



SCHOOL NEWS

Our Motto:

Believe & Achieve

Our Mission Statement:

Through Jesus we love, learn and grow

Prayer

Dear Lord,

As we come to the end of a busy half-term, we look forward to the holiday ahead.

Help us all to relax, have fun and share special times with our families next week. Please keep us all safe and well so we can then come back to school refreshed and reinvigorated.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

☆☆☆ SHINING STARS ☆☆☆

Nursery	Lexi	Sady
Reception	Ellie	
Year One	Ruairi	
Year Two	Elodie	
Year Three	Emily	Ben
Year Four	Henry	Robert
Year Five	Jacob	Thomas B.
Year Six	Monty	Lizzie

WINNING HOUSE THIS WEEK

DOUGLAS

WINNING HOUSE THIS TERM

RIBBLE

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

John 10:10

Year 1

Year 1 have been learning all about the weather in Science and studying Shirley Hughes in Art. They have produced a weather picture using watercolours to create storms, rainbows, rain and misty days.

They look very effective. Well done ,Year 1!



Year 4

This week, as part of their topic on Ancient Greece, the children in Year 4 have been making Greek pots using clay and some tools.

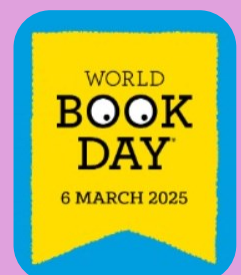
The children have made some fabulous and unique pots!



World Book Day

The theme for this year's World Book Day is **bedtime stories**.

Please come to school on the **6th March** wearing your pyjamas, onesies or dressing gowns.



Year 2

Year 2 held their Class Worship this week with the theme of Trust—this half-term's Christian Value. They had painted pictures of the people they most trust in life and shared with us why they put their trust in them.



Maths in Motion

Congratulations to three of our Y6 pupils who completed a Maths in Motion enrichment course at Newburgh Primary School this week.

They worked with children from a number of local schools to design a race car capable of racing round a track. This involved utilising their super maths skills as well as problem-solving and working as part of a team.

Well done, boys —we're very proud of all of you!



Wellbeing Champions

On Wednesday, Y5 and Y6 children took part in training on how to be Wellbeing Champions. This training will enable them to help and support all children across the school throughout the day. Please look out for their promotional posters which will include ways on how to keep a healthy mind and body at school. All children were presented with a lanyard which can be worn around school to show the other children who they are.



CompassBLOOM

PARENT/CARER CONSULTATIONS

We offer a free and confidential service supporting children and young people, aged 5-18, with mild to moderate emotional health and wellbeing needs. We work with schools and colleges throughout Chorley, South Ribble, Preston and West Lancs.

Are you the parent/carer of a young person who is experiencing mild to moderate anxiety or low mood?

This could look like:



FEELING WORRIED



STRUGGLING TO SLEEP



WITHDRAWAL FROM FAMILY, FRIENDS AND/OR USUAL ACTIVITIES



STRUGGLING TO CONCENTRATE



TEARFUL

IF ANY OF THE ABOVE SOUNDS LIKE YOUR CHILD/YOUNG PERSON WE CAN HELP!

If your young person attends one of our 63 schools we can offer a consultation with one of our friendly practitioners. They can offer you advice, guidance and signposting to support you to support your child/young person.

To complete our consultation form Scan our QR Code or type in the web address below into your web browser.

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JellyBeans

We are holding a special Jellybeans session on Thursday 27th February to invite all of our dads, grandads and other male carers to come along and join in the fun.

The session will be open to all of our families as usual (so Mums and Grandmas, you're still very welcome!) we're just hoping to encourage more of the menfolk along! We look forward to seeing you all!



JELLYBEANS

at Eccleston St Mary's



WHO LET THE DADS OUT!

