



# SCHOOL NEWS

**Our Motto:**  
Believe & Achieve

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

## Prayer

Lord God,  
We keep Mrs Birchall in our thoughts and prayers this weekend as she travels to London to complete the marathon. We ask that you help to keep her motivated and to lift her spirits to as she perseveres with the race. We pray for the charity Leukemia UK and all those who are running to help raise money for this important cause. Please give blessings and comfort to all those affected by Leukemia and for their families.

In Jesus name  
Amen

## ☆☆☆ SHINING STARS ☆☆☆

Nursery	Margot	
Reception	Hunter	Rosie
Year One	Maisie	
Year Two	Mia	Eleanor
Year Three	Violet	Cassidy
Year Four	Francesca	Amy
Year Five	Reuben	Tallulah
Year Six	Oliver	Alfie

### WINNING HOUSE THIS WEEK

**RIBBLE**

Please click to find out more  
about our school

[Facebook](#)  
[Twitter](#)

'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	Alfie				
Year 5	Ted	Tallulah	Lizzie	Payton	Robin
Year 4	Freddie	Tilly	Saffron		
Year 1	Isla	Freddie	Jackson	Spencer	

**Silver certificates are awarded for gaining 100 house points.**

## SILVER

Year 6	Theo W	James			
Year 3	Maia	Violet			
Year 2	Jack	Seth	Freddie	Henry	Isla-Jai Arlo

**Gold certificates are awarded for gaining 200 house points.**

## GOLD

Year 3	Imogen
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## Fun Run for Leukaemia UK

**Grand total £4469.20**

**This is an absolutely phenomenal amount of money and is all down to your amazing generosity.**

**Thank you so, so much!**



## Reception

In Reception class, the children have been finding out about the Islamic festival of Eid-al-fitr.

With the help of Fatima, our persona doll, they also have been learning about the places where Muslims pray and made their own model mosques, complete with different rooms for the girls and boys to pray separately as is the correct custom.



## Ace Club

Are you interested in some extra hours working in our ACE Club before or after school?

Please speak to the school office if you would like more information.



## Upcoming Dates

Monday 22nd April	1.30pm	Y4 Swimming
Wednesday 24th April	10.50am	Lancashire Sings Workshop KS2 Choir
Wednesday 24th April	1.15pm	Police Visit to Reception
Friday 26th April	All Day	Lancashire Cricket Day ( At school-All Years)
Monday 29th April	1.30pm	Y4 Swimming
Tuesday 30th April	9.10-9.30am	Open the Book
Wednesday 1st May	4.00-6.00pm	Y5/Y6 Netball League (Albany High School)
Thursday 2nd May	All Day	Y5 Bikeability
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## Letters Home

Y6— Bishop Rawstone New Intake Evening/Taster Day

Y5—Bikeability Letter

Y2—Staffing update

## Sports and Social Clubs

Monday	Guitar Lessons KS2	Lunchtimes
Tuesday	Brilliant Book Awards	Lunchtimes
Tuesday	Athletics EYFS & KS1	3.20-4.20pm
Wednesday	Spanish Club—All years	8.00-8.50am
Wednesday	KS2 Choir	3.20-4.15 pm
Thursday	Athletics KS2	3.20-4.20pm
Friday	Brass Club	3.20-4.15pm

native/fluent & DBS checked teacher

**FUN SPANISH CLUB!**

world culture • crafts

**LEARN WHILE HAVING FUN & TRY THE CLUB WITH OUR TASTER SESSION!**

games • songs • stories

**AT ECCLESTON ST MARY'S PRIMARY**

**Fun Spanish Morning Clubs Before School:**  
 Wednesday mornings - NOW OPEN TO RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 in Summer Term, 8am-8.50 before school, 50 mins £5.95/wk plus £13.95 membership pack fee (except in Summer term). Monthly DD/Standing Order available to spread cost. Currently Full - Waiting list ONLY for a No-Obligation TASTER when spaces become available, by signing up at link below & **only PAY AFTER the session** or email [chris@boltonlanguages.co.uk](mailto:chris@boltonlanguages.co.uk) for more info.

