



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

Prayer

Lord Jesus.

As we approach the longest day. We thank you for Summer, with all the light and warmth that the sun brings. On these long warm days help us to rest in the cooling shade of your presence, taking the time to enjoy and care for all of the nature that surrounds us.

Amen

Nursery	Ruby	
Reception	Arabella	
Year One	David	Hugo
Year Two	Joseph	Jackson S.
Year Three	Harrison	Austin
Year Four	Violet	Oliver
Year Five	Jacob	Lucianna
Year Six	Whole Class	

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

John 10:10

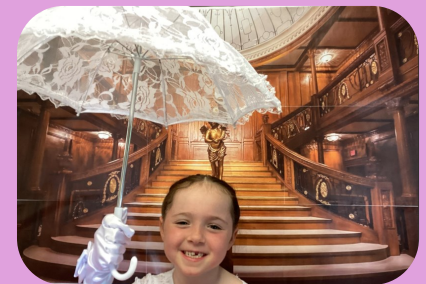
Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic day today learning about all things Titanic.

They started the day inviting their parents on board the ship and wrote messages in a bottle about their journey ahead. Then, it was time to set sail and the children had lots of fun sketching the Titanic and self portraits as well as preparing cucumber sandwiches and Victoria sponge cakes for their tea party in the first class dining room. They worked in teams to defeat icebergs and unscramble the letters inside them to uncover a word linked to the Titanic.

After that they used Minecraft Education to design the interior of the ship. Including first class living quarters, the swimming pool, gym and more. Out on the deck, they enjoyed playing shuffleboard and finished their day with their tea party and writing acrostic poems about the Titanic.

They even stayed in character during lunchtime, playing their roles onboard the ship!



Little Explorers

Little Explorer's are focusing on the story of 'Shark In The Park' this week. They enjoyed a little walk to the park to hunt for some sharks. They used the telescopes they had made and found lots of them! They then had lots of fun playing on the park.



Year 5 Football

On Wednesday evening, Year 5 took part in the Cluster Football Competition at Bishop Rawstorne.

The competition consisted of a number of matches against other local schools on a lovely summer's evening! They played phenomenally well against mostly Year 6 teams and showed excellent skill, determination and sportsmanship. As always, they made us very proud.

Well done Team St Mary's!



Mr Gatefield

We're really sad to announce that Mr Gatefield will be leaving us next Friday, as he is going back to his old career of working in a residential children's home. He has worked with all children across the school over the past 4 years and we will remember him fondly for his forest school sessions, his legendary connect 4 battles in ACE Club and who could forget his cameo role as Goliath in Year 6's class worship a few years ago.

We all wish Mr Gatefield the very best of luck as he moves on to his next chapter. We will all miss him greatly.
Good Luck Mr Gatefield!



Year 6 Robinwood Residential

Year 6 have had the most amazing three days at Robinwood Outdoor Activity Centre in this glorious weather!

Please see next week's newsletter for a full write up of all of their adventures and many more photos.



School Games Platinum Award

We are delighted to announce that again, Eccleston St. Mary's CE have achieved the School Games Platinum Mark Award for the 2024/25 academic year!

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.



We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport including participation in Extra-Curricular Sports and Competitions. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

Well done to Team Eccleston St. Mary's CE!

Sunny Weather

Please remember to put sun cream on your child and send them into school with a sun hat, while this beautiful weather continues.



Win £1,000 for your school's library



Nominate your school to #rebuildthelibrary and you could win a £100

National Book Token for yourself!

Our annual schools prize gives five schools across the

UK and Ireland the chance to win **£1,000 in National Book Tokens** so they can fill their library shelves with new books. Each winning school will also receive **£300 in cash** to make improvements to their library space, making it fun and welcoming for all.

Follow the link below for more information and how to enter.

