

Eccleston C.E. Aided Primary School "Let your light shine" - Matthew 5:16

Friday 25th October 2024

As we draw to a close on another fantastic half term at Eccleston CE Primary, I want to take a moment to reflect on all the wonderful experiences and achievements that have brought our school community together.

Our calendar has been packed with important events. We kicked off the week with flu vaccines, which highlights our commitment to keeping our pupils healthy and ready to tackle the academic year ahead.

We were thrilled to host representatives from the Pulford and Poulton Local History Group, who introduced an exciting history competition coming up in February. This is a great chance for our pupils to explore local heritage and sharpen their research skills. We'll share more details about this competition soon.

Our recent parents' evenings have been a fantastic way to strengthen the connection between teachers and families. These conversations are key in helping us tailor our teaching strategies to support each pupil's individual needs.

Tempest Photography visited us to capture the essence of our school community. The portraits of our smartly dressed and smiling pupils truly reflect the pride we have in our school identity.

I'm also happy to announce that our Year 6 pupils have completed their Playleader training. They're now ready to lead active play sessions during lunch breaks, starting after the half-term. These sessions will be supervised by our dedicated midday assistants, helping to promote leadership skills and physical activity among our younger pupils.

Our harvest festival at the local church was a huge success. The pupils' beautiful singing filled St Mary's Church, creating a wonderful sense of pride and community spirit. Their performance was a lovely reminder of the talent and dedication that thrives in our school.

On the food front, we've released our new winter menu. I encourage all parents to go through it with their children and explore the nutritious options available. Personally, I can't resist the syrup sponge and custard – a classic favourite!

Eaton Road, Eccleston, Chester CH4 9HD Telephone: 01244 506560 Email: <u>admin@ecclestonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk</u> Head Teacher: Mrs K Rees-Wright I'd also like to remind everyone that we have an INSET day on 4th November, so pupils will return to school on 5th November, ready for new adventures in learning. On that day, the governors and I will be meeting to discuss feedback from parents, pupils, and staff as we review our Vision and Values. Your insights will be invaluable in shaping our school's future.

As we head into the half-term break, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all members of our school community for your ongoing support and involvement. Your contributions are essential to the vibrant environment we cherish at Eccleston CE Primary.

Best wishes,

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Dates

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st Nov Half term week

Monday 4th November INSET day. Tuesday 5th November Children return to school. Thursday 7th November 7.30pm PTA online – all welcome Friday 8th November – Y6 attending Sustainability Conference Saturday 9th November – KS2 West Cheshire Athletic Club Schools Races (Cross Country) – Ellesmere Port Sports Village. Registration from 9.30am for school years 3 & 4 And from 10am for school years 5-8. First Race Starts at 10am. Week beginning 11th November Anti-bullying week Tuesday 12th November - Rev Steve Torr leading Worship Wednesday 13th November 1.30-2.30pm Open Afternoon for 2025 Reception Starters Friday 15th November Steve James from Matt Fiddes Martial Arts in to work with children on stranger danger, confidence building, self-defence and much, much more. Friday 15th November – Children in Need – come in pyjamas for a donation Sunday 17th November – Messy Church, Pulford 10.45am Tuesday 19th November 11.10-11.30am - Year 4 Brass performance for their parents Wednesday 20th November 6pm – PTA AGM, Cheese, Wine and Beer Tuesday 26th November - Jeanette Howe leading Worship Friday 22nd November – Break the Rules Day – non uniform day – bring a bottle or food item for the Christmas raffle.

Monday 2nd December Bromborough Gospel mini exhibition Wednesday 4th – Wednesday 11th December Bikeability training Year 5 and 6 More info to follow Saturday 7th December – KS2 West Cheshire Athletic Club Schools Races (Cross Country) – Ellesmere Port Sports Village. Registration from 9.30am for school years 3 & 4 And from 10am for school years 5-8. First Race Starts at 10am. Tuesday 10th December – Cake Donations for Nativity Wednesday 11th December - 2pm and 6pm Christmas performance & PTA Christmas Fair Thursday 12th December Sleeping beauty pantomime at the Storyhouse Saturday 14th December 9.30am-11.30am - Open Morning for 2025 Reception Starters Wednesday 18th Dec - 12pm Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day – donation for NSPCC Friday 20th Dec – 1pm Carol Service in Church

Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January Christmas Holiday

Monday 6th January - INSET day Tuesday 7th January Children return to school Saturday 18th January – KS2 West Cheshire Athletic Club Schools Races (Cross Country) – Ellesmere Port Sports Village. Registration from 9.30am for school years 3 & 4

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Wednesday 12th February at 2.00pm – Pulford and Poulton Local History Group competition launch. Thursday 13th February – Valentine Disco

Monday 17th Feb – Friday 21st Feb Half Term

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day – Book swap Thursday 13th March PTA Online Meeting – all welcome Friday 21st March – Red Nose Day – come to school in Red Friday 21st March – World Downs Syndrome Day – gingerbread socks for £1 Week Beginning 24th March – Parents Evening

Thursday 3rd April – Hospice of the Good Shepherd Bunny Hop Friday 4th April - Easter Eggstravaganza – Easter bonnet and garden competition and Easter Egg Hunt Friday 4th April 1.30pm - Easter Service in St Mary's Church Eccleston

7th April – 21st April Easter Holiday 22nd April - Children return to school