



SCHOOL NEWS

Our Motto:

Believe & Achieve

Our Mission Statement:

Through Jesus we love, learn and grow

Prayer—as tomorrow (1st March) is St. David's Day, we remember him, the Patron Saint of Wales, in our prayer this week.

God of Love,

Tomorrow you give us the joy of remembering the life of St. David. As David followed Jesus in all that he did, help us to do the same.

This we ask in Jesus's name.

Amen.

☆☆☆ SHINING STARS ☆☆☆

Nursery	Archie H.	Ellis
Reception	Charlie A.	
Year One	Neve	
Year Two	Spencer	
Year Three	Teddy D.	Max
Year Four	Teddy G.	
Year Five	Ella	Aria
Year Six	Sophia	Robin

WINNING HOUSE THIS WEEK

RIBBLE

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about our school

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

John 10:10



CERTIFICATES



Bronze certificates are awarded for gaining 50 house points.

BRONZE

Year 6	Nyla	Emily	Theo D.	Felix	Scarlett	Ted
	Archie	Robin	Anna	Millie	Harrison	
Year 5	Emelia					
Year 4	Imogen					
Year 3	Ben	Fearne	Emily	Alice	Bronte	Pippa
	Ally	Poppy	Isla-Jai	Amelia	George	Harrison
	Rory	Eleanor	Mia			
Year 2	Elodie	Spencer	Jaxon M.	Claudia	Freddie	Henry
Year 1	Anna	Elijah	April			

Silver certificates are awarded for gaining 100 house points.

SILVER

Year 6	Thomas T.		
Year 3	Hugh	Peter	
Year 2	Charlotte		

Open the Book

Thank you to Open the Book for their visit on Tuesday to tell the story of Jesus and his disciples.

Well done to Year 1 for helping them to tell the story, with a special mention to Oscar, Elijah and Maevy for being fishermen, showing Jesus' miracle.

We always enjoy welcoming the Open the Book team at St Mary's.



Fishy Friends

We were all very excited to welcome 10 new friends to our St Mary's family this week—our fantastic, wonderfully colourful, fish!

They seem very happy in their new home and everyone has enjoyed coming to visit them as they pass by the office.



Jelly Beans

Yesterday Jellybeans enjoyed a story session, made a bear craft, did some den building and had lots of fun playing some parachute games.



Swimming Pool

Our new fish aren't the only ones who've been enjoying a good swim this week!

Y3 and Y4 have loved their daily swimming lessons. As well as having fun, they're also making great progress towards achieving the expected national curriculum standard for swimming.

Hopefully, by the end of next week, they'll all be even better swimmers than the fish!



Year 5

Year 5 had an exciting visit from Hrothgar the Viking this week. After raiding our classroom in the morning, he shared lots about Viking life, beliefs and many stories.

The children had an amazing day and learnt lots about what life would be like as a Viking.



Lost Property

We have an increasing amount of lost property in school including school uniforms, PE kits, trainers, coats, hats, gloves and more! Therefore, we will be holding a 'Claim Your Lost Property' session on the playground on **Friday 14th March, from 3.15pm - 3.30pm.** These items will then be moved indoors for Care Club parents to access for the rest of the evening. Any unclaimed items remaining after this time will be donated to charity.

GIRLS FOOTBALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

JM COACHING ACADEMY



A GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT GROUP

THE COURSE WILL RUN ON THURSDAYS FROM

3:20PM – 4:20PM

6th March | 13th March | 20th March | 27th March | 3rd April

5 Sessions of Football for £30.00

This course is for girls of all age and abilities.

The course will take place at Eccleston St Marys Primary School either outdoors or indoors so please wear appropriate footwear and clothing.

This course has a limited number of spaces allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

To book your place please visit our website www.jmcoachingacademy.co.uk head to the **BOOK NOW** page, scroll to **THE SPORTS HIVE** section to find **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS** and click the **BOOK A PLACE** button.

This will then take you to our booking page where you can register your child to our club.

alternatively follow the link below to book directly

<https://jm-coaching-academy.classforkids.io/info/67>

When payment has been received your Childs place will be guaranteed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

WWW.JMCOACHINGACADEMY.CO.UK

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CALL/TEXT - 07896 030716

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MULTI SPORTS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

JM COACHING ACADEMY



THE COURSE WILL RUN ON TUESDAYS FROM

3:20PM – 4:20PM

4th March | 11th March | 18th March | 25th March | 1st April

5 Sessions of Multi Sports for £30.00

This course includes a variety of sports and is for children of all age and abilities.

The course will take place at your school either outdoors or indoors so please wear appropriate footwear and clothing.

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Carabao Cup / EFL

16 MARCH 2025
RAFFLE



VS



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:

- ELIGIBILITY: THIS RAFFLE IS OPEN TO INDIVIDUALS AGED 18 AND OVER.
- ENTRY: EACH TICKET PURCHASED GRANTS ONE ENTRY INTO THE DRAW.
- PRIZE: THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE 2 CATEGORY 2 TICKETS TO THE CARABAO CUP FINAL ON SUNDAY 16 MARCH 2025 AT WEMBLEY STADIUM.
- 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.
- TICKET RESTRICTIONS:
 - NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ATTENDEES MUST BE PROVIDED UPON WINNING.
 - TICKETS ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE AND CANNOT BE RESOLD OR GIVEN TO OTHERS.
 - ATTENDEES MUST COLLECT TICKETS FROM WEMBLEY STADIUM ON MATCH DAY, AND PHOTO ID WILL BE REQUIRED.
- LIABILITY: ECCLESTON ST MARY'S PTFA IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATION, OR ANY OTHER COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ATTENDING THE EVENT.
- COMPLIANCE: THIS RAFFLE IS CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL AUTHORITY REGULATIONS.

