

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025



## ECO COMPETITION



£1 ENTRY FEE

**MAKE AN ORNAMENT OUT OF A PINE CONE**  
Please submit your entries by  
**MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

## WEEKLY UPDATE

Our penultimate week has flown by and has been as busy as ever! It was a joy to hear the sounds of our choir singing in the village and in our local community, we were made very welcome at The Carrington Centre.

Last Friday, we welcomed a number of parents into Year 1, for a Victorian Christmas experience. Thank you to all who came and got involved with this and to Miss Phillips for organising.

Yesterday, Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day were an absolute success. A huge thank you to our kitchen team who made the event run smoothly and seamlessly, we are lucky to have such a dedicated team.

As we embark on the last week before we break up, enjoy the magic and excitement. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Craig Todd



Beechbuds – Luna C

Reception – Autumn J

Year 1 – Alexander R

Year 2 – Sydney G

Year 3 – Noah D

Year 4 – William M

Year 5 – Jack W

Year 6 – Lily T

## Drop-in Family Support Sessions



Abdul Logde – Senior Family Support Worker  
(Community Team)

Caz Edwards – Eccleston Primary School  
Family Support Worker

We will be in school to support families from January 2026

### 2026 DATES

9am – 10am

8th January 2026	12th March 2026	21st May 2026
22th January 2026	26th March 2026	4th June 2026
5th February 2026	9th April 2026	18th June 2026
	23rd April 2026	2nd July 2026
	7th May 2026	16th July 2026

How I Can Help: Advice and support for families • Signposting to services



**Early Help** Early Help means giving families support early, before small problems become big ones. It's your choice to take part and we work together to find solutions that fit your family.



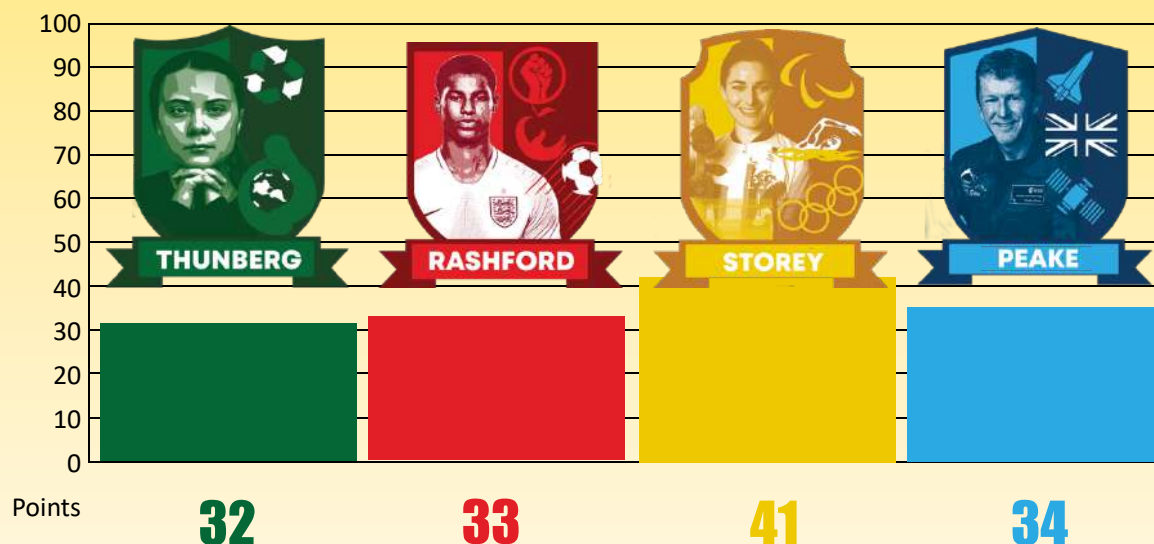
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## HOUSE POINTS

House to reach 50, 100 and 150 points will receive a special treat!



## 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](mailto:wearereaders@eccleston.lancs.sch.uk)

## BEHAVIOUR CURRICULUM

Be Respectful • Be Responsible • Be Safe

### Lining Up

Children know the expectations when lining up:

Attention on the speaker  
Feet forward  
Calm and quiet

## CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you to all our volunteers, children, parents, families and staff for supporting our Christmas Fair. The event was thoroughly enjoyed by all that attended.

We made a grand total of **£2,047**  
This money goes back into the pot to support wider activities in school.

## NATIVITY AT ECCLESTON METHODIST CHURCH

You are invited to a Church Nativity on **Sunday 21st December at 10am**. Come along and enjoy the Christmas story with the church family, everyone welcome!

## NEXT WEEKS CLUBS

TAEKWONDO – Wednesday



Thank you to the **59%** of families who've logged into Arbor. If you haven't yet, please watch out for your setup information or contact the school office for help.





## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The National average for attendance is 96%

Our school attendance target is 97%.

