



Eccleston C.E. Aided Primary School

"Let your light shine" - Matthew 5:16

Friday 25th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have had the Poulton and Pulford History group in awarding prizes for their 'Local History' competition. Congratulations to the runners up, Audrey, Bianca, Dylan, Oscar, Maria, Eden and Florence. And Congratulations to the winners Rupert, Meredith, Henri, Zachari, Rose, Hallie and Arthur! There were some great themes to the pieces of work and the effort was very clear - we're all very proud of the entrants.

Wednesday was St George's Day where children were allowed to wear their Scout Uniform to help them earn a badge. The Year 4 parents were invited to a Multiplication Tables Check meeting to better understand this assessment later on in the year.

On Thursday, all classes had a free tennis taster session from Play Point Sports. The coach was absolutely superb and the children thoroughly enjoyed the session. Reception and year 6 also had their height and weight checks and Badgers had their first swimming session at City Baths.

This morning, Badgers have their first Wings of the Sky Session. Matt Baker (composer of the piece) is working with us and two other schools to take part as a combined chorus in this exciting new piece of musical theatre to mark refugee week. As the prelude to Refugee Week 2025, unique musical play called Wings of the Sky will be performed by 60 youth theatre performers and the University Choir beneath the Peace Doves installation in Chester Cathedral. The story will explore the complexity of loss, welcome and difference experienced by marginalised communities in our city. There will be over 250 participants in the development and final production, of which over a third will have lived experience of starting a new life in a different culture, using a new language. More details to follow.

Congratulations to Rebecca Grieve as this month's 50/50 winner!

On Wednesday 30th April next week, Natalie Sheldon-Bain has very kindly offered to come and have a go at tidying up the grounds - weeding, brushing up etc. If anyone else is available, your help would be greatly appreciated to spruce up our outdoor area before the summer season. Please bring your trowels etc for the end of the day. Unfortunately, Mr Christmas and I are on a training course so can't attend but we want to go ahead while the weather is nice. Thank you in advance.

On Friday next week, Rabbits class are having a Sing and Sign session looking at how deaf people communicate with their hands.

All classes have now started our new Pathways to Write scheme this week and the feedback so far has been very positive!

VE Day 80th Anniversary Celebration - We are currently planning a special event in partnership with Rev'd Steve Torr from St Mary's Church to mark the 80th Anniversary of VE Day on Thursday, May 8th. With Badgers' swimming lessons taking place that day, we are considering a service at 2:45 pm, followed by tea and cake at the church (or in the school hall if the weather is poor). More details will be shared after Easter.

We're committed to encouraging a love of reading, and I want to say ***a huge thank you*** to all the parents who have contributed to our school through the Amazon Wishlist. Your support means a lot, and I invite anyone else who wants to help to check out the links.

Rabbits Book List Feb 2025

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1I897FJMQMWUF?ref=wl_share

Squirrels Book List Feb 2025

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/35M25S6ATS4W7?ref=wl_share

Badgers Book List Feb 2025

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2BE352IVA61LA?ref=wl_share

Foxes Book List Feb 2025

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1PU19GF7UT0QS?ref=wl_share

Best regards,

Kathryn Rees-Wright

Headteacher

Dates

Thursday May 8th - Collective Worship at St Mary's lead by Rev'd Torr

Tuesday 6th May - class group photographs

Wednesday 7th May - Badgers Anglo Saxon Workshop at Tattenhall – more details to follow

Thursday 8th May – VE Day 80th Anniversary Celebration

Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May Year 6 SATS assessments

Sunday 18th May - Messy Church 10.45am at Eccleston

Tuesday 20th May - Jeanette Howe in leading Worship

Wednesday 21st May – Years 2, 5 and 6 free NSPCC Speak Out. Stay Safe workshops

Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May – May Half Term

Monday 2nd June - INSET Day

Tuesday 3rd June – Children return to school

Thursday 5th June – Rabbits Class Trip to Delamere

Friday 6th June 1pm – Y6 at Overleigh St Mary's for award-winning online safety production, 'The Snap Trap'

Wednesday 11th June – Sports Day

Sunday 15th June - Messy Church 10.45am at Pulford

Monday 16th – Friday 22nd June Refugee Week – Community Moomin house competition – more details to follow.

Tuesday 17th June - Collective Worship at St Mary's lead by Rev'd Torr

Week beginning 23rd June – Parents Evening

Tuesday 24th June - Jeanette Howe in leading Worship

Wednesday 25th June – Sports Day Reserve

Monday 30th June – Wednesday 2nd July – Badgers Residential to Condoval Hall

Friday 4th July in the afternoon and Tuesday 8th July in the morning – Move up to New Class Transition Day

Thursday 10th July at 10.30am – Y6 Primary Leavers Service at Chester Cathedral

Wednesday 16th July to Thursday 17th July – Squirrels residential to Burwardsley

Sunday 20th July - Messy Church 10.45am at Eccleston

Tuesday 22nd July – Last Day and Y6 Leavers' Service lead by Rev'd Torr

Sunday 17th August – Messy Church Picnic in Eccleston Church Garden 10.45am

Sunday 21st September - Messy Church 10.45am at Pulford

Sunday 19th October - Messy Church 10.45am at Eccleston

Sunday 16th November - Messy Church 10.45am at Pulford

Sunday 21st December - Messy Church 10.45am at Eccleston

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