



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

Dear Lord,

As we come together for our Joyfest today, we remember our friend, Hannah.

As we celebrate her life, we want to say thank you for all the joy she brought us—for the fun and laughter and all the happy times we shared.

Please surround all her family and friends in your love. Help them to find comfort in the knowledge that we all loved her dearly and thoughts of her will always make us smile.

Amen

Nursery	Harvey	
Reception	Reggie	
Year One	Caiden	
Year Two	Maisie	
Year Three	Hugh	Fearne
Year Four	Starssi	Teddy
Year Five	Tilly	Sebastian
Year Six	Alex Ca	Jacob

WINNING HOUSE THIS WEEK

LOSTOCK

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

John 10:10

Year 6 Robinwood Residential

Y6 spent three days at Robinwood Outdoor Activity Centre, near Wrexham, last week!

Against a backdrop of unbroken sunshine, the children challenged themselves, faced their fears, and had lots of fun, of course, across a variety of different activities. These included Archery, Caving, Zip Wire, Canoeing, Raft Building, the Giant Swing and so many more!

Everyone had a fantastic time and —no doubt—created memories to last a lifetime.

Well done, Y6! All the accompanying staff were so proud of each and every one of you for your have-a-go attitude and the pure delight you showed in every activity. Thank you!

Lots more photos are now available to view in the Gallery section of the school website!



Little Explorers and Reception Class Trip

Nursery and Reception had a fabulous time at Windmill Farm this week.

We loved learning about lots of different farm animals during our tour of the farm. We also enjoyed bottle feeding the lambs and goats, a fun train ride around the farm, petting the guinea pigs and touching a range of critters. We also enjoyed playing in the soft indoor area, the outside area and on the tractors.

We had lots of fun!



Lancashire Sings

The school choir joined with other schools from Lancashire last week to take part in 'Lancashire Sings 2025'. They all sang beautifully and represented St Mary's brilliantly. Thank you to our parents and grandparents who came to support us.

If you weren't able to come, the choir will be performing the songs again on Tuesday 1st July after school and you are welcome to join us.



Open the Book



It was lovely to welcome the 'Open The Book' team to school on Tuesday who, with the help of some Year 5 pupils, performed the story of The Good Samaritan.

Thank you and well done to everyone involved.

Lancashire School Games

On Monday, 2 groups of Year 6 children attended the Lancashire School Games.

The girls took part in Girls' Football, enjoying playing matches against schools from all across Lancashire in friendly competitions. The boys took part in an Orienteering Competition and came 2nd place for the whole of Lancashire. In the afternoon, they then enjoyed a bit of dancing in the sunshine.

They had a fantastic day and represented our school and Team Chorley excellently.

Well done Year 6 - go Team St Mary's!



Swimming Gala

It was 'medals galore' at Wednesday night's Swimming Gala! Children from Year 4, 5 and 6 competed against other Chorley schools in a number of different swimming races. A huge **congratulations** to Lucas with 3rd in Butterfly; Imogen with 2nd in Butterfly; Thea with 2nd in Freestyle; Ted with 2nd in Freestyle; Katie with 2nd in Back Stroke; Thomas with 2nd in Breast Stroke; Rohan with 1st in Back Stroke and Tallulah with 1st in Breast Stroke. They demonstrated excellent skill and cheered each other on so well.

As well as individual races, they also took part in relays. Thomas, Katie, Ted and Thea came 2nd in the Freestyle Relay. Then Lucas, Rohan, Tallulah and Imogen came 1st in the Medley Relay. The whole team of 8 then competed in the Canon Relay, coming first in their heat! Well done to all of our swimmers - we're very proud of them all. **Go Team St Mary's!**



Recycling Workshops

On Thursday, Year 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 took part in a Recycling Theatre Workshop put on by Konflux Theatre. They learned all about materials that can be recycled and how they could be reused. They also learned about the harm of pollutants in the air and rubbish in the oceans in a fun and interactive way, through role play.