**whole school 92.87%**

Class	This week
Reception	90.6%
Year 1	98%
Year 2	90%
Year 3	95.2%
Year 4	95.2%
Year 5	89.1%
Year 6	92%

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



## RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

Rainbow Hub will collect & recycle your real Christmas tree to save you time & hassle  
Collecting Friday 9th - Sunday 11th January 2026



To book your tree collection, and help Rainbow Hub to raise funds to brighten the lives of children with disabilities, please scan the QR code or visit:  
<https://www.rainbowhub.org/event/christmas-tree-collection/>

We will be collecting trees in the following postcode areas:  
PR1, PR2, PR4, PR5, PR6, PR7, PR8, PR9, PR25, PR26, WN6, WN8, L39, L40, BL6

With thanks to our event sponsors:



01704 823276 | [rainbowhub.org](https://www.rainbowhub.org) | [fundraising@rainbowhub.org](mailto:fundraising@rainbowhub.org)




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## SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

CHRISTMAS WEEK					
WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Homemade Pizza served with Potato Wedges	Homemade meat and potato pie	Chicken Korma served on a bed of rice with a naan	Battered cod fillet	MERRY
MAIN DISH 2	Tomato and basil pasta served with garlic bread	All Day Breakfast wrap	Ham and Cheese Swirls	Jumbo sausage Crunchy chicken burger	CHRISTMAS
ACCOMPANIMENTS 5 a day	Sweetcorn Baked beans ..... Salad bar	Baton Carrots Green Beans ..... Salad bar	Sweetcorn Baked Beans ..... Salad bar	Fries Gravy Baked beans ..... Salad bar	EVERYONE
DESSERTS	Santa cupcake	Christmas pudding cookies	Reindeer donut	Christmas gingerbread	Ho Ho Ho
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit 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




### MENU

Fuel your afternoon with a healthy school lunch from Mellors

KEY 5 a day - 1 OF YOUR 5 A DAY MEAT FREE - MEAT-FREE MONDAY CHEF'S CHOICE Pb - PLANT-BASED (VEGAN)

\*Allergens and intolerances\* All of our food is lovingly hand crafted and prepared on site daily. We have an allergen procedure in place, so please ensure you make our catering team aware of your allergens/ your child's allergies prior to using the restaurant. Our kitchens are used for multi-purpose production so we cannot guarantee the above dishes are completely free from allergenic ingredients or traces of these.





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## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TOY SCALPING, FAKES & SCAMS

Online scalping is when individuals or groups use automated software (bots) to bulk-buy high-demand items – such as gaming consoles, concert tickets, limited-edition trainers, or exclusive merchandise – with the intention of reselling them at vastly inflated prices. It's a fast-moving online trend that can frustrate young consumers and expose them to misleading practices or financial harm. As this unethical tactic grows, it's important to help children and young people understand how scalping works and how to navigate it responsibly.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- FINANCIAL PRESSURE AND MANIPULATION**  
Scalping creates artificial scarcity by buying up large quantities of stock before the public demand and pushes prices to extreme levels. Young people may feel financial pressure to secure more than they can afford for fear of missing out entirely.
- EXPLOITATION OF FANDOMS**  
Scalping often targets popular releases with strong fan bases, knowing that loyal followers are emotionally invested. Children and young people may place huge value on owning certain items linked to their favourite artists, sports teams or games, making them more likely to accept unfair prices or questionable sellers.
- ACCESSING UNSAFE WEBSITES**  
In the rush to secure rare items, young people might click through to unvetted sellers, online marketplaces with little consumer protection, or even sites designed specifically to harvest personal and financial data. This can expose them to fraud, malware, and identity theft.

### NORMALISING UNETHICAL BEHAVIOUR

Some influencers and online communities present scalping as a clever money-making strategy rather than an exploitative one. This can normalise dishonest behaviour and blur the line between legitimate business and opportunistic profiteering for younger audiences.

### RISK OF SCAMS OR COUNTERFEIT GOODS

Not every high-priced resale is legitimate. Fraudulent sellers may take payment for goods they never send, or ship counterfeit versions of branded items. In some cases, the product may look authentic in photos but turn out to be of poor quality or completely different from what was advertised.

### REINFORCING INEQUALITY

Scalping makes already expensive items even less accessible, particularly for lower-income families. Children may feel excluded from trends or shared experiences with friends if their family cannot meet the inflated prices, which can lead to feelings of isolation and disappointment.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

- TALK ABOUT ONLINE FAIRNESS**  
Use scalping as an opportunity to discuss fairness, consumer ethics, and how some people exploit markets for profit. Encourage children to think critically about whether they truly need an item – and at what cost – can help them make more considered decisions.
- SUPPORT INFORMED PURCHASING**  
Show children how to check seller credentials, read independent reviews, and verify whether a site is secure before making any payment. Knowing how to spot red flags, such as unrealistic promises or missing contact details, can prevent costly mistakes.
- ENCOURAGE PATIENCE OVER IMPULSE**  
Teach young people to wait for official restocks or future releases instead of paying over the odds. Many products come back into circulation, and patience can save significant amounts of money while reducing the likelihood of falling victim to scams.
- SET SPENDING BOUNDARIES**  
Establish clear rules for online spending, including limits on prepaid cards, gaming gift cards, and online wallets. Discuss the real-world value of money spent on digital or collector's items as children understand the long-term impact of their purchases.

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ADMISSIONS  
PRIMARY**

**APPLY NOW!**  
at [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

**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](http://lancashire.gov.uk)

**School  
transport**



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at [lancashire.gov.uk](http://lancashire.gov.uk) or scan the QR code.



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