

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

Friday 13th December

Our partnership with Bikeability has been going strong, and their team has been doing a fantastic job teaching our pupils about road safety. This is a key part of our mission to look after our pupils' well-being, helping them gain important life skills beyond the classroom.

Our Christmas performances on Wednesday were such a joy! You could really see how hard the pupils worked during rehearsals in their polished presentation. It was a wonderful showcase of their talents and the teamwork that makes our school special. Events like this not only spark creativity but also help build confidence among our young learners. Thank you to the PTA for their amazing fundraising efforts and parents/carers and grandparents who came to support children.

On Thursday, we had a great time at the 'Sleeping Beauty' pantomime at The Storyhouse. A big thank you to our Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) for funding the tickets! I won't be sitting in the front row again though!

Looking ahead, we have some exciting events coming up. This Saturday, we're hosting our Reception starter open morning from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. We warmly invite any prospective families to come and see the friendly atmosphere of our school.

The festive spirit continues with our Christmas lunch on Wednesday, 18th December, also supported by the PTA. On that day, we'll have our Christmas Jumper Day, encouraging pupils to wear their festive outfits and donate to the NSPCC, which helps us promote social responsibility.

We'll wrap up the term with our Carol Service at the church on Friday, 20th December at 1 PM, and then the school will close at 2 PM for the holidays. We can't wait to welcome everyone back on Tuesday, 7th January for the new term.

I also want to express my heartfelt thanks for the generous donations to our Reverse Advent Calendar. Your kindness truly reflects the caring spirit we aim to nurture in our school community.

You are warmly invited to join us for our Christingle Service on Sunday 15th December at 3pm, held in Eccleston Village Hall. This special Messy Church event is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community to celebrate the festive season with songs, prayers, and the symbolic lighting of the Christingle. We look forward to welcoming you and your family.

Just a quick note: piano lessons next week will be on Monday instead of Tuesday.

As we get ready for the holiday season, I wish all our families the warmest wishes. I hope this time of rest and reflection recharges us for the exciting educational journey ahead in the New Year! Kathryn Rees-Wright

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Next week's Bible Quote

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life" John 3:16

Our Vision

At Eccleston C of E Primary School, we believe that every child is known and loved by God and is made in the image of God. We are united in our vision of every child fulfilling their God-given potential as they are nurtured to reflect the example Jesus set in all they do.

We aim to achieve this through instilling a life-long love of learning and development that is rooted in Christian Values. We strive for excellence in all we do enabling all members of our school to flourish.

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Our Values

Thankfulness ~ Love ~ Respect ~ Forgiveness ~ Perseverance ~ Kindness

Dates

Saturday 14th December 9.30am-11.30am - Open Morning for 2025 Reception Starters Sunday 14th December 3pm Messy Church Christingle at Eccleston Village Hall 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

Friday 10th January – Chester FA Coaching starts for Badgers and Foxes for 6 weeks.

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 and from 10am for school years 5-8. First Race Starts at 10am.

Monday 20th January – Xplore Year 3/4 In Search of Light workshop and Y5/6 Building Wisdom Workshop – free in school

Wednesday 22nd January – Foxes Air Raid visit to Stockport

Thursday 23rd January PTA online meeting – all welcome

Tuesday 28th January – Jeanette Howe in leading Worship

Tuesday 4th February – Bromborough Gospel in leading Worship Monday 10th or Tuesday 11th February – Queens Park High School Production of Ghost – more details to follow.

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

Wednesday 26th February – 10am-2pm Year 5/6 Xplore Count on Nature Day at Northop – details to follow.

Wednesday 5th March – Collective Worship at St Mary's lead by Rev'd Torr Ash Wednesday Thursday 6th March – World Book Day – Book swap Thursday 13th March PTA Online Meeting – all welcome Thursday 20th to Wednesday 26th March – Scholastic Book Fair – World Book Day Tokens accepted 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

Friday 28th March – Closing date for Pulford and Poulton Local History Group competition Monday 31st March – Bromborough Gospel mini Easter exhibition for Badgers

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 Eaton Road, Eccleston, Chester CH4 9HD Telephone: 01244 506560 Email: admin@ecclestonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk

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7th April – 21st April Easter Holiday

22nd April - Children return to school Wednesday 23rd April - Pulford and Poulton Local History Group competition presentation Tuesday May 6th - Collective Worship at St Mary's lead by Rev'd Torr Wednesday 7th May - Badgers Anglo Saxon Workshop at Tattenhall – more details to follow Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May Year 6 SATS assessments Tuesday 20th May - Jeanette Howe in leading Worship

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

Monday 2nd June - INSET Day Tuesday 3rd June – Children return to school Tuesday 10th June - Bromborough Gospel in leading Worship Wednesday 11th June – Sports Day Tuesday 17th June - Collective Worship at St Mary's lead by Rev'd Torr Tuesday 24th June - Jeanette Howe in leading Worship Wednesday 25th June – Sports Day Reserve

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

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