WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 12th September 2025



MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON –

We're excited to be hosting a
Macmillan Coffee Afternoon on Friday
26th September and would love
for you to join us in supporting this
great cause.

Cake donations (homemade or shopbought) are very welcome and can be brought into school that morning. Everyone is welcome, come along for a cuppa, cake, and a chat in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support!



WEEKLY UPDATE

The first full week back at school has been filled with wonderful learning opportunities. Keep an eye on our Twitter/X page to see what has been going on in the classrooms.

We are really proud of all of our children, especially our Reception children, who have settled into the new routines brilliantly and we are excited for the year ahead. The creative work that is taking place within the classroom is just amazing to see!

Thank you for supporting our Uniform Policy, the children look incredibly smart and ready to learn. If you have not already sent in a pair of wellington boots, please do. As the weather worsens, which it is very likely to, we would like the children to be outside as much as possible, the correct footwear will mean that this can happen as often as possible.

Have a lovely weekend.



Beechbuds - Edwyn J

Year 3 – Sebastian C

Reception - Edie-Rae R

Year 4 - Eryn A

Year 1 – Luca T

Year 5 – Ralphie M

Year 2 – Hayden M

Year 6 – Jack W





















VOLUNTEER READERS NEEDED

We are currently looking for volunteer readers to support children with their reading in school. If you have some time to spare each week and would enjoy helping children develop their confidence and skills, we'd love to hear from you!

Please contact the school office for more information or to express your interest.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS – CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY

If your personal circumstances change and you find yourself on a reduced income, you may be entitled to receive **Free School Meal (FSM)** status. We encourage you to check your eligibility by visiting the following link:

https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/childreneducation-families/schools/free-schoolmeals/?page=3

Being eligible for FSM not only provides your child with a free school meal, but also gives access to **additional support and benefits**, which can be very helpful for families facing financial difficulties.

Please don't miss out on the support available—check today.

READERS OF THE WEEK

Well done to all the children that won Reader of the Week today! Please can we remind everyone to take great care of their home reading books so they remain in good condition. Please return your reading bag with reading pal and book by next Thursday. Thank you.



Please don't forget to send your pictures and comments to wearereaders@eccleston.lancs.sch.uk

HOUSE POINTS First House to reach 100 points will receive a special treat! 80 70 60 50 40 30 THUNBERG RASHFORD STOREY PEAKE Points 3 8 6



SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

WEEKI	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Homemade pizza served with potato wedges	All day breakfast	Chicken korma Served on a bed of rice with a naan bread	Roast turkey served with a Yorkshire pudding and roasties	Battered cod fillet Served with potato wedges
MAIN DISH 2	Tomato pasta bake served with garlic bread	Crunchy chicken wrap served with a hash brown	Cheese and onion pasty served with new potatoes	Fish finger barm served with diced potatoes	Crunchy Chicken goujons Jumbo sausage
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Sweetcorn Baked beans Salad bar	Baton carrots Green beans Salad bar	Sweetcorn Baked beans Salad bar	Batton carrots broccoli florets Salad bar	Chunky chips Curry sauce Baked beans Salad bar
DESSERTS	Chocolate mousse	Strawberry Jelly	Shortbread fingers	Ice cream pots	Fresh fruit Friday
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh or Yoghurt	Fresh or Yoghurt	Fresh or Yoghurt	Fresh or Yoghurt	Fresh or Yoghurt
JACKET POTATO AND SANDWICH SELECTION	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Sandwich selection



SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO PENALTY NOTICE CHARGES

The DfE have recently announced national charges to penalty notices issues for unauthorised absences in term time, these came into ieffect on the 19th August 2024.

- Penalty notices issued for the offence after the 19th of August 2024 will be charged at the new rate of £160.00 however if paid in 21-days this reduces to £80.00.
- Any second penalty notice to the same parent for the same child in a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160.00 to be paid within 28-days with no option for a discount.
- Penalty notice threshold is 10-sessions equivalent to 5-days of unauthorised absence in a rolling 10-school week period.
- Maximum of 2-penalty notices may be issued for the same child within a rolling 3-years period, so at the 3rd or subsequent offence another course of action will need to be considered such a prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions.
- If the unauthorised absences are 15 days/30 sessions or more, this may be deemed as excessive leave, and the Local Authority may prosecute instead of offering the parents the chance to discharge their liability by paying a penalty notice.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The National average for attendance is 96%

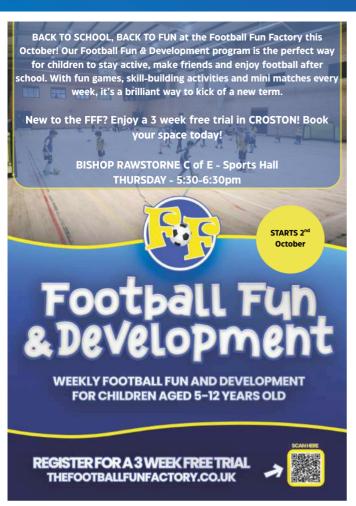
Our school attendance target is 97%.

whole 98.34% school

Class	This week	
Reception	97.32%	
Year 1	100%	
Year 2	95%	
Year 3	98.08%	
Year 4	99.17%	
Year 5	99.6%	
Year 6	94.58%	

Well done **Year 1** for excellent attendance this week! Chip is looking forward to accompanying you in class next week.

















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School and Academy places September 2026

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026.

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 2026

lancashire.gov.uk





If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code.









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CLOSING DATE 31 October 2025

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