



SCHOOL NEWS

Our Motto:
Believe & Achieve

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

Prayer

Dear Lord,

As Holocaust Memorial Day is marked across the world tomorrow, we offer our prayers for all who have suffered for their beliefs in the past and for those living in fear of war and anguish today. We pray for peace across the world, most especially for our brothers and sisters in Gaza and Ukraine. May they see your light and have hope for the future.

Amen

☆☆☆ SHINING STARS ☆☆☆

Nursery	Arabella	Charlie
Reception	Neve	Maevy
Year One	Cassie	
Year Two	Lottie	Hugh
Year Three	Robert	Hannah
Year Four	Thomas T	Sophia
Year Five	Robin	Thomas T
Year Six	Fraser	Leo

WINNING HOUSE THIS WEEK

RIBBLE

Please click to find out
more about our school

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

Phil 4:13



CERTIFICATES



Bronze certificates are awarded for gaining 50 house points.

BRONZE

Year 6	Ben	Thomas	
Year 4	Annie	Raegan	Annabelle
Year 1	Sophia		

Silver certificates are awarded for gaining 100 house points.

SILVER

Year 3	Niko		
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PTA Show

Carabao Cup Final Silent Auction

Get your bids in for two tickets to the Carabao Cup Final. This highlight of the sporting calendar will be held at Wembley Stadium on Sunday 25th February.

These are category 1 tickets with a face value of over £100 each and can be allocated in either the Liverpool or Chelsea stand. The winning bid will be announced during the interval of the final performance of the PTA show on **Saturday 3rd February**. Happy Bidding!



Nursery

Library Visit

Little Explorers enjoyed a visit to the Library on Wednesday. They heard the story of 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea,' had a tea party with the tiger and then made their own animal masks.



Reception Class

Balance Bikes

The school hall was busy on Monday and Tuesday morning as our children in Reception class had sessions riding balance bikes. They learned to glide by pushing their feet off the floor and to use their brakes.

Thank you to Chorley Sports Partnership for delivering these super sessions.



DT Boats



It's also been a week of making, testing and evaluating in Reception as the children made boats to help the Gingerbread Man safely across the river.

A great learning experience about materials, balance and keeping dry!



Head Lice

We have had a few cases of head lice reported recently in school. Please remember to check you child's head regularly and use the appropriate treatment. Thank you



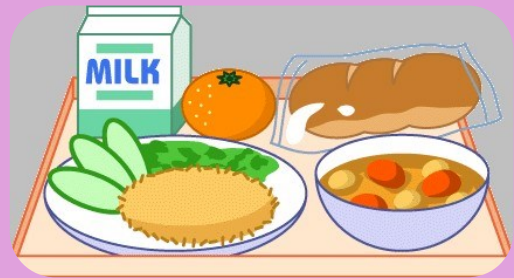
School Dinner Payments

Please remember to pay any school dinner arrears as soon as possible.

School dinner payments should ideally be made on a weekly basis.

It is possible to upload a credit amount onto school money to avoid having to remember to log on and pay each week. If you click on the amount in the green box you can change the amount you would like to pay.

Payments will automatically be deducted from this credit, making school dinner payments easier to manage.



Car Park

Once again, we must remind parents that they must not park in the staff car park—the only exception being those who require disabled access.

This is always problematic at the best of times but whilst the building work continues, could actually be dangerous. Please park and walk. Thank you.



Lunchtime Welfare Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a lunch time welfare assistant, starting in **September 2024**.

If you would like to join our friendly team, please phone or call into the school office for more information. Thank you



Upcoming Dates

Friday 26th January	7.30pm	PTA Show
Saturday 27th January	7.30pm	PTA Show
Tuesday 30th January	9.10am	Ben Green Worship
Wednesday 31st January	All Day	Maths in Motion (x3 Y6 pupils)
Wednesday 31st January	10.15am	Nursery Visit to the Park
Friday 2nd February	7.30pm	PTA Show
Saturday 3rd February	7.30pm	PTA Show
Monday 5th February	All Day	Y5 Viking Day
Wednesday 7th February	All Day	Maths in Motion 2 (x3 Y6 pupils)
Thursday 8th February	All Day	Y1, Y3 & Y5 Mini First Aid
Friday 9th February	3.20pm	School Closes for Half Term

Letters Home

Whole School—Calendar of Events Spring Term	Y4—Swimming Lessons Letter
Whole School—Measles Information Letter	

