



# 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

Heavenly Father, as we come to the end of another school year, we thank you for your presence with us throughout these past months.

We thank you for the opportunities we've had to learn and grow, for the challenges we've overcome, and for the friendships we've made.

We thank you for our teachers who have guided us with patience and wisdom.

We thank you for our Y6 Leavers—give them courage and strength as they leave us, ready to begin their next great school adventure.

We ask for your blessing upon us all as we enter the summer holidays.

Keep us safe, grant us rest, and help us to return, refreshed and ready for the new term.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



Wishing our families and friends a wonderful summer.

See you all when school reopens on **Tuesday 2nd September!** 

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

## **School Discos**

What a fantastic time we all had at the Infant and Junior discos last Friday! It was a great opportunity to let our hair down at the end of a busy year and really have some fun with friends.

Thank you to our resident DJ (Mr Lyons!) and to all the members of the PTFA, who planned, organised and supported the events on the day.











## Year 4

We are pleased to announce that there will be a garden at the Chorley Flower Show in memory of Hannah. One of the features of the garden will be wooden hearts, butterflies and dance shoes, decorated by Y4 and the staff. Should you wish to go and see the garden for yourself, the show is on



from 25th-27th July at Astley Park. More details can be found at the show website: https://chorleyflowershow.com/

#### Year 5

To complete their RE unit about Women in the Bible, Year 5 have explored the story of Esther and the Jewish festival Purim.

They've enjoyed making and eating "hamantaschen" biscuits which are eaten as part of the festivities.









# Reception

Reception had the most amazing time in our mini spa experience this week. We started by relaxing in our slippers and dressing gowns whilst listening to the calming music. We then loved having a face mask applied along with cucumbers for our eyes. We then enjoyed having a hand massage from Miss Speck. We had such a lovely and relaxing time at the spa!













# Year 6 Show— 'Joseph and His Coat of Many Colours'

Y6 did us proud on Tuesday as they performed their end of year show. They sang, danced and acted with great enthusiasm and showed wonderful teamwork

as they brought everything together.

Huge thanks go to Mrs Rostron, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Jennings and Miss Ashcroft for all their help behind the scenes. It really was all worth it in the end!

Many more photographs will be available to view on the school website later today.



### **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.

# **Summer Reading**

**Keep Kids Reading All Summer with the Free First News Summer Reading Scheme!** 



Summer is a time for fun and relaxation, but it's also a great opportunity to keep young minds active! We're excited to share that pupils at our school can enjoy **free access** to the **First News Summer Reading Scheme** – a fantastic reading resource available throughout the summer holidays.

## What is the First News Summer Reading Scheme?

This free initiative is open to **all pupils of subscribing schools** (including ours!) and gives children **full digital access** to *First News*, the UK's awardwinning children's newspaper. Through the **First News app**, children can enjoy:

- **Weekly digital editions** of *First News*, packed with exciting, age-appropriate news stories from around the world
- Fun games and puzzles to boost vocabulary, comprehension
- Engaging, trusted content designed to keep children curios, informed and motivated to read

## Why is it important?

Reading over the summer helps children stay on track with their literacy skills and avoid the "summer reading dip." The First News Summer Reading Scheme makes it easy and enjoyable for children to keep reading – and learning – during the break, all while exploring the world around them through real news stories written especially for young readers.

#### How do we access it?

It's simple! Pupils can access First News by clicking on the link below:

https://subscribe.firstnews.co.uk/summer-reading-2025/?
fn=6EF9F06C&utm\_campaign=12131992-Summer%20Reading%
202025&utm\_medium=email&\_hsenc=p2ANqtz9BX2Z6y9OW4KEgvQ0nxivGfjFFgHP6pXqc2ofD2DhgbGG9TqubyLOm8IP5QWic0Y2F339a7Ga8HRUD7ub5yV6ABEj5tmwdLVFzUv2rEqBq36yJ1c&\_hsmi=362766559&utm\_content=362766559&utm\_source=hs\_automation

Let's make this summer one full of stories, surprises and discovery – all with the help of *First News*!

# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators YING SAFE AROUND WATER

LIFEGUARD

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

### 1) STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS

It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained to respond swiftly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.

#### 2 LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS

When going to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signage before entering the water. If visiting the seaside, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and when they can enter the sea.

## 3 STOP AND THINK

Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what hazards could be underneath. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water from a height, as what lurks below could cause serious injuries.

# CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Tragedies strike when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly; instead, ensure that they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit easily if needed.

#### 5 INFLATABLE SAFETY

Although inflatables may seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further out from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in spaces like appropriately managed swimming pools, where they're used in more controlled and supervised environments.

# SUPERVISION IS KEY

For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children can drown quickly and silently; therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain constant watch in case they get into difficulty.

#### 7 DON'T GO TOO FAR

When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. Share advice with them such as only entering water up to a standing depth, and in the case of visiting the beach, swim parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and get out of the water easily.

# 8 KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED

For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathrooms tidy after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, returning lids to hot tubs and taking toys out of baths, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.

#### 9 FLOAT AND CALL 999

If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and call for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should dial 999 or 112 immediately, then shout to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings.

# 10 TEACH WATER SAFETY



#### Meet Our Expert

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water, safely. Water safety education provided in schools is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water.



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