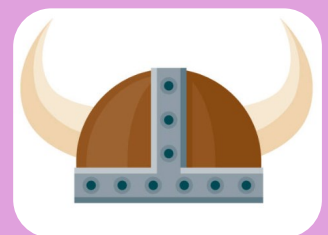
Thursday 27th February 10:00

A special invite for Dads, Grandads and other male carers

ALL FAMILY MEMBERS WELCOME

Year 5 Viking Day

Hrothgar the Viking is coming into school on Wednesday 26th February to spend the day with Year 5. As part of the day will be spent outside, please send your child to school in their school t-shirt and jumper/cardigan along with leggings/joggers and a warm coat. Please also ensure your child brings suitable outdoor footwear,



Ofsted

We are delighted with the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection, which was sent to you all earlier this week. The report is possibly best summed up in its opening paragraph:



‘The school has a vision for its pupils to enjoy the richest and most varied of experiences. This is brought to life at this welcoming school where there are high expectations for pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). Pupils embrace the learning opportunities provided for them. They feel happy in school and achieve well across many subjects.’

If you missed it, please go to the school website to read the full report:

<https://www.ecclestonstmaryscephprimary.com/page/ofsted-reports/141561>

PTFA Show Total

Our amazing PTA Players pulled out all the stops to put on another wonderful show this year.

Thank you so much to everyone involved either on stage, behind the scenes or helping front of house. Thank you also to all of you who came to support each night. We raised a fantastic **£5625.61**, for which we are extremely grateful!





16 MARCH 2025 RAFFLE



BUY A RAFFLE TICKET FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A PAIR OF TICKETS FOR THE CARABAO CUP FINAL LIVE AT WEMBLEY!


RAFFLE TICKET PRICE: £10.00
DRAW DATE: 7 MARCH 2025
ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS SUPPORTING ECCLESTON ST MARY'S PTFA

ENTER NOW BY PURCHASING YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS FROM
THE SCHOOL OFFICE,
OR CONTACTING LOUISE NEARY ON 07973182413



TERMS & CONDITIONS:
1. ELIGIBILITY: THIS RAFFLE IS OPEN TO INDIVIDUALS AGED 18 AND OVER.
2. ENTRY: EACH TICKET PURCHASED GRANTS ONE ENTRY INTO THE DRAW.
3. PRIZE: THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE 2 CATEGORY 2 TICKETS TO THE CARABAO CUP FINAL ON SUNDAY 16 MARCH 2025 AT WEMBLEY STADIUM.
4. WINNER NOTIFICATION: THE WINNER WILL BE DRAWN ON 7 MARCH 2025 AND CONTACTED VIA PHONE. IF THE WINNER CAN NOT BE REACHED WITHIN 2 DAYS, A NEW WINNER MAY BE SELECTED.
5. TICKET RESTRICTIONS:
A. NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ATTENDEES MUST BE PROVIDED UPON WINNING.
B. TICKETS ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE AND CANNOT BE RESOLD OR GIVEN TO OTHERS.
C. ATTENDEES MUST COLLECT TICKETS FROM WEMBLEY STADIUM ON MATCH DAY, AND PHOTO ID WILL BE REQUIRED.
6. LIABILITY: ECCLESTON ST MARY'S PTFA IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATION, OR ANY OTHER COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ATTENDING THE EVENT.
7. COMPLIANCE: THIS RAFFLE IS CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL AUTHORITY REGULATIONS.

BY PURCHASING A TICKET, YOU AGREE TO THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

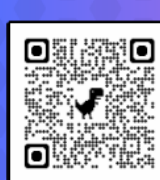


HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB! LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

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
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TIMES: 8:30AM - 4:00PM

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| HANDBALL | DODGEBALL | BASKETBALL
| FRISBEE | FUTSAL | NETBALL | ATHLETICS
GAMES | STRIKE & FIELD GAMES | CLASSIC
HOLIDAY CLUB GAMES | AND MUCH MORE

FURTHER INFO CONTACT
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Upcoming Dates