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



Eccleston St Mary's
Church of England Primary School
Headteacher: Mrs J Birchall



VACANCY

Welfare Assistant
Required ASAP

11.50 to 13.10
Permanent Position, Term Time Only, Foundation Living wage
£12 per hour

Please contact school for further
details. Thank you



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Upcoming Dates

Tuesday 4th March	All Day	Pancake Day
Thursday 6th March	All Day	World Book Day
Thursday 6th March	9.05am	Celebration Assembly (Please Join Us)
Monday 10th March	All Day	Author Visit to school
Tuesday 11th March	1.15-8.50pm	Y3 Let's Go Sing
Wednesday 12th March	9.30am	Y5 Worship (St Mary's Church)
Friday 14th March	3.20pm	Uniform Amnesty
Monday 17th March	All Day	Coram Life Education
Tuesday 18th March	All Day	Coram Life Education
Tuesday 18th March	9.05am	Y5 Class Worship (Please join us)

Sports and Social Clubs

Monday	Guitar Lessons KS2	Lunchtime
Tuesday	Multi Sports All Years	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

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.



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MARVEL RIVALS

AGE RESTRICTION
PEGI
12

ESRB advise nobody under the age of 13 should play

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Marvel Rivals launched in December 2024 and amassed a player count of nearly 150,000 in mere weeks. This player versus player (PvP) shooter packs in a host of recognisable comic-book characters, pitting two teams of six against each other. Despite the game's cartoonish nature, there are several potential risks for parents and educators to be aware of.

IN-GAME CHAT

Voice chat allows players to speak to teammates and opponents within the game, but in a competitive environment, some conversations can become unpleasant. Text chat is equally prominent among those playing on PC and will be shown on the side of the screen. Moderation on chats is relatively lax, so it's important to recognise that potentially inappropriate messages could arrive at any time.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

While Marvel Rivals is free, there is an in-game store, selling character skins from recognisable movies and comic-book titles. Each season also includes a £10 Battle Pass (much like those seen in Fortnite and Call of Duty), offering a series of exclusive cosmetic items. These passes don't expire – but they can't be purchased once the next season rolls around, creating a fear of missing out.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With such a huge player base, it's impossible to predict whom your child will be teaming up with or playing against. They're virtually certain to run into strangers through voice and text chat, for starters. Most of these people will just be ordinary gamers enjoying the action, but there is the risk of some users behaving inappropriately with younger players – either intentionally, or because they don't realise that they're speaking to a child.

VIOLENT CONTENT

There's no gore in Marvel Rivals, and the violence depicted is comparatively cartoonish – but the playable characters available vary between more traditional superheroes and supervillains, and figures like Black Widow and The Punisher, who use more realistic firearms. Given the game's nature as a shooter, this may make some parents and carers uncomfortable as some players will be firing these weapons at each other.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The game includes some innuendos and mature themes in the dialogue, which could expose youngsters to content unsuitable for their age, detracting from a safe and family-friendly gaming experience. As we mentioned previously, the content of the in-game chat could also be age-inappropriate, ranging from swearing to mature themes to potentially harmful content.

FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

The inclusion of iconic characters might make Marvel Rivals appear more approachable than other games in the genre, with recognisable heroes and villains like Spider-Man and Venom. This could lead to more interest from younger players, increasing the likelihood of children playing the game without properly understanding the risks.

Advice for Parents & Educators

FOLLOW ESRB RATINGS

The ESRB rating for Marvel Rivals says the game shouldn't be played by anyone under 13. Most children of that age will be able to appreciate the moral compass of the roster of characters (people can play as Hela, the Goddess of Death, for example), while also ensuring that the violence, however cartoonish, won't overwhelm them.



FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

The game's inclusion of fan-favourite characters like Iron Man and the Hulk, plus its increasing popularity, means that younger Marvel fans will likely be eager to see what the fuss is about. Since it's free, consider playing Marvel Rivals yourself to gauge how you feel about a child playing it. Alternatively, you could let them play against the game's AI in Practice Mode, until they're old enough to compete online.

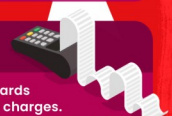
MONITOR OR TURN OFF CHAT

Voice and text chat can both be adjusted within the in-game settings. If you're particularly concerned about exposing children and young people to them, however, you can disable both forms of chat in the game's settings. If a child wants to play alongside friends, remind them that they can use their console's party chat feature or host a call on a third-party service like Discord.



DISCONNECT PAYMENT OPTIONS

Parents should ensure that no payment options – such as debit cards – are linked to the game, to prevent unauthorised purchases and charges. Children can be tempted by enticing in-game offers without fully understanding the costs. Removing payment methods avoids impulsive in-game spending and instils a sense of financial awareness, teaching young people to be careful with their money.



Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Games Editor at the Daily Star and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, he has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar and plenty more.



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