



Eccleston St Mary's C of E Primary School

Newsletter 6 | 10th October 2025

SCHOOL NEWS

Our Motto:
Believe & Achieve

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

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank You for the perfect example of kindness shown through Jesus—how He welcomed the outcasts, forgave the sinners, and healed those hurting, with love and compassion. Please help us to follow His footsteps, showing kindness even when it's difficult. We are sorry for the times that we have been impatient, unkind, or selfish. Forgive us for the moments we've turned away from someone in need. Fill our hearts with gentleness and empathy, so we can bring comfort and hope to others. Please teach us to listen with grace, speak with love, and act with a generous spirit. May Your kindness flow through us each day, shining Your light into the world.

Amen.

☆☆☆ SHINING STARS ☆☆☆

Nursery	Harvey	
Reception	Jasmine	Archie H.
Year One	Ellie	
Year Two	Caiden	Oscar
Year Three	Jackson	Joseph
Year Four	Olly	Max
Year Five	Thea	Zach
Year Six	Francesca	Saoirse

WINNING HOUSE THIS WEEK

DOUGLAS

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about our school

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**"I came to give life—life in
all its fullness."**

John 10:10

Reception Class

This week in Reception Class we have been learning all about our senses. We discussed our five senses and how we use them every day. Reception Class loved completing a range of circle time activities together.

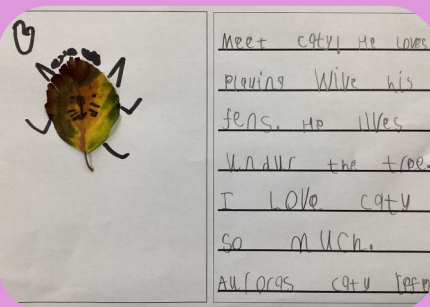
They enjoyed listening to the sounds played on the computer, tasting some sour lemons, smelling the spices hidden in the playdough, looking in the box to discover what we could see and finally putting our hand in the box to describe what we could feel. They had lots of fun!



Year 1

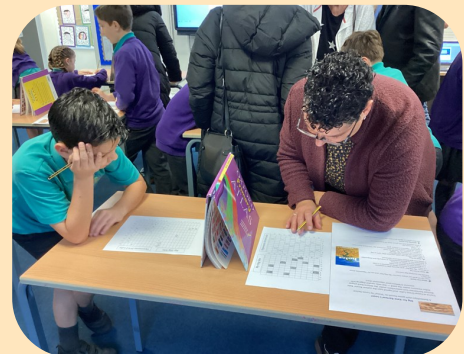
This morning, Year 1 went into Forest School. They observed the trees and noticed that some trees change colour and their leaves turn orange and yellow, but some trees are still green. They then chose their favourite leaf and took it back into class to create a 'leaf monster'. Year 1 then described their leaf monsters using adjectives and saying what their monster likes to do.

We love your creations, Year 1!



Year 5

Year 5 had a fabulous start to the morning with their parents during their SODA session.



They enjoyed a game based on our class novel 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. Some didn't want it to end!

We were thrilled with such a full classroom. Thank you all for coming.

Girls' Football

The Year 6 Girl's Football Team have enthusiastically taken part in the Chorley Sports Partnership Football League at Parklands over the last few weeks. The girls have played brilliantly as a team, tried varied positions and even though they didn't make it to the finals this time, they showed determination throughout!

Well done to everyone involved!



New Parent Governor-Mr Peter Holland

Congratulations to our new parent governor, Mr Peter Holland. We wish him every success in his new role and we are sure he will be an asset to our school family. Thank you to the other candidates who stood for this position and everyone who took the time to cast their vote.



Heyes Boilers—Charity Walk

Congratulations to Heyes Boilers and all of the walkers who took part in a charity walk last weekend, to raise funds for Hannah's memorial garden. They couldn't have picked a worse weekend for a walk—however the rain didn't stop anyone!

Mark and Jo walked on Friday in the worst conditions, from Tewitfield Marina, north of Carnforth, to Lancaster, a total of 13 miles. They were joined by Becky and Rachel on Saturday along with a couple of their friends and walked a further 15 miles, from Lancaster to Garstang. On Sunday there was a much larger group, who walked 17 miles from Garstang to the Ashton Basin.

Mark and Jo are really pleased that so many people could join them on what may have been their toughest challenge yet!

The link to their fundraising page is still open, see below, should anyone wish to donate. We will provide an update with their grand total in due course.

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/heyes-boilers?
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Friday—Lunchtime Disco



Our 'Playground Disco' is always a hit on Fridays! Some were a bit camera shy, but we managed to catch some children mid dance!



