



Eccleston C.E. Aided Primary School

"Let your light shine" - Matthew 5:16

Friday 19th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Reception children have had a wonderful start to school life and have settled in brilliantly during their very first full week. We are so proud of how well they have adapted and the enthusiasm they have shown.

On Wednesday 17th September, our pupils enjoyed a live-streamed science lesson from the Xplore! Science Discovery Centre. The session was packed with exciting demonstrations, including elephants' toothpaste, fire tornadoes, infrared cameras and vacuum chambers! It was an awe-inspiring and educational experience for our learners.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Lisa Smith as the new Teaching Assistant in Foxes Class. Mrs Smith brings a wealth of experience in supporting children, particularly those with dyslexia, and we are excited to have her on the team.

The PTA will be holding an information desk with forms and a calendar of events for the year ahead. Do stop by, sign up to the 50/50 Club, and find out how you can get involved. The PTA plays a vital role in both fundraising and creating enjoyable experiences for our children, and they are always keen to welcome new members.

This week we held our first IEP Parents' Evening. Parents of children with SEND came in to discuss their child's targets and focus areas for the year ahead. Thank you to all who attended.

Today we celebrated Jeans for Genes Day and are delighted to share that we raised £74.50. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this important cause.

Tomorrow, from 9:30–11:00am, we will be holding our Open Day for families interested in Reception places for September 2026. We are looking forward to welcoming prospective families — please do share this information with anyone you know who may be looking for a school place.

Squirrels Class enjoyed another exciting Forest School session today with Kirsten Davies. The children loved being outdoors and learning new skills. We feel very privileged to be able to offer Forest School throughout the school, as well as during lunchtimes and clubs. Next week, it will be Rabbits Class's turn.

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This term we are introducing some changes to homework, designed to make it more purposeful and consistent, while supporting children in developing their core skills in reading, spelling, and maths.

- **Reading:**

Children are encouraged to "Strive for 5" — reading at home five times each week and recording this in their reading log. Daily expectations for each class are:

- Year 1: 5 pages
- Squirrels: 10 pages
- Badgers: 15 pages
- Foxes: 20 pages

- **Maths:**

Children are encouraged to complete 5 practice sessions per week using TT Rockstars (Years 2–6) or Numbots (Reception–Year 2). Teachers will also set a variety of tasks on MyMaths for children to choose from.

- **Spellings:**

New spelling lists will be sent home every Friday for Years 1–6, ready for practice during the following week.

We hope these changes will help children to strengthen essential skills in a manageable and enjoyable way. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

We are very excited about the upcoming opening of our Long Sensory Garden next week. To help manage parking, we kindly ask parents and carers to park by the church or in the village, as the top area of the school car park in front of the garden will be closed. If you have not yet confirmed how many people from your family will be attending, please let us know by 22nd September to assist us with catering arrangements.

Just a reminder that due to allergies we are a **NO NUTs school**. This includes **all types of tree and ground nuts as well as sesame seeds**. If your child accidentally brings in a product containing nuts, we will keep it safe and give it back to you at the end of the day. We will offer them a school snack as an alternative for that day.

Volunteer Readers Needed! If you, or anyone you know, is able to donate an afternoon each week to listen to readers we would be incredibly grateful. We had great success with our volunteers last year and would love some more readers this year. Please do get in touch with aevans@ecclestonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk if you can help!

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Each week, Mrs White will share information about a service or charity that may be helpful for parents of children with additional needs.

CHESHIRE AUTISM

At Cheshire Autism Practical Support (ChAPS), we've been making a difference since 2010. Originally founded by parents of children with autism to help other parents, we've grown into a registered charity supporting autistic individuals of all ages.

Whether you're an autistic individual, parent, school or employer, we're here to offer practical advice, emotional support and services that make a difference.

0344 850 8607 <https://www.cheshireautism.org>

Best regards,

Kathryn Rees-Wright

Dates

Saturday 20th September - 9.30-11am Open Morning for 2026 New Reception Starters

Sunday 21st September - Messy Church 10.45am at Pulford

Thursday 25th September – Duke of Westminster opening the Sensory Garden at 10am

Sunday 5th October – Water station at school for the marathon.

Wednesday 8th October 1.30pm – Open Afternoon for 2026 New Reception Starters

Tuesday 14th October – Xplore! Visit to school. Three: A Magic Number 09.15 – 10.15 (Year 3 & 4).