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize>



Upcoming Dates

Sunday 22nd June	1.30pm	Walking Day (please note school will not be 'walking' this year)
Monday 23rd June	9.00-3.00pm	Lancashire Games—pupils from Y6
Monday 23rd June	9.00-10.45am	NSPCC Assemblies Y2, Y5 & Y6
Tuesday 24th June	9.05am	Open the Book
Wednesday 25th June	All Day	YN & YR Windmill Farm Trip
Wednesday 25th June	6.00-8.00pm	Y5 & Y6 Swimming Gala (All Seasons, Chorley)
Thursday 26th June	9.00-3.00pm	Konflux Theatre Recycling Workshop Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 & Y6
Friday 27th June	9.00am	SODA Y3
Friday 27th June	4.30-7.30pm	Joyfest
Monday 30th June	10.30am	Y6 Leavers' Service (St George's Church, Chorley)
Tuesday 1st July	All Day	SRE Y6 & Y6
Tuesday 1st July	All Day	Y4 Trip Grosvenor Museum Chester
Thursday 3rd July	AM	Move Up Morning/ Bishop Rawstone Taster Day
Friday 4th July	9.00am	SODA Y4

Letters Home

Y6 Lancashire Games—Letter Y5 & Y6 Swimming Gala—Letter
Whole School Summer Holiday Club—Flyer

Sports and Social Clubs

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



Friday
27th June
4.30pm - 7.30pm

Joyfest for Hannah



Eccleston St Mary's
CE Primary School

Bouncy Castles

Silent disco

Giant bubbles

Raffle

Games and stalls

BBQ

Citrus Wagons Bar

Ice cream van

Live entertainment

And lots more!!



Come and join the fun, remember the joy Hannah brought
and help raise money towards her memorial garden.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about OFCOM MEDIA REPORT 2025

Every year, Ofcom releases its Children and Parents: Media Use and Attitudes Report, offering fresh insights into how young people are using digital platforms. The 2025 edition highlights key safeguarding concerns as children's engagement with social media, gaming, and live streaming continues to grow. This guide pulls out the top statistics from the report, focussing on the main areas of concern for parents and educators.

ONLINE LIVES

Children are engaging with social media and online content at increasing rates:

37%
3-5s

now have access to social media platforms; however, only a small proportion use it independently of parents.

79%
3-17s

have a social media profile, with 16% including a public photo.

66%
3-17s

watch livestreamed videos regularly, with 16% of them streaming their own content.

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ONLINE GAMING

Gaming remains popular but raises concerns:

74%

of children say they play with someone they know, while 32% report playing with strangers.

62%

of parents worry about their children talking to strangers while gaming.

31%

of children who game online chat with people they don't know.

PARENTAL CONCERNS

Parents are increasingly worried about online risks:

70%

fear their child may see age-inappropriate or sexual content.

68%

fear exposure to content that promotes self-harm.

72%

worry about their child distinguishing real from fake information.

61%

worry about exposure to extreme views.

69%

are concerned about online bullying.

SCREEN TIME

Screen time is still a major challenge for parents:

70%

of parents of 13-17s say it's difficult to manage screen time.

33%

of 8-17s think their own screen time is too high.

At 29% vs 24%

Boys were more likely than girls to disagree that their screen time is too high.

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HARMFUL CONTENT & INTERACTIONS

A significant minority of children continue to have negative feelings about social media and messaging apps:

Nearly four in ten 8-17s

believe that people are mean or unkind to each other online all or most of the time.

Girls aged 8-17

are more likely than boys to say they have experienced someone being nasty or hurtful to them online (31%).

One third of teenagers

agree that it's important that people can say what they want online, even if it offends someone.

85%

ONLINE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS

Positively, the vast majority of children reported learning about online safety at school:

92%

of children aged 8-17 recall at least one lesson on online safety and most report finding them useful.

The top three topics covered are:

63%

how to recognise harmful content.

63%

how to keep personal information safe.

62%

being kind and respectful online.

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