



SCHOOL NEWS

Our Motto:
Believe & Achieve

Our Mission Statement:
Through Jesus we love, learn and grow

A Prayer for Harvest Festival

Dear God,

Thank you for all the food we eat. Thank you for the apples, oranges, pears, peaches and raisins. We're sorry for the people who can't afford food and have to survive hungry. Please help the other people to share food and make them not have hunger any more.

Thank you for the farmers who collect the food and spend their time harvesting the crops. Please help us to eat the food we have and not make it go to waste.

Amen

Daniel Year 3

☆☆☆ SHINING STARS ☆☆☆

Nursery	Jaxson	
Reception	Oscar	Peyton
Year One	Charlotte	
Year Two	Arlo	Myla
Year Three	Hannah	Thea
Year Four	Katie	Finlay
Year Five	Archie	Payton
Year Six	Piper	Daniel

WINNING HOUSE THIS WEEK

RIBBLE

Please click to find out
more about our school

[Facebook](#)

'I can do all things
through Christ who
strengthens me.'

Phil 4:13

Open the Book

On Tuesday we welcomed the Open the Book Team to tell us the story of Creation.



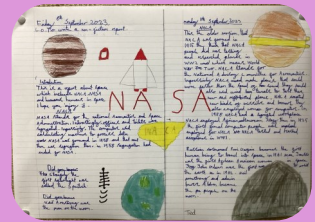
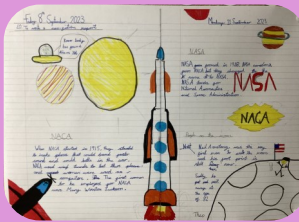
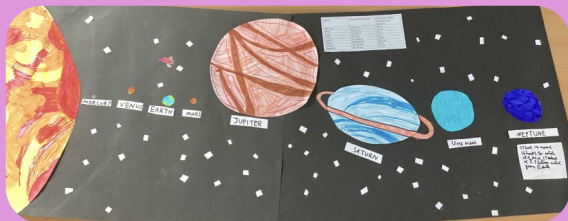
Reception Class

Reception Class have been finding that they enjoy a calm start to their afternoon activities with some yoga!



Year 5 are out of this world!

Take a look at the 'out-of-this-world' Space work which Year 5 have completed! They wrote excellent reports all about the history of NASA in English and produced a scaled solar system in Science. Look out for these in the Year 5 windows!



PALS Training

Year 5 had a brilliant time completing their PALS training on Wednesday! They learned all about how to plan and lead playground games with younger children, and then had a go at teaching their classmates.

Year 5 are very excited at the prospect of putting their training into practice with the infants at lunchtimes very soon.



Harvest Festival

Thank you so much to all the family and friends who joined us for our Harvest Celebration this morning and to all of you who donated Harvest gifts. The children performed, read and sang their hearts out and it was a truly uplifting way to mark this special time of year.

All donations will be shared between the Chorley Homeless and St. Laurence's Foodbank. Thank you once again.



Christmas Cards

Only 94 sleeps until Christmas! Your Christmas card templates have been sent home today. We hope you have fun with your designs. Please remember to return them back to school by Friday 6th October. Thank You.



Welcome Week

You are warmly invited to visit
Eccleston St. Mary's CE
Primary School and
Little Explorers Nursery
week commencing 9th October

Monday Afternoon 1.30pm to 3.00pm

Tuesday Morning 9.00am to 10.30am

Wednesday Morning 9.00am to 10.30am

Thursday Afternoon 1.30pm to 3.00pm

Meet our
Headteacher,
Mrs Birchall

Visit our
classrooms

See lessons
in action

Chat with our
friendly staff
and pupils

Enjoy
refreshments
in the school
hall

Our school is a very special
place where children are happy
in their learning with endless
exciting opportunities.



For more information please email
bursar@st-marys-eccleston.lancs.sch.uk
or phone 01257 451317

At the heart of the community for 150 years

Welcome Week

Every year, at this time, we invite parents, who are considering sending their children to St. Mary's, to come and take a look at us in action.

This year, we would like to extend that invitation to all our current parents too.

Please do take this opportunity to see what your child gets up to on a typical school day and maybe consider bringing a friend, who doesn't know us yet, to have a look around.

We look forward to seeing you some time during the week beginning 9th October.

Letters Home

Yr 3—Trip Bring yer Wellies

Whole School—Half Term Holiday Club

Whole School—PTA Christmas Cards

Sports and Social Clubs

Monday	Guitar Lessons KS2	Lunchtimes
Monday	Judo Club KS2	8.00-8.45am
Tuesday	Futsal KS1	3.20-4.20pm
Wednesday	Spanish Club Yrs1-6	8.00-8.50am
Wednesday	St Marys Singing Sensations	3.20-4.20pm
Thursday	Futsal KS2	3.20-4.20pm

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday 27th September	10.00am	Nursery Visit to the Library
Thursday 28th September	10.00am	Jellybeans
Monday 2nd October	All Day	Yogi Day
Tuesday 3rd October	9.10am	Ben Green Worship
Tuesday 3rd October	2.30pm	Reception Class Stay and Play (Please join us)

Admission to Primary School 2024 is now open.