MEMBERSHIP WITH EL CLUB ESPANOL INCLUDES:  
**SPANISH SONGBOOK & CD OR**  
**STICKER/ACTIVITY/STORY BOOK • STICKERS •**  
**FOLDER • STICKER CARD • STREAMING MUSIC**  
**+ online GAMEZONE • MORE!**

**SIGN UP & ONLY PAY AFTERWARDS IF CONTINUING, AT:**  
[HTTPS://WWW.BOLTONLANGUAGES.CO.UK/ENROL](https://www.boltonlanguages.co.uk/enrol)

# Rainbow Ramble

Join Rainbow Hub for our annual 5 mile walk or run on Saturday 20th April 2024

- Starts & finishes at Bishop Rawstorne High School, Croston, PR26 9HH
- Ribbon cut by Steve Royle, Britain's Got Talent Finalist
- Children from £5, adults from £15, please visit our website for more info
- Entry includes t-shirt and finishing medal
- FANCY DRESS is optional

Register today at: [www.rainbowhub.org](http://www.rainbowhub.org)  
 For more information:  
 e.parish@rainbowhub.org  
 01704 823276

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Rainbow Hub, Salt Pit Lane, Mawdesley, Ormskirk, L40 2QX

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Every day is a life changing day

## Eccleston County Cricket Club

Please access the links below if your child would be interested in the Allstars & Dynamos programmes taking place this summer at Eccleston Cricket Club.



**Allstars: 5-8 years old**

**Cost: £30**

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/BookCourse/4032e44a-a449-4c0e-9de1-b980d627d9ac>

**Dynamos: 8-11 years old**

**Cost: £40**

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/BookCourse/a0fd9e9a-be52-45b7-8157-db025c856831>

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TOWNSHIP



(on the App Store: 'Everyone'; on Google Play)

Despite launching in 2011, Township remains popular with children and adults alike. A city-building game with farming elements, it tasks players with developing their settlement and unlocking new features along the way. Aimed at the more casual gamer, it's mostly child friendly – but there are still some related risks to be mindful of.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### MISLEADING PUBLICITY

Township's developers have previously faced criticism for advertising the game on social media by using clips of gameplay which can't actually be found in the final product. This may well lead to a child or young person downloading the game with severely misplaced expectations of what they'll be playing.

### IN-GAME ADVERTS

While it's common for mobile games to feature in-game advertisements for other products and services, Township employs a particularly egregious strategy seen in several similar products. It offers users in-game currency in exchange for watching such adverts, which can obviously encourage young people to willingly expose themselves to marketing material.

### IN-GAME PURCHASES

The game's core concept of building up a settlement to increase its population and income can feel slow paced at first – and players are incentivised to spend real-world money to move things along more quickly. That can mean handing over anything from £1.99 to £19.99 for these in-game boosts: amounts that can rapidly add up to a considerable sum if left unchecked.

### TIME-CONSUMING GAMEPLAY

Township's gameplay loop of acquiring resources and reinvesting them into your little community is a fun one – but this rewarding sense of making progress can lead to players spending far more hours staring at the screen than they realise. There are also special in-game events which run for a limited time, designed to entice players into even longer gaming sessions.

### ONLINE MULTIPLAYER MODE

After reaching level 19, players in Township can form a 'co-op' and unlock the option to exchange goods with up to 30 other users. Online multiplayer modes are nothing new, of course – but neither are the potential risks they pose to children and young people. Chances are, youngsters will be interacting with complete (and possibly much older) strangers within the game environment.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### DISCUSS THE GAME IN ADVANCE

While older children may notice and understand that Township might be marketed in a potentially misleading way, it could be worth explaining to prospective younger players how and why the game differs from what's been advertised. This will help them to manage their expectations and avoid any possible disappointment if they do decide to download and play it.

### MONITOR SPENDING AND SCREEN TIME

More modestly priced in-app bundles can be a welcome treat for a child wanting to speed up their progress in Township, but it's wise not to leave a linked payment method active in case a youngster gets carried away. Likewise, to prevent Township from causing an increase in screen time, parental controls on most devices allow limits to be placed on how long a game can be played each day.

### BE WARY OF EXTERNAL SITES

Township's makers state that all in-game ads are age-appropriate: children won't be shown adverts recommending more violent titles, for instance. Even so, clicking on these adverts can take players out of the game and onto external sites that have nothing to do with Township or its developers: this raises the risk of children encountering inappropriate content or being tempted by online purchases.

### TALK ABOUT ONLINE STRANGERS

Township's online multiplayer mode (as with any game which includes that functionality), is an avenue through which a child could be contacted by people who they don't actually know. It's worth reminding young Township fans, therefore, not to give out any personal information to strangers online – whether that's within the game itself or in the social networks associated with it.

### Meet Our Expert

Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon, Lloyd Coombes has worked in the games media industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new games and tools, he's also a parent who prioritises online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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