All One Body 10:45 – 11.45 (Year 5 & 6)

Saturday 18th October – West Cheshire Athletic Club Schools Cross Country Race Series 2025/26

At Ellesmere Port Sports Village, Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port, Registration from 9.30am for school years 3 & 4 and from 10am for school years 5-8.

Sunday 19th October - Messy Church 10.45am at Eccleston

Tuesday 21st October – Rabbits and Squirrel trip to ‘Imagine That’ in Liverpool Science themed.

More information to follow

Tuesday 21st October – Reception Parents Evening

Wednesday 22nd October – Individual and Sibling Photographs

Wednesday 22nd October – Rabbits Stay and Play 2-3pm for Parents

Thursday 23rd October – PTA LIGHT DISCO – more details to follow

Friday 24th October – Last Day. Harvest Festival in Church at 1.30pm Children can be collected from school at 2.15pm but school will be open until 3.15pm as usual.

Tuesday 4th November – Children return after half term

Wednesday 12th November – Badgers and Foxes visit to Broughton Cineworld to watch Kensuke’s Kingdom – details to follow

Saturday 15th November 9.30-11am Open Morning for 2026 New Reception Starters

Sunday 16th November - Messy Church 10.45am at Pulford

Wednesday 19th November 2.30pm – Squirrel Class Assembly for Parents

Friday 21st November – Break the Rules Day

Monday 24th November – Friday 28th November – Parents’ Evening Week

Saturday 29th November – Eccleston Village Christmas Fayre – choir to open the Fayre with carols

Saturday 29th November – West Cheshire Athletic Club Schools Cross Country Race Series 2025/26
At Ellesmere Port Sports Village, Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port, Registration from 9.30am for school years 3 & 4 and from 10am for school years 5-8.

Wednesday 3rd December - Rabbits Stay and Play 2-3pm for Parents

Monday 8th December 1-3pm – Year 5 and 6 Carol Service at Chester Cathedral

Wednesday 10th December – 2pm and 5pm Christmas Performance

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Jumper day for £1 donation and Christmas lunch

Thursday 18th December 10.15am – Pantomime at Storyhouse

Friday 19th December – 1.30pm Christmas Service in St Mary’s Church

Sunday 21st December - Messy Church 10.45am at Eccleston

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Tuesday 6th January – children return after Christmas holiday

Wednesday 14th January – SEN Parents Meeting to share Plans for the term and review last term

Saturday 31st January – West Cheshire Athletic Club Schools Cross Country Race Series 2025/26
At Ellesmere Port Sports Village, Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port, Registration from 9.30am for school years 3 & 4 and from 10am for school years 5-8.

Monday 2nd February at 3.15pm – Year 4 Multiplication Check Meeting for Parents

Monday 9th February at 3.15pm – Year 6 SATs Meeting for Parents

Friday 13th February – Last Day

Monday 23rd February - Children return after half term

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Saturday 7th March – West Cheshire Athletic Club Schools Cross Country Race Series 2025/26
At Ellesmere Port Sports Village, Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port, Registration from 9.30am for school years 3 & 4 and from 10am for school years 5-8.

Wednesday 11th March 2.30pm – Badgers Class Assembly for Parents

Thursday 12th – Wednesday 18th March – Scholastic Book Fair. Use your World Book Day Vouchers for £1 off!

Monday 16th – Friday 20th March – Parents Evening Week

Wednesday 25th March 3pm – Phonics Screening Evening for Year 1 Parents

Wednesday 1st April – Last Day. Easter Service in Church at 1.30pm

Monday 20th April - children return after Easter holiday

Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday – School closed

Wednesday 6th May - SEN Parents Meeting to share Plans for the term and review last term

Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May – Y6 SATs Week

Friday 22nd May – Last Day

Tuesday 2nd June - Children return after half term

Wednesday 3rd June at 2.30pm – Foxes Class Assembly for Parents

Monday 15th – Friday 19th June – School Sports Week

Wednesday 17th June 1.30pm – Sports Day

Monday 22nd June to Friday 26th June – Y6 Residential to Min y Don

Wednesday 1st July – Reserve Sports Day

Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th July – Transition morning – children move up to new class.

Wednesday 8th July – New Reception Starters

Wednesday 15th July – New Reception Starters afternoon and Parents' Meeting at 6pm

Wednesday 22nd July – Last day. 1.30pm Leavers and end of Year Service in Church

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