



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—here at St. Mary's we love our sport and this week's prayer reflects that

Dear God,

As so many wonderful sporting events are currently taking place including Wimbledon, the Women's Euros, Test Cricket and the upcoming British Open Golf, we thank you for the gift of sport.

We thank you for the physical and mental benefits it brings, for the lasting friendships forged, and for the lessons learned in both victory and defeat.

Help us to remember that all our talents and abilities come from you and let us be thankful for all the joy our different gifts can bring.

Amen

| Nursery | Margot | Coco |
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| Reception | Whole Class | |
| Year One | April | Henry |
| Year Two | Leo | |
| Year Three | Jack | Poppy |
| Year Four | Henry | Florence |
| Year Five | Lillia | Saoirse |
| Year Six | Emily | Nyla |

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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

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|--------|-----------|--------|---------|-----------|
| Year 6 | Alex Ca. | Leah | Jacob | Thomas F. |
| Year 5 | Thomas B. | Raegan | Sofia | Elliott |
| Year 4 | Zach | Bodhi | | |
| Year 1 | Hunter | Archie | Stanley | |

Silver certificates are awarded for gaining 100 house points.

SILVER

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|--------|----------|---------|--------|------------|
| Year 6 | Alex Cr. | Anna | Sophia | William P. |
| Year 3 | Emily | Poppy | Rory | Harrison |
| | Eleanor | Mia | Ally | Pippa |
| Year 2 | Henry | Jackson | Jaxon | |
| Year 1 | April | | | |

Gold certificates are awarded for gaining 200 house points.

GOLD

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| Year 3 | Hugh |
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WINNING HOUSE THIS WEEK

**RIBBLE &
LOSTOCK**

WINNING HOUSE THIS TERM

DOUGLAS

WINNING HOUSE THIS YEAR

YARROW

Year 2

This week, Year 2 have had lots of fun researching, designing, making and evaluating moving vehicles with axles. They had to design a way to convert their shoebox into a moving vehicle. We had lots of designs ranging from tanks to six-wheeled range rovers!

They then used dowelling, wheels, axles and pegs to create vehicles that could move easily. We then tested them with great success!



Rounders Tournament

The Year 5 and 6 rounders team had a fantastic evening of rounders on Thursday night. They played fantastically against other local schools on a very warm afternoon.

Their batting and fielding skills were excellent and their determination was fantastic to see. Although it wasn't a win this time, they still made us incredibly proud.

Go Team St Mary's!



Little Explorers

Little Explorers had a fantastic time at their pre-school leavers party on Thursday.

They enjoyed playing games, a party tea and finished off with a little presentation.

We wish them well on their new adventure into Reception Class!



Y6-Maths Challenge

A team of talented year 6 mathematicians took part in the Bishop Rawstorne Primary Maths Challenge this week.

The team answered several rounds of challenging maths questions before taking part in the infamous 'relay round'.

They were all amazing and represented our school brilliantly - a big thank you to all who participated and to parents for transporting the children and coming along to cheer them on.



Year 6

Year 6 had a fantastic morning playing some football friendly games in the sunshine at Eccleston County Primary School.

They had three matches in total: a boys' team, a girls' team and a mixed team.

All of Year 6 had a fantastic time and enjoyed a bit of friendly competition.



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.

Beginners 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@cmgguitars.co.uk or ask at the school office.

Thank you.



Upcoming Dates

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| 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 |

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

Letters Home

Year 6 End of Year Celebrations—Letter

Year 2 Dinner Payments from September 2025—Letter

Whole School Staffing September 2025—Letter

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

AGE RESTRICTION
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS

YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

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CENSORED

BE WARY OF ADVERTISING

Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

BUY NOW!

DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED

YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION

There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

DATA COLLECTION RISK

While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced journalist with more than 10 years of experience covering the technology industry. Previously a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly is now a freelance journalist, editor, and copywriter. Her bylines include Forbes, TechRadar, Tes, The INQUIRER, The Metro, Uswitch, and WIRED.



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