



SCHOOL NEWS

Our Motto:
Believe & Achieve

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

Prayer

A prayer about perseverance

Dear God

Thank you for always being with me.

Please help me to keep going even when things are hard. Give me strength when I feel tired and courage when I feel scared. Help me to never give up and to trust you always.

Amen

☆☆☆ SHINING STARS ☆☆☆

Nursery	Joey	
Reception	Charlie A	Alfie
Year One	Hugo	David
Year Two	Leo	
Year Three	Max	Isla-Jai
Year Four	Freddie	Imogen
Year Five	Elliot	Annabelle
Year Six	Tallulah	Ellie

WINNING HOUSE THIS WEEK

LOSTOCK

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about our school

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'I came to give life - life in
all its fullness.'

John 10:10

Tim Peake Author Visit

Y5 and Y6 enjoyed a school trip that was 'out of this world' on Wednesday as they met astronaut, Tim Peake, at Westholme School.

He told them all about his new book and they were able to ask him questions about his exploits in space!

Staff and children have described it as 'possibly one of the best school trips ever!'

What more is there to say?!



Nursery

Little Explorers have been focusing on Autumn this week and have enjoyed doing some nice Autumnal activities.

They have been exploring with the conkers, acorns and sticks and have been on a leaf hunt in the garden to paint leaves and print them.



Year 6 Boys Football Team

Our Year 6 Boys Football Team have been competing in the Chorley Schools football league over the last 4 weeks.

They demonstrated excellent sportsmanship by cheering each other on and performed brilliantly as a team.

Ted, Theo, Alex, Freddie, Monty, Harrison, Jacob, Archie, Louie and William played incredibly well and to have been just 1 point away from the finals is an excellent achievement.

Go Team St Mary's!



Year 6 Girls Football Team



Throughout the whole of the four-week Chorley School Sports Partnership Girls Football League at Parklands, our team of dedicated girls have shown true team spirit and fair play.

Whatever the score line, the girls embraced every match with enthusiasm and encouraged each other both on and off the pitch. Although they didn't reach the finals, they were certainly top of the league for effort and determination!

Well done to all the girls involved!

Upcoming Dates

Monday 14th October	All day	Y3 Trip to Bring yer Wellies
Friday 18th October	9.00am	Start of the Day Activity—Y3 (Please Join Us)
Monday 21st October	2pm-7pm	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 22nd October	All Day	School Photographs
Wednesday 23rd October	1.00pm	Fire Safety Talks Y2
Thursday 24th October	2.00pm	Celebration Assembly (Please join us)

School closes for pupils for half-term on Thursday 24th October (Staff INSET day—Friday 25th October)

Monday 4th November	8.45am	School re-opens after half-term
Monday 4th November	1pm-1.30pm	Flu Vaccines in School
Tuesday 5th November	9.30-10.30am	School Nurse YR & Y6 NCMP
Friday 8th November	9.30-11.00am	School Open Day
Monday 11th November	10.45am	Remembrance Day Service (Please join us)
Thursday 14th November	10.00-3.00PM	Y6 Boys&Girls Football Tournament (Westway, Chorley)
Friday 15th November	All Day	Children in Need
Friday 15th November	9.15am	Year 3 Class Worship (Please join us)

Sports and Social Clubs

Monday	Guitar Lessons KS2	Lunchtime
Tuesday	Futsal After School Club	3.20-4.20pm
Tuesday	Choir	3.20-4.15pm
Wednesday	Spanish Club-All Years	8.00-8.45am
Wednesday	Judo Club-KS2	8.00-8.45am
Thursday	Girls Football After School Club	3.20-4.20pm
Friday	Brass Club	3.20-4.15pm

School Photographer

The school photographer will be in on Tuesday 22nd October to take individual and family photos.

Pupils with siblings not in school are welcome to come in from 8.30am to have their family photographs taken.



Parents Evening

Parents' Evening is on Monday 21st October 2-7pm.

Appointments are now live to book on our School Spider app.



Lunchtime Welfare Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime welfare assistant.

If you or someone you know would like to be part of our friendly team, please phone or call into the school office for more information.



Comedy Bingo

Presented By Comedian Brendan Riley

Friday 18th October
**Eccleston St Marys
Primary School**

Doors 7pm Show 7.30pm Tickets £14 Includes Snack Box
Ticket requests through school in an envelope
Please put child's name and class on, clearly marked 'Comedy Bingo'
Or Call: Lucy Allen 07919 027 672
Eccleston St Marys Primary School, The Green, Eccleston, PR7 5TE

The poster for Comedy Bingo features a central image of comedian Brendan Riley with his hands spread wide. The background is a vibrant orange and blue pattern. The text is colorful and eye-catching.



St Mary's School Open Days



You are warmly invited to visit our school on the following days:-

Friday 8th November **9.30am to 11.00am**

Tuesday 3rd December **1.30pm to 3.00pm**

During these sessions you will be able to visit each of our classrooms whilst lessons are in progress and speak, not only to staff, but to the pupils too.

Staff and governors will be on hand to guide you around and answer any queries you may have. Mrs Birchall, our headteacher, will also be available to speak to you should you have anything you wish to discuss.

We believe our school is a very special place where children are happy in their learning and have a full range of activities to enjoy.

We look forward to welcoming you. No booking is required, please just turn up.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY



APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2025

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025.

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.

CLOSING DATE
15 JANUARY 2025

School transport 

Need transport to school? Please don't forget to check your eligibility for free transport. Search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code.



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SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SECONDARY



APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2025

You must apply if your child is in their last year of primary school (year 6) from September 2024.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school.

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.

CLOSING DATE
31 OCTOBER 2024

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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.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.

2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children a suitable distance from any firework activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've been lit.

3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,000 °C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.

4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.

5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.

6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.

7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both sound choices.

8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.

9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are **not** toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any resultant dangerous behaviour.

10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children those techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20–30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings and many other industries, helping them to maintain a safe working environment.



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