Sports and Social Clubs

Monday	Guitar Lessons KS2	Lunchtimes
Tuesday	Tri-Golf KS2	3.20-4.20pm
Wednesday	Spanish Club—All years	8.00-8.50am
Wednesday	HI 5 Netball Club Y5/6	3.20-4.00pm
Thursday	Tri-Golf EYFS & KS1	3.20-4.20pm
Friday	Brass Club	3.20-4.15pm

fun activities

Jellybeans

Jellybeans sessions for under 4s

songs

10am to 11am

stories

in the school hall at
Eccleston St. Mary's CE Primary School

Every Thursday

Children must be
accompanied by an adult

£2
per family

Refreshments
will be
served

Please share this information
with other families in the village.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

MYLOL

AGE RESTRICTION
13-19

MyLOL is a free social networking and dating site aimed at teens. Profiles can publicly display users' images and information, including sexual orientation and personal interests. The service bills itself as "the number one teen dating website in the world", claiming to have more than a million users globally. Despite its popularity, the MyLOL app is no longer available from Google Play or the App Store, although the site is still active. In some countries, police forces and schools have previously warned parents about "sinister predators" and "inappropriate activities" on the site.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

FLIMSY AGE GATES

Although MyLOL states it is exclusively aimed at users aged between 13 and 19, there is no credible age verification system to prevent a younger child – or an older adult – from signing up to the platform. Coupled with the fact that it's impossible to establish a user's true identity on MyLOL, this raises a serious concern that the site could be used for grooming.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

MyLOL maintains that it monitors all uploaded images for nudity or sexual content. It also claims to be able to detect suspicious keywords. However, there have been numerous reports of explicit content being found on the platform, with users often posting provocative, semi-nude pictures of themselves and engaging in flirty or sexually explicit conversation.

POTENTIAL CYBER-BULLYING

MyLOL lets users 'vote' on other people based solely on their appearance, much in the same vein as the now-defunct site Hot or Not. This feature could easily lead to distress and bullying, especially if a young person's profile pics receive an unfavourable response. Various reviews of MyLOL have noted that bullying frequently becomes an issue in the platform's chat groups and private messages.

IN-APP SPENDING

MyLOL is free to join and use, but it also offers paid-for memberships. Users who have paid money get their profile promoted at the top of the site and in search results. They can also earn additional credits for increased engagement with the platform – such as sharing, replying to messages and voting. At the time of writing, the monthly membership fee was \$9.95 (just under £8).

DATA COLLECTION

According to its privacy policy, MyLOL collects user data including email addresses, contact details and interests. While the company says it is committed to protecting users' privacy, the small print states that information may be shared externally. MyLOL claims to follow procedures to keep data secure, but does not specify what these procedures are, or whether such information is encrypted.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

MyLOL makes it easy to connect with strangers. In fact, the site's rewards feature encourages users to send private messages to people they don't know. There have been several media stories of adults posing as teens on MyLOL to connect with minors, which could lead to extremely dangerous situations, such as a young person meeting up with someone who has been posing under a false identity.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCUSS ONLINE DATING

It's vital to talk to your child about the possible dangers of platforms like MyLOL – particularly the threat of online predators. Remind them of the risks of sharing intimate images and information with strangers and emphasise that most people don't realise they're being 'catfished' until it's too late – it really isn't wise for a young person to meet up with someone they've only spoken to online.

EXPLAIN PRIVACY RISKS

Before your child begins using a service such as MyLOL, it's important that they understand the potential pitfalls of giving out their personal data on this type of platform. Explain to them, for example, that they shouldn't divulge any personally identifying information to people who they don't know, as scammers can be quite convincing when attempting to steal someone's identity.

RESTRICT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child has access to a bank card or other payment method, they may be enticed into signing up for MyLOL's premium features. Having their profile boosted and receiving more attention could be especially tempting if their friends also use the site. You could consider altering their device's settings to disable internet purchases, or at the very least keeping an eye on their online spending.

SET UP LOCATION ALERTS

If you're worried that your child may be planning to meet up with someone they've met on MyLOL, you could consider utilising GPS or WiFi location tracking technology to follow their whereabouts in real time. You can even set up a virtual boundary or 'fence' and opt to receive an alert to your phone if your child enters or exits a specified area.

Meet Our Expert

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