Eco Council

Our Eco Council are taking on some gardening and are excited to get stuck in in looking after our school garden. Please could children in the Eco Council bring in wellies or old shoes on Tuesday for gardening. Please could they also bring in some old gloves or gardening gloves if they have them. If not, we have some that the children can use. We are excited to see the transformation over the next few weeks!



School Council

We are always keen for our pupils to share their ideas and make a positive contribution to school life. Therefore, this week we had a special Assembly to share with them all about the School Council opportunities. Please see the poster from Miss Ryan.

This is the children's opportunity to really make a difference so please encourage them to come forward!

School Council at
Eccleston St
Mary's

Year 1
to
Year 6



Please bring
your manifesto
into school no
later than
Monday 13th
October ready
for you to
present this to
your class.

Your manifesto
can be either a
poster or a
speech that
you will deliver
your class.

Election Day- Thursday 16th October



Are you
bursting with
ideas to
improve our
school and
help our
community?



Upcoming Dates

Monday 13th October	8.00am	School Photographs
Thursday 14th October	Lunchtime	FBA Starts
Friday 17th October	8.45-9.15am	SODA Y4
Monday 20th October	11.30am-12.30pm	Y4 Verdes Visit
Monday 20th October	2.00-7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 21st October	9.05-9.30am	Open the Book
Wednesday 22nd October	8.45-10.30am	Y2 & Y3 Worship at Church
Thursday 23rd October	1.30-2.30pm	Y2 Fire Safety Talk
Friday 24th October	8.45—9.15 am	SODA Y3
Friday 24th October	2.00pm	Celebration Assembly (Please join us)

School Closes for Half Term on Friday 24th October at 3.20pm and re-opens on Monday 3rd November at 8.45 am.

Tuesday 4th November	9.30am	NCMP YR & Y6
Wednesday 5th November	1.00pm	School Library Bus Visit
Friday 7th November	9.30am	School Open Morning
Tuesday 11th November	10.45-11.45am	Remembrance Service
Friday 14th November	9.00am	Y3 Class Worship (Please Join Us)
Wednesday 19th November	1.15-3.15pm	Flu Immunisations
Friday 21st November	8.45-9.15am	SODA Y2
Monday 24th November	All Day	Staff INSET Day
Wednesday 26th November	9.00-10.30am	Y5 Worship at Church
Friday 28th November	8.45-9.15am	SODA Y1
Friday 28th November	4.00pm	Winter Wonderland

Upcoming Dates — Cont..

Monday 1st December	1.30 pm	Open Afternoon
Friday 5th December	8.45—9.15am	SODA YR
Tuesday 9th December	9.30am	Infant Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 9th December	2.00pm	Choir Performing for Over 60's Club Bateman Hall
Wednesday 10th December	9.00am-1.00pm	Panto at Winter Gardens
Thursday 11th December	2.00pm	Infant Performance
Thursday 11th December	6.00pm	Infant Performance
Friday 12th December	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 12th December	8.45—9.15 am	SODA - Nursery
Friday 12th December	12.00pm	Christmas Lunch
Friday 12th December	1.30pm	Junior Dress rehearsal
Monday 15th December	2.00pm	Junior Performance
Tuesday 16th December	9.30am	Junior Community Performance
Tuesday 16th December	6.00pm	Junior Performance
Wednesday 17th December	10.00-11.00am	Choir at Caffe Manna (TBC)
Thursday 18th December	9.00am	Junior Christmas Party
Thursday 18th December	1.00pm	Infant Christmas Party
Thursday 18th December	5.30pm	Carol Service St Mary's Church
Friday 19th December	9.00-10.00am	Carol Singing

**School Closes for Christmas on Friday 19th December at 2.00pm
and reopens at 8.45am on Monday 5th January**

School Photographer

Don't forget, the photographer will be in school this coming Monday—13th October—to take family and individual photographs.



Sports and Social Clubs

Monday	Guitar Lessons KS2	Lunchtime
Tuesday	Judo Club	8.00-8.45pm
Tuesday	Multi Sports Club	3.20-4.20pm
Thursday	Spanish Club-All Years	8.00-8.45am
Thursday	Fantastic Book Awards	Lunchtime
Friday	Brass Club	3.20-4.15pm

Parents' Evening

Parents' evening is on **Monday 20th October**.
Appointments are now live to book on your Spider App.
The booking system will close at 12.00pm on Monday 20th October.



Our pre-loved uniform sale will be in the hall for you to purchase, during Parents' Evening, along with an honesty box for cash donations.

If anyone is looking out for particular items and can't make the sale, please let us know by emailing, ecclestonstmarysptfa@gmail.com

Stop Press—We have been notified by Badgers of Heskin, that they have received a delivery today, and now have a full range of our school uniform in stock. They would like to apologise for the delays and for any inconvenience this has caused for our families.

**SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS
PRIMARY**



APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2026

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

School transport 
If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code. 

