



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

Our prayer this week links our new Christian value this half-term—Hope—with the hopeful message of the Easter Story.

God of Hope,

We thank you for the gift of Easter, the day when Jesus conquered death and rose again. Your resurrection is a beacon of hope, reminding us that even in the darkest times, there is always the promise of new life and a brighter future.

Amen

☆☆☆ SHINING STARS ☆☆☆

Nursery	Joey	Reggie
Reception	Charlie B.	
Year One	Stanley	
Year Two	Spencer	
Year Three	Isla-Jai	Rory
Year Four	Harry	Freddie
Year Five	Raegan	Isla
Year Six	Alex Cr.	Rohan

WINNING HOUSE THIS WEEK

LOSTOCK

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about our school

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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 5	Amy	Lucianna	Annie
Year 3	Teddy	Jack	Austin

Silver certificates are awarded for gaining 100 house points.

SILVER

Year 3	Seth	Oliver
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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.ecclestonstmaryscephprimary.com/page/little-explorers

Hannah's Dance for Joy

Thank you so much to everyone for returning your sponsor money for Hannah's Dance for Joy. We will let you know how much has been raised towards her special garden soon. Watch this Space!

Little Explorers

This week nursery have been making the most of the glorious sunshine and enjoying lots of fun activities outdoors!



Fencing Club Assembly

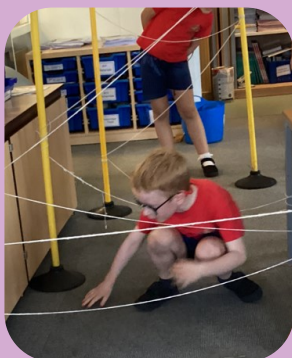
On Wednesday, KS2 welcomed Wayne Lomax into school to introduce a new Extra-Curricular Fencing Club which is due to start after half term.

The children thoroughly enjoyed seeing the exciting sport in action and well done to all the volunteers who took part!



Year 2

Year 2 have had lots of fun this week as secret agents in training! They have been set lots of tasks by 'Professor B' to test their agent skills, including laser dodging, clue finding and more!



Reception Class

Reception Class had an amazing time at Church this week! We listened carefully to the Worship that was led by Father Jordan for our class and members of the public.

We then had an opportunity at the end to ask some questions about Church and the service. We all thoroughly enjoyed listening to the organ being played. We then loved our sunny walk back to school.



Year 6 Boys Take on “Pretty Muddy Race for Life” for Cancer Research UK!

We're so proud to announce that an inspirational group of Year 6 boys from St Mary's will be taking part in the Pretty Muddy Race for Life this June — a fun (but tough!) 5km race packed with muddy obstacles and plenty of challenges!

This is no ordinary race — it's a test of strength, teamwork, and determination. The boys will be climbing, crawling, and getting very messy as they make their way through the course, all while raising money for a cause close to many hearts: Cancer Research UK.

The year 6 pretty muddy team would be very grateful if you could support them by clicking on the Just Giving link and contributing to this worthy cause. Donations contribute towards researchers, clinicians and nurses to transform how we prevent, diagnose and treat cancer, bringing hope for those we love who are affected by cancer.

Let's cheer the boys on and help them make a real difference!



<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/eccleston-st-marys-year-6>



Upcoming Dates

Monday 5th May

All Day

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

Monday 19th May

All Week

Arts Week

Tuesday 20th June

4.00-6.00pm

Golfways Y3/Y4 (Holy Cross)

Thursday 22nd May

4.00-6.00pm

Netball Y6 (Holy Cross)

Letters Home

Y5 UCLAN Trip—Letter

Y1 & Y2 Martin Mere Trip—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

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 19th June—Please note the change from Friday to Thursday

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.)

Lancashire Science Festival 2025

Public Day



Saturday 17 May, 9am - 4pm

University of Central Lancashire, Preston

We are back with a bang!

Join us for a free, one-day festival of all things Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. The day is full of live shows, workshops, drop-in activities, and exciting hands-on activities on our science show floors. So much fun and learning awaits!

Register for your free festival pass at
uclan.ac.uk/lancashire-science-festival



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Rainbow Ramble

Join Rainbow Hub for our annual 5 mile walk or run
Saturday 10th May 2025

- Starts & finishes at Bishop Rawstorne High School, Croston, PR26 9HH
- Ribbon cut by Steve Royle, Britain's Got Talent Finalist, at 10am
- Registration opens from 8.45am, ramble commences at 10am
- Children from £5, adults from £15, please visit our website for more info
- Entry includes t-shirt and finishing medal
- FANCY DRESS is optional


Register today at: www.rainbowhub.org/event/rainbowramble/

For more information:

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

ZEPETO

AGE RESTRICTION
14+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ZEPETO is a fast-growing app blending social networking with a virtual world experience – attracting around 20 million monthly users, with 15% from Europe. Players create 3D avatars to explore immersive environments, play games and interact with others; however, with minimal safety controls, anonymous chat and monetised content, ZEPETO poses a number of online safety concerns that parents and educators should be aware of.

NO PARENTAL CONTROLS

Although ZEPETO is intended for users aged 14 and up, it lacks built-in parental controls or age verification, instead relying on safety features on the device it's played on. This lack of a parental controls feature raises concerns about whom children may be interacting with on the platform.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

As a mix between a virtual world and a social media platform, ZEPETO features a wide range of user-generated content. Some areas may reference mature themes, such as TV series aimed at adults, or include inappropriate material created by other users – all of which children may stumble across without warning.

STRANGER DANGER

By default, users can message and interact with anyone else. This open communication creates an environment where predatory individuals can pose as peers to gain trust, potentially leading to grooming, scams, and exploitation, such as blackmail.

Hi there...

CYBERBULLYING RISKS

As with many social platforms, children can be targeted for bullying, harassment or exclusion by both strangers and their peers. Unfiltered chat and avatar-based interaction can allow bullying and other forms of harassment to continue, impacting children's wellbeing and mental health.

ADDICTIVE GAMEPLAY

Daily log-in rewards, such as coins, and in-game incentives can encourage compulsive behaviour, with some users feeling pressure to check in constantly to avoid missing out. This can lead to excessive screen time and conflict with schoolwork or offline hobbies or commitments.

SPENDING REAL MONEY

While the game is free to play, ZEPETO includes a store offering virtual clothing and accessories for avatars. These items are bought with 'ZEMs' – a paid currency – and the appeal of exclusive items or branded collaborations can make it easy for children to overspend.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Visit the child's profile settings to restrict who can send messages – options include Everyone, Followers Only, or No-one. Encourage children to avoid sharing any personal information on their profile, as this is visible even on private accounts.



LIMIT IN-APP TIME

Use parental controls on Android (Google Family Link) or iOS (Screen Time) to restrict app usage by setting hours or daily limits. Encouraging breaks can help children develop healthier habits and reduce app dependency.



CONTROL SPENDING

To prevent accidental purchases, set up purchase approval systems such as Apple's Ask to Buy or Google's Purchase Approvals. Alternatively, consider removing payment methods or using pre-paid cards with set budgets.

HAVE REGULAR CONVERSATIONS

Talk openly with children about whom they interact with online and the kinds of things they see or experience. Encourage them to speak up if someone makes them uncomfortable or if they come across inappropriate content. Teach them how to recognise red-flag behaviours such as asking for secrets, giving gifts, or requesting personal information.



Meet Our Expert

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