SCHOOL NEWS

Our Motto:
Believe & Achieve

Our Mission Statement:
Through Jesus we love, learn and grow

Prayer

In this week when we welcomed our new Reception Class into school for the first time and our Y6 children attended taster days at high school, we pray for beginnings and endings.

God of all beginnings, endings, and in-betweens, thank you for the lessons learned in the past and for the promise of new beginnings. Grant us the grace to navigate transitions with faith and resilience. May we find your presence in every moment, knowing that you are with us always.

Amen.

Nursery	**Ronnie**	
Reception	**Aurora**	
Year One	**Nyla**	
Year Two	**Claudia**	
Year Three	**Henry**	**Freddie**
Year Four	**Lola**	**Robert**
Year Five	**Emilia**	**Ella**
Year Six	**Alex Cr.**	**Ted**

WINNING HOUSE THIS WEEK

YARROW

Please click to find out more about our school

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

John 10:10

Joyfest

Lola, Olivia and Amelia— Hannah's closest friends— cut the ribbon and then it was fun, fun, fun all the way at our Joyfest for Hannah last Friday evening!

Thank you to everyone who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to bring everything together and to everyone who came along to make it such a wonderful event and— hopefully—a fitting tribute to a very special little girl.

Please see more photos on the next page.

Joyfest total —£4103.90

We are still receiving donations, which we will add to the money raised from our other fundraising events, and hope to announce an amazing Grand Total before we break up for the summer!

Thank You!

A huge thank you to the following people and businesses, who very kindly donated raffle prizes, sponsored events and made donations, to help make our Joyfest Summer Fair a truly fantastic event!

Dance Talent	Two Birds Tea Room Heskin Hall	Cavendish Nuclear
Reel Cinema	Odyssey Motor Homes	Berrys
Annies Kitchen	Francos Restaurant	Anwyl Homes
Euxton Mills	Cherry Tree Restaurant	Laura Hart-Hyrox
Gill Wright	Thyme on the Yarrow	Joyce Fenton
Jane Baron	N & K Harvey Funerals	Danny Howard
Elsie's Story	Lou Barker Wellbeing	Citrus Wagon
Mandy Ashcroft	Galloways Bakery	Outpost Bakery
DB Dress Agency	Croston Plumbing	Blanket Box
Caffe Manna	First Strokes Swimming	Bamfords Guns
Vivienne Jones	The Wheatsheaf– Croston	Everfine Installations
Raynor Dance	Hepplestone Fine Art	Blossom Lane
Elevate Physiotherapy	Sarah at Heskin Hall Shopping Village	

Joyfest

Year 6

On Monday, our Year 6 children joined pupils from across the Blackburn Diocese for a special service at St George's Church in Chorley.

The service was both reflective and uplifting, as we came together in praise to celebrate the children's achievements at primary school and to look ahead with faith and hope to the exciting new chapter that awaits them at high school.

Year 1

Year 1 are really enjoying learning all about The Great Fire of London! As part of their Design and Technology work, they designed and built a model of a house from Pudding Lane where the fire started. They have had a fantastic week creating them and enjoyed singing "London's Burning" with their houses.

Well done Year 1!

ACE Club

Please note, from September, we have new charges / terms to Breakfast and After School Club bookings.

Breakfast Club
7.45 am – 8.45 am.
There is a healthy choice of cereal or toast and a drink.
The children are kept busy with crafts and quiet games.
Each session costs £6.00 per child
Breakfast Club bookings can be made in advance and up to 7.30 am on the morning required. Please note, a late booking charge of £1.00 will be applied if you contact school to book after this time.

After School Club
3.20 pm – 6.00 pm
There is a healthy choice of snacks and drinks.
The children are kept busy with indoor and outdoor activities.
Each session costs
£3.00 per child for early pickup – until 4.00 pm (no snack and drink)
£8.50 per child until 6.00 pm
After School Club bookings can be made in advance and up to 11.30 am on the day required. Please note, a late booking charge of £1.00 will be applied if you contact school to book after this time.

If you cancel on the School Spider app more than 24 hours in advance, a credit will be applied to your account. Any changes to bookings within 24 hours will not be credited.

Guitar Lessons

There will be a beginners guitar / ukulele group starting in September on Mondays at 12.00pm..The lessons will be provided by Carmel Galea who teaches at many local Primary and High Schools.

Beginner's guitar/ukulele letters have gone out to the present pupils in Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5.

