search results are labelled, but they're not always easy to spot and can sometimes be malicious. Show your child how to distinguish between paid ads and organic search results – explain why some ads might be misleading or unsafe.

### PROMOTE DIGITAL LITERACY

Encourage children to question the motivation behind online content and develop critical thinking, as not all sites can be trusted. Some deliberately misinform users in order to sell products or promote misinformation. Developing a critical mindset is one of the best defences against these tactics.

### Meet Our Expert

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