Upcoming Dates

Monday 30th June	10.30am	Y6 Leavers' Service (St George's Church, Chorley)
Tuesday 1st July	All Day	SRE Y5 & Y6
Tuesday 1st July	3.30pm	Choir Performance for Parents and Friends (Please join us)
Tuesday 1st July	All Day	Y4 Trip Grosvenor Museum Chester
Thursday 3rd July	AM	Move Up Morning 1/ Bishop Rawstorne Academy Taster Day Y6
Friday 4th July	9.00am	SODA Y4 (Please join us)
Wednesday 9th July	9.00am	Y1 & Y2 Worship at Church
Wednesday 9th July	5.30-7.30pm	Y5 Maths Challenge (Southlands High School)
Thursday 10th July	AM	Move up Morning 2
Thursday 10th July	After School	Cluster Rounders Y6 (Eccleston Primary, Doctors Lane)
Thursday 10th July	6.15-8.30pm	Y6 Maths Challenge (Bishop Rawstorne Academy)
Friday 11th July	9.00am	SODA Y5
Friday 11th July	3.20-4.30pm	PTFA Infant Disco
Friday 11th July	4.45-6.00pm	PTFA Junior Disco
Monday 14th July	9.00am	Y6 Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 15th July	2.00pm	Y6 Leavers' Performance
Tuesday 15th July	6.00pm	Y6 Leavers' Performance
Thursday 17th July	1.45-2.45pm	Y6 Leavers' Assembly
Friday 18th July	2pm	Break up for Summer holidays

Letters Home

Y6 Leavers' Service—Letter

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

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EMOJIS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

An emoji like 🍷 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.

SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE

When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like 'mid' or 'delulu' may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.

RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji (👤) once signified awkwardness but might now be repurposed for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.

Emojis are more than playful expressions — they form a fast-evolving digital language that many adults struggle to decode. For young people, this 'secret code' is central to how they communicate identity, humour and emotions. With over 5 billion emojis sent daily on Facebook Messenger alone, understanding these symbols is key to engaging meaningfully with digital youth.

MASKING DISTRESS OR HARM

Some emojis are used to discreetly signal troubling behaviours. For instance, 🍂 (falling leaves emoji) or 💊 (pill emoji) might suggest drug use, while 🌧️ (wilted flower emoji) could hint at emotional struggles. Such usage can obscure serious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect.

NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Emojis can make harmful actions seem light-hearted or fashionable. Strings like 🔥🍷🍷 (fire + 'woozy' face + pill emojis) may appear humorous but can reference partying, intoxication or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LEARN THE LINGO

Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like emojipedia.org or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.

CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION

Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.

ASK, DON'T ASSUME

Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted "What does 🍷 (juice box emoji) mean these days?" can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge.

PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE

While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to — not just someone who's watching them.

EMOJI CHEAT SHEET - The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples - please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list.

COMMON EMOJIS:

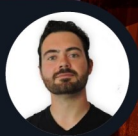
🤡 (Clown face) Foolishness or clowning around	🙄 (Pleading face) Over-affectionate or 'simping'
😎 (Cool face) Cool, stylish or ruthless	👁️ (Eyes) Watching drama unfold
😍 (Hot face) Intense attraction or excitement	🐐 (Goat) Greatest of all time (G.O.A.T.)
😐 (Moai) Stone-faced, unbothered	💅 (Nails) Confidence, sassiness, or indifference
👑 (Crown) 'Slaying', as in doing great	🚩 (Triangular flag) Red flag; a warning sign about someone's behaviour

POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS

🍷 (Ear of corn) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms)	🌧️ (Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness
❄️ (Snowflake, snowman, snow cloud) Can symbolise cocaine	🐍 (Snake) Can represent betrayal or being 'two-faced'
🔑 (Key, lying face) Related to cocaine use	🔫 (Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm
🍂 (Falling leaves, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis	⚠️ (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil
💊 (Pill) May reference drug use or prescription misuse	🍜 (Steaming bowl) Refers to nudes ('noods' is an abbreviation of noodles)

Meet Our Expert

Keith Broni is a globally renowned emoji expert and the Editor in Chief of emojipedia.org, the world's number one emoji resource. He has an MSc in Business Psychology from University College London and an MBA from Quantic School of Business and Technology.



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