Should anyone require extra letters please email **carmel@cmg-guitars.co.uk** or ask at the school office.

Year 4

Year 4 had a very exciting day on Tuesday at Grosvenor Museum in Chester. We marched through Chester to the amphitheatre and practised various formations ready for battle!

We also had the chance to explore lots of different Roman artefacts and learn what life was like during the Roman Empire.

Swimming Team

We are thrilled to announce that Eccleston St Mary's have won the Swimming Gala! There were 17 schools from Chorley competing over 2 evenings.

They had the highest number of points overall and had the fastest time in the Canon Relay, which is a relay swimming race with all 8 children taking part.

We are so incredibly proud of them all and both trophies will look fantastic in our trophy cabinet.

Go Team St Mary's!

Upcoming Dates

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	1.45pm	Y6 Leavers' Assembly
Friday 18th July	2pm	Break up for Summer holidays

Please note, the planned visit to church for Y1 and Y2 on 9th July has been postponed as Fr Jordan is on holiday.

School will re-open for pupils on Tuesday 2nd September at 8.45 am

Letters Home

Whole School PTFA Junior/Infant Discos—Letter

Whole School Move Up Mornings/Transition—Letter

Y6 Cluster Rounders Tournament—Letter

YR to Y5 Applying for Free School Meals—Letter

Whole School ACE Club—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
GENERATIVE AI SAFETY

Generative AI tools – such as ChatGPT – are now commonly used by children. In fact, 3 in 4 pupils in the 2024 Annual Literacy Survey reported using generative AI, up from just 2 in 5 the previous year. While these tools can boost learning and creativity, they also raise concerns around misinformation, privacy and overuse. This guide explores the key risks and how to support safe use.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISINFORMATION AND ACCURACY

✔ Real
✘ Fake

Generative AI can sometimes produce false or misleading content. Children – and even adults – may assume the information is accurate and trustworthy. This can affect learning and understanding of important topics. It's vital to teach children to critically assess all information, even when it comes from AI.

EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

CENSORED

Because generative AI is trained on vast datasets from across the internet, there is a chance it may occasionally generate harmful or inappropriate content. Without supervision, children could encounter disturbing or unsuitable material. Active monitoring and clear usage boundaries can help reduce this risk.

PRIVACY AND DATA SECURITY

Some AI tools ask for personal details or store users' interactions. If privacy settings are not correctly configured, children's personal data could be exposed or misused. Teaching good digital hygiene and setting strong privacy controls is essential for protecting children online.

REDUCED CRITICAL THINKING

Relying too heavily on AI-generated responses may reduce children's willingness to think independently. If they consistently use AI to solve problems or complete tasks, it could impact their ability to reason, analyse and form their own ideas. Encouraging thoughtful reflection is key.

DIGITAL DEPENDENCY

Regular use of generative AI can contribute to increased screen time and less real-world interaction. If left unmanaged, it may affect physical activity levels, sleep, and social development. Striking a healthy balance between online and offline activities is important for wellbeing.

UNCLEAR ETHICAL BOUNDARIES

Children may not fully understand the ethical implications of using AI to complete homework or creative tasks. This can lead to unintentional plagiarism or dishonest academic practices. Conversations around responsible use and academic honesty are crucial.

ALL THE ANSWERS
MATHS
12+12 = 1212
NEWS
IDEAS

Advice for Parents & Educators

ESTABLISH CLEAR GUIDELINES

Set clear, age-appropriate rules for when and how generative AI can be used. Reinforce these regularly to help children develop a healthy, respectful and informed relationship with the technology.

PROMOTE ACTIVE SUPERVISION

Keep an eye on how the children in your care use AI tools. Check in regularly to ensure they're using them appropriately and be ready to step in if something doesn't feel right.

ENCOURAGE CRITICAL EVALUATION

Help children to question the accuracy of AI-generated information and seek out additional trusted sources. This builds essential digital literacy skills and supports better decision-making.
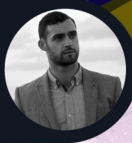
ENHANCE PRIVACY AWARENESS

Talk to children about the importance of keeping personal information private. Make sure privacy settings are in place and explain how data shared with AI tools could be used.

Meet Our Expert

Brendan O'Keeffe, Deputy Headmaster and Director of Digital Strategy at Eaton House Schools, has extensive expertise in digital safety, safeguarding, and generative AI in education. As an author and speaker on digital literacy and online safety for institutions such as The National College, Brendan guides parents and educators in creating safe digital learning environments.

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