



## Eccleston C.E. Aided Primary School

*"Let your light shine" - Matthew 5:16*

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Eccleston CE Primary School Community,

I'm excited to share some important updates and upcoming events with you in this newsletter. Our school is dedicated to creating a supportive environment that reflects the teachings of Jesus Christ, and I'm happy to announce that we've recently updated our Vision and Values statement.

This update was a team effort, with input from pupils, parents, staff, and governors. We believe that our new vision better represents our school community and the values we want our children to embrace. **At Eccleston CE we are united in our vision to nurture our children to reflect the example that Jesus has set. This is through instilling a life-long love of learning and embedding Christian Values. We strive for excellence in all we do enabling all members of our school to flourish.**

Our updated values—Thankfulness, Love, Respect, Forgiveness, Perseverance, and Kindness—are inspired by the biblical verse, "Let your light shine" (Matthew 5:16). These values will guide us in our daily interactions and learning. The Ethos Group will be presenting VIP certificates in Worship based on when they have seen children enacting these Values.

I'm also pleased to share that our Year 6 pupils recently took part in a Sustainability Conference at Abbeygate, showing our commitment to environmental awareness and responsible citizenship. These experiences are great for expanding our pupils' perspectives and developing their critical thinking skills.

Our Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) has been doing an amazing job! Thanks to their hard work, they've raised £6000 to help us buy new laptops. We're incredibly grateful for their support. I'd like to ask our community for help: if anyone knows of a business or company that might be willing to match this donation, it would allow us to purchase a full class set of laptops at once. This support would greatly enhance our technology resources and improve our pupils' learning experiences. Please reach out to the school if you can help!

Looking ahead, we have some important events coming up. Next Tuesday, we'll be visiting St Mary's Church for a special Remembrance Worship led by Reverend Steve Torr. The following day, our Year 6 pupils will attend the Crucial Crew event, where they'll learn about personal safety at home and in public spaces.

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On Friday, 15th November, we'll celebrate Children in Need day. Pupils can wear their uniform with a spotty accessory for a £1 donation. Steve James will also be conducting workshops for each class, focusing on stranger danger and building self-confidence. On the same day, our football team will be competing in the Under 11 Small School Cup.

The PTA will have an Information Desk set up before and after school on the 15th, sharing details about their activities, upcoming events, and the 50/50 club. They'll also be selling hot chocolate (£1) and popcorn (50p) after school as part of 'Treat Friday.'

Lastly, Year 2 parents will soon receive an invitation to a special church service where their children will be presented with Bibles, generously funded by the Bible Society. These Bibles will be a meaningful part of their journey at Eccleston and beyond.

I am grateful for the ongoing support of our school community as we nurture our pupils' academic, spiritual, and personal growth. Together, we're creating an environment where every child can truly let their light shine.

Best wishes,  
Kathryn Rees-Wright  
Headteacher

## Dates

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Y6 attending Sustainability Conference

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> November Anti-bullying week

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November - Rev Steve Torr leading Worship at St Mary's Church

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Rabbit class author workshop

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 1.30-2.30pm Open Afternoon for 2025 Reception Starters

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need – come uniform with spotty accessories for a donation

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Messy Church, Pulford 10.45am

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 11.10-11.30am - Year 4 Brass performance for their parents

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 6pm – PTA AGM, Cheese, Wine and Beer

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November - Jeanette Howe leading Worship

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Break the Rules Day – non uniform day – bring a bottle or food item for the Christmas raffle.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December Bromborough Gospel mini exhibition

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December Bikeability training Year 5 and 6 More info to follow

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> December – Cake Donations for Nativity

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December - 2pm and 6pm Christmas performance & PTA Christmas Fair

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December Sleeping beauty pantomime at the Storyhouse

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am-11.30am - Open Morning for 2025 Reception Starters

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec - 12pm Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day – donation for NSPCC

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – 1pm Carol Service in Church

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January Christmas Holiday

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January - INSET day

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January Children return to school

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January – 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.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January PTA online meeting – all welcome

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 2.00pm – Pulford and Poulton Local History Group competition launch.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Valentine Disco

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Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb Half Term

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day – Book swap

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March PTA Online Meeting – all welcome

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Red Nose Day – come to school in Red

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March – World Down Syndrome Day – gingerbread socks for £1

Week Beginning 24<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Hospice of the Good Shepherd Bunny Hop

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Eggstravaganza – Easter bonnet and garden competition and Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 1.30pm - Easter Service in St Mary's Church Eccleston

7<sup>th</sup> April – 21<sup>st</sup> April Easter Holiday

22<sup>nd</sup> April - Children return to school