



# SCHOOL NEWS

**Our Motto:**  
Believe & Achieve

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

## Prayer

As we welcomed the parents of our new Reception class children last night, we think of the new members of our school community in our prayer this week.

Lord God,

We ask for your blessing for all in our school family, especially the children who will be joining us for the first time in September. Help their families and the staff in school to channel their excitement and nerves as they begin to visit their new classroom and make the transition into school life. We also pray for our Year 6 children who are off on their adventures to Robinwood. Keep them safe and help them to build friendships during their time away.

In Jesus name we pray  
Amen

## ☆☆☆ SHINING STARS ☆☆☆

Nursery	Reggie	
Reception	Sansa	Leon
Year One	Elodie	
Year Two	Seth	Fearne
Year Three	Reuben	Olivia
Year Four	Whole Class	
Year Five	Theo	Ted
Year Six	Joe	Grace A

WINNING HOUSE THIS WEEK

**DOUGLAS**

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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 5	Harrison	Sophia	Millie			
Year 4	Thomas B Sebastian	Emelia Elliott	Amy Finlay	Eliza Saoirse	Holly Sofia	Macauley Thomas T

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

## SILVER

Year 6	Aoife	Matthew			
Year 5	William	Freddie	Nyla	Alex Cr	Rohan
Year 4	Annie	Isla	Katie	Raegan	
Year 3	Pippa	Zach	Lola	Starssi	
Year 2	Max				
Year 1	Leo	Maisie	Catriona		

**Gold certificates are awarded for gaining 150 house points.**

## GOLD

Year 3	Thea	Daniel	Niko	Robert	Hannah
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# SPORTS DAY



What a fantastic time we had at Sports Day last Friday! In contrast to last year, when we coped with 90' heat, this year was a somewhat chillier affair. Thankfully, it held off rain, though, and all the children were able to run, jump, throw, catch and scramble to their heart's content.

It was lovely to see such sportsmanship, teamwork and camaraderie on display. It really is more about the taking part than the winning but—just in case you want to know— the winners in the Infants were

**LOSTOCK** and in the Juniors it was

**DOUGLAS.**

Well done, everyone and thank you to all of you who came to support.





## Smithills Farm Visit

Our Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children had the most wonderful time at Smithills Farm on Wednesday where they experienced animal feeding, donkey rides, handling of animals, a tractor ride and even watched the cows being milked!



## Reception

For snack today, the children in Reception, have tasted the "Jersey Milk" from the Smithills Farm cows!



## Netball Team

On Tuesday evening, we hosted the yearly cluster schools netball tournament. Our St Mary's Team competed against 5 other local schools. Their excellent teamwork, commendable sportsmanship and great netball skills resulted in an overall win! Well done to Grace A, Grace G, Olivia, Piper, Lilly-Ann, Matthew and the two Year 5 boys who stepped up to the mark, Theo and Ted. Go Team St Mary's!



## Choir

The Singing Sensations had a wonderful time on Tuesday as they took part in 'Lancashire Sings' at Chorley Town Hall. They joined a number of other local schools to sing songs from around the world, looking ahead to the forthcoming Olympic Games. Everyone behaved impeccably and sang beautifully. Well done, all of you!



## Walking Day

Eccleston Walking Day 2024 will take place on Sunday 23rd June, meeting opposite St Mary's Church at 1.45pm and finishing at St Mary's school for a short service followed by refreshments.



Please come along to join in this Eccleston tradition and walk as part of our school community.

## Eccleston St Mary's Church Summer Fayre

Please come along to Eccleston St Mary's Church Summer Fayre to be held on 6th July, at the Scout Hut on Drapers Avenue, 2pm—4pm.



## Fencing Club

Please note, Fencing Club next Friday 21st June, has been cancelled. Another date will be added to make up the day missed.

## Upcoming Dates

Monday 17th June	1.10pm	Y2 Fire Safety Talk
Monday 17th June	1.30pm	Y4 Swimming
Monday 17th June	2.10pm	Y6 Road Safety Talk
Tuesday 18th June	9.10am	YR Class Worship (Please Join Us)
Tuesday 18th June	9.30-12.30pm	YR/Y6 National Child Measurement
Tuesday 18th June	1.00-3.00pm	Y3/Y4 Poetry Workshop
Wednesday 19th June	All Day	Y2 Titanic Day
Wednesday 19th June	2.00pm	Y1 Hearing Tests
Wednesday 19th June	9.00am	Nursery Library Visit
Wednesday 19th June	All Day	Y6 Robinwood
Thursday 20th June	All Day	Y6 Robinwood
Friday 21st June	All Day	Y6 Robinwood