CLOSING DATE
15 January 2026

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County Council 

**SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS
SECONDARY
SOUTH**



Do you have a child starting secondary school in September 2026 and living in Lancashire?

Closing date: 31 October 2025

You **must** apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school.

Apply for a school place now by scanning the QR code or visit lancashire.gov.uk/schools 

 If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, please check the guidance on our website, or call **01772 532109**.

HAVE YOUR SAY
Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs. To find out more please visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces and click 'school admission policies'.

lancashire.gov.uk >>>> **Lancashire**
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Jellybeans

Our Jellybeans sessions are held every **Thursday at 10.00 am** by our Pre-school Lead, Mrs Kamel and our Reception Class teacher, Miss Ryan.

They look forward to seeing you each week, for a fun filled hour of songs, stories and games, and love to welcome new parents and children!







HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB!

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

ECCLESTON ST MARYS C.E PRIMARY SCHOOL
THE GREEN, ECCLESTON, CHORLEY, PR7 5TE

PRICE: £26 PER DAY OR £110 FULL COURSE | 50% DISCOUNT FOR ANY EXTRA SIBLING
 1 WEEK COURSE RUNNING 27TH | 28TH | 29TH | 30TH | 31ST OCTOBER
 TIMES: 8:30AM - 4:00PM

BOOK NOW TO SECURE YOUR PLACE AT WWW.JMCOACHINGACADEMY.CO.UK OR SCAN QR CODE BELOW



WHAT TO EXPECT

MULTI SPORTS GAMES | FOOTBALL | GOLF
 | HANDBALL | DODGEBALL | BASKETBALL |
 FRISBEE | FUTSAL | NETBALL | ATHLETICS
 GAMES | STRIKE & FIELD GAMES | CLASSIC
 HOLIDAY CLUB GAMES | AND MUCH MORE

FURTHER INFO CONTACT
JORDAN: 07896030716

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St Mary's School Open Days

You are warmly invited to come along to our school open days.

During the remaining sessions on the 7th November and 1st December you will be able to visit each of our classrooms whilst lessons are in progress and speak, not only to staff, but to the pupils too.

Staff and governors will be on hand to guide you around and answer any queries you may have. Mrs Birchall, our headteacher, will also be available to speak to you, should you have anything you wish to discuss.

We look forward to showing you around our wonderful school!



OPEN DAY

You are warmly invited to visit
Eccleston St Mary's CE Primary School
 and
Little Explorers Nursery

Thursday 2 nd October	4.30 - 6.00pm
Friday 7 th November	9.30 - 11.00am
Monday 1 st December	1.30 - 3.00pm

Meet our
Headteacher,
Mrs Birchall

Visit our
classrooms

See lessons
in action

Chat with our
friendly staff
and pupils

Enjoy
refreshments
in the school
hall

Our school is a very special place where children are happy in their learning with endless exciting opportunities.



For more information please email bursar@st-marys-eccleston.lancs.sch.uk or phone 01257 451317

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 26

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AN ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE

As was the case with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it, the franchise rolls out once a year with updated squads and new features. This can make it expensive to keep up with, particularly when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.

VOICE CHAT

Voice chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against. While it can be switched off, some children will no doubt want to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which can expose them to inappropriate language or behaviours.

IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC, letting players spend real money on packs that they can open to build a squad of the world's best players. They're not always easy to obtain, and new, improved versions of players will be regularly added as limited-time offerings. Young people could feel pressured into spending money and experience fear of missing out.

SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from looking to dupe players out of money and in-game coins. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, while others will 'sell' coins - something the developer is still working to crack down on. Some try to gain access to others' accounts, potentially giving them access to payment information.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

While EA Sports FC is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and mirroring of the real-world skill and glamour of football, Ultimate Team's focus on limited-time rewards and the lottery of winning packs can make it feel closer to gambling than gaming, which may lead to addiction and impulsive spending of money.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR

The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to incentivise good behaviour at the start of term. If children are applying themselves and preparing for a new year of school, or were particularly well behaved in the summer, EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.

LIMIT SPENDING

If you're worried about children accidentally spending real money in Ultimate Team, whether in game or on the EA Sports FC companion app, don't link a payment card to their account. Reclaiming funds can be a mountain to climb, and the dopamine hit of opening flashy packs with slick animations means one purchase can lead to another very quickly. It's also worth adding a prepaid card if you'd prefer them to make their own choices with their budget.

MONITOR VOICE CHAT

As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

BE VIGILANT

As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager application to keep them secure. EA will never contact players through the game itself, so be vigilant with incoming messages, and block and report suspected spam. EA will contact players by email if needed, but they will never ask for usernames or passwords. Players should also avoid buying in-game currency from unofficial websites - doing so can lead to accounts being banned and could cost players money in the process.

Meet Our Expert

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