**School Closes on Friday 14th February at 3.20pm for Half Term.
We re-open at 8.45am on Monday 24th February.**

Tuesday 25th February	9.05am	Open the Book
Wednesday 26th February	All Day	Viking Day Y5
Wednesday 26th February	9.00-10.30am	Y4 join Parish Worship at St. Mary's Church
Thursday 27th February	10.05am	Rainbow Hub Assembly
Thursday 6th March	All Day	World Book Day
Thursday 6th March	9.00am	Celebration Assembly (Please Join Us)
Tuesday 11th March	1.15-8.50pm	Y3 Let's Go Sing
Monday 17th March	All Day	Coram Life Education
Tuesday 18th March	All Day	Coram Life Education

Letters Home

Whole School—OFSTED Inspection Letter

Years 3 & 4—Swimming Lessons Letter

Whole School—Carabao Cup Flyer

Year 4—Joy Club Letter

Sports and Social Clubs

Monday	Guitar Lessons KS2	Lunchtime
Tuesday	Tri-Golf	3.20-4.20pm
Tuesday	Choir	3.20-4.15pm
Wednesday	Spanish Club-All Years	8.00-8.45am
Wednesday	Dance Rehearsals	3.20-4.15pm
Thursday	Girls Football	3.20-4.20pm
Friday	Brass Club	3.20-4.15pm

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+
(Certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Adults tend to associate online videos with YouTube – but among teens, TikTok is king. The app provides a stream of short clips tailored to users' interests, based on what they've already watched. Around half of British children use TikTok, and while much of the content is benign, Ofcom considers it the app where youngsters "were most likely to encounter a potential harm".

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's Following feed only displays videos from familiar creators, For You is a collection based on a user's previously watched clips. Most of these videos will probably be inoffensive, but the app could potentially show something unsuitable. If children then engage with this content, more like it will follow. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the huge number of uploads means that a small amount inevitably slips through.

BODY IMAGE AND DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

According to Ofcom, most online harms for teens are body image related for girls (promoting unhealthy eating, body shaming and so on) and dangerous stunts for boys. Both are prevalent on TikTok. One extreme example of the latter was the 'blackout' trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. This led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase gifts for content creators. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; while that may not sound appealing, the app still generated £7.9 billion in user spending in 2023. TikTok's policy is that under-18s can't make in-app purchases, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birth date.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With more than 1.5 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-16s (or young people using a fake date of birth) are set to public by default. This means that not only is someone's profile visible to everyone else on the app, it also suggests their videos to others and enables anyone to download or comment on them.

MISINFORMATION AND RADICALISATION

Although the short videos on TikTok tend to be more frivolous than the longer ones on YouTube, clips can still influence impressionable minds in a negative way. Not only is there plenty of dangerous misinformation on TikTok, but Ofcom reports that nearly a third of 12 to 15-year-olds use TikTok as a news source – so you should be wary of misogynistic, racist or conspiracy-themed material shaping how they see the world.

ADDICTIVE DESIGN

With its constant stream of eye-catching videos, TikTok can be addictive to young brains. In 2024, UK children spent an average of 127 minutes per day on the app: that's twice as much as in 2020. Excessive use can interfere with young people's sleep patterns – often leading to irritability – and distract them from other, healthier activities. The instantly skippable nature of bite-size videos may also impact children's ability to maintain focus.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account to their child's, and control settings remotely. Parents can then turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen-time limits, make accounts private and manage whether their child can send messages – and if they can, to whom. Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If a child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's good practice to discuss the potential risks. Ensure that they don't share any identifying personal information, and that they know to talk to a trusted adult if they're worried by interactions on the app. With more teens using TikTok for news, it's also worth talking about misinformation and propaganda, and how to identify it.

BLOCK IN-APP SPENDING

If a child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter their settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend enabling this feature, as it can be quite easy for a young person to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins to unlock more features of the app – sometimes without even realising.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that a child is spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as is failing to complete homework or skipping meals. Remember, the parental controls are there for a reason, and it's never too late to introduce limits.

Meet Our Expert

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