If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery you can now apply for their primary school place at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools
It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application.

The closing date for primary applications for September 2024 is 23:59 on 15 January 2024.



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

APPLY NOW!

at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2024

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

School transport
Need transport to school? Please don't forget to check your eligibility for free transport. Search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk

CLOSING DATE
15 JANUARY 2024

lancashire.gov.uk >>>>

Lancashire
County Council



Parent or carer

You can text a school nurse on

07312263554

We can help with all kinds of things like.....

Emotional Health & Wellbeing

Keeping Healthy Bedwetting

Sleep Bullying Dental Health

Growing Up Keeping Safe

Support with Medical Conditions in School

Confidentiality

We might inform someone if we are concerned about the safety of you, your child or someone else but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other healthcare staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be seen between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays). If you need help before you hear back from us, contact your GP, nearest walk-in centre or dial 111. If it is an emergency call 999 or go to the emergency department (A&E). Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). To prevent the health professional from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.



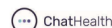
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Young People Scan this QR code to find support

Text a school nurse directly to talk about health or emotional wellbeing: If you're 11-19 text our ChatHealth line on: 07507330510 or scan the QR code



SCAN ME

Parents scan this QR code to find support

If you're a parent of 5-19 year old text our Lancashire ParentLine for support on: 07312263554 or scan the QR code



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Secondary school admissions

If your child is in Year 6 you can now apply for their secondary school place at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application.

You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

The closing date for secondary applications for September 2024 is 23:59 on 31 October 2023.

For guidance on school transport see: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/school-transport/>.

Remember to check your preferred schools' websites for details of their Open Evenings.



SOUTHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL



WELCOME TO SOUTHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL

I am extremely proud to be the Headteacher of this vibrant and energetic school community.

The school motto is "Endeavour for Excellence," as we believe that through sustained effort and hard work all individuals can fulfil their potential and achieve their own level of excellence. Everyday all members of staff and pupils support one another in ensuring our school is a safe, positive learning environment where everyone is able to flourish.

At Southlands pupils develop academically acquiring the knowledge and skills which will equip them for their future. This is achieved

as pupils are immersed in a rich curriculum delivered through engaging lessons. Pupils also develop their character through the enrichment and personal development programmes. In this way we are confident that the young people of this school will become successful learners and responsible citizens who will contribute positively to their community.

All pupils are valued in the Southlands community and we work together to ensure all enjoy their time here and build the solid foundations for a bright future.

Paul Bousfield
Headteacher

We look forward to welcoming children and their parents/carers to our



OPEN EVENING

Thursday 5th October
4.00pm - 7.00pm

Headteacher's address at
4.30pm and 6.00pm

Please scan this QR code to view our prospectus



Claver Road, Chorley, PR7 2NJ
Tel: 01257 414455
Email: mail@southlands.lancs.sch.uk www.southlands.lancs.sch.uk



'AN OUTSTANDING CATHOLIC SCHOOL'
OF THE INDEPENDENT REPORT

Holy Cross Catholic High School

Open Evening
Thursday 12 October 2023

Join us between 6pm - 8.30pm

Visit www.holycross.lancs.sch.uk



Myles Standish Way, Chorley, PR7 3LS
TELEPHONE: 01257 262093 EMAIL: admin@holycross.lancs.sch.uk



HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB!

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

ECCLESTON ST MARYS C.E PRIMARY SCHOOL

THE GREEN, ECCLESTON, CHORLEY, PR7 5TE

PRICE: £25 PER DAY OR £100 FOR FULL WEEK | 50% DISCOUNT FOR ANY EXTRA SIBLING

1 WEEK COURSE RUNNING 23RD | 24TH | 25TH | 26TH | 27TH OCTOBER

TIMES: 8:30AM – 4:00PM

BOOK NOW TO SECURE YOUR PLACE AT WWW.JMCOACHINGACADEMY.CO.UK

OR SCAN QR CODE BELOW



WHAT TO EXPECT

MULTI SPORTS GAMES | FOOTBALL | GOLF

| HANDBALL | DODGEBALL | BASKETBALL |

FRISBEE | FUTSAL | NETBALL | ATHLETICS

GAMES | STRIKE & FIELD GAMES | CLASSIC

HOLIDAY CLUB GAMES | AND MUCH MORE

**FURTHER INFO CONTACT
JORDAN: 07896030716**

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ROBLOX

PEGI RATING
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Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefters and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODer is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODers. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, and some private or VIP servers also have a cost.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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