## Letters Home

Y6 Chorley Guardian School Leavers Photo—Letter

Y3/Y4 Gujarat Hindu Temple Trip—Letter

## Sports and Social Clubs

Monday	Guitar Lessons KS2	Lunchtimes
Tuesday	Brilliant Book Awards	Lunchtimes
Tuesday	Summer Games Club EYFS & KS1	3.20-4.20pm
Wednesday	Rounders Club	3.20-4.30pm
Wednesday	KS2 Choir	3.20-4.15 pm
Thursday	Summer Games Club KS2	3.20-4.20pm
Friday	Fencing Club	8.00am
Friday	Brass Club	3.20-4.15pm





# FREEZE

# FRIDAY!

**COME AND COOL DOWN  
WITH A TASTY TREAT!**

**ICE LOLLIES WILL BE FOR  
SALE IN THE PLAYGROUND  
AFTER SCHOOL ON:**

**14TH JUNE**

**21ST JUNE**

**28TH JUNE**

**£1 EACH**



# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## FAIR PLAY AND FRIENDLY COMPETITION

In school sports, fair play and friendly competition are important for character development. Fair play embodies respect and integrity while good-natured competition balances rivalry with camaraderie. This guide addresses potential challenges – like the pressure to win – and offers practical tips on instilling values of fair play and cultivating a positive sporting environment for young athletes.

### 1 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Parents, carers and teachers should try to exemplify fair play; demonstrating respect for opponents, coaches and officials. Children frequently learn by observing adult behaviour, so displaying a sense of fair play sets a powerful precedent for them to follow in their own actions on and off the field.

### 2 EFFORT OVER OUTCOME

Encourage children to focus on giving it their all, rather than basing their entire performance on whether they win or not. This fosters a growth mindset, where the journey and the process of improvement are valued just as much as the end result. It also reduces the pressure to “win at all costs”, which can be a harmful outlook in some situations.

### 3 SET CLEAR EXPECTATIONS

Establish clear guidelines and expectations for behaviour before, during and after sporting events. Ensuring that children understand what is considered acceptable conduct helps prevent misunderstandings and promotes a positive, respectful atmosphere.

### 4 HIGHLIGHT COOPERATION

Underline the value of teamwork and cooperation in achieving success. Success isn't just about individual achievements, but about how well the team communicates, encourages each other and works together towards a common goal. A strong focus on cooperation fosters camaraderie and mutual support among players.

### 5 DISCUSS ACCEPTING DEFEAT

Help children to understand that they can't win every contest – that losing occasionally is a natural part of both sport and life in general. Teaching them to accept defeat gracefully and learn from their mistakes promotes resilience, humility and the ability to bounce back stronger from setbacks. Taking a loss in one's stride is also an admirable trait and can help children and young people garner respect in their future life.

### 6 ENCOURAGE INCLUSIVE PARTICIPATION

Promote an environment where all children feel welcome and valued, regardless of their skill level. Prioritise the importance of participation and enjoyment over winning, creating a supportive atmosphere where every child can thrive and develop their abilities without unnecessary pressure.

### 7 FOSTER CONFLICT RESOLUTION SKILLS

Teach children how to resolve conflicts peacefully and respectfully, both on and off the field. Providing them with strategies for effective communication and problem-solving helps build stronger relationships and enhances their ability to navigate challenges, which can be a huge boon to them throughout their adult lives.

### 8 TEACH RESPECT

Emphasise to children the importance of respecting everyone involved in the game, regardless of the outcome. Respect for your teammates, opponents, coaches and officials helps to create a positive, inclusive sports environment where everyone can feel valued and appreciated.

### 9 GIVE CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK

Offer feedback that focuses on areas for improvement rather than unfiltered criticism. Praise what a child has done well and advise on how to improve, rather than simply pointing out shortcomings. Encouraging a growth mindset and highlighting progress helps children to develop confidence, resilience and a desire to continue striving for excellence.

### 10 CELEBRATE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

Try to avoid solely drawing attention to children's physical performance on the field. Recognise and celebrate acts of sportsmanship, fair play and kindness, too. By spotlighting positive behaviour, you reinforce the importance of such conduct and inspire children to practise this in the future, creating a culture of respect and camaraderie within the sports community that does wonders for morale.

## Meet Our Expert

Caroline Holder is a PE consultant based in Staffordshire. Having worked across all age ranges delivering PE in schools, she now trains teachers and works with schools to develop their provision and ensure it achieves maximum impact for pupils. She passionately believes in the impact that PE, sport, and activity can have on children.



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