

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

## SCHOOL'S KEY DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

### DECEMBER

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Festive Afternoon 2.30pm

Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Rocksteady 2.30pm

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> School Choir Performance at the Carrington Centre 1.30pm

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Beechbuds Festive Afternoon 2.00pm

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Festive Afternoon 2.30pm

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Party Day Children can come to school in party clothes

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Closed for Christmas



## WEEKLY UPDATE

Another busy week comes to an end; it really has been packed with fun!

Everyone had the pleasure of watching Reception perform their nativity this week. Every child did themselves proud and performed like superstars! The performances for parents were excellent and the children had a wonderful time. A huge thank you to Mrs Thomas and Mrs Exley who ensured this was such a success!

Christmas Dinner Day was busy and so much fun! Our children enjoyed being served by their teachers, listened to some festive music and pulled crackers together - it was such a lovely day for everyone.

A huge thank you to everyone who has been in school from FEPS this week. They have made sure that 'Elfridges' has been a smooth operation and that beautiful gifts were ready for selection.

One more week until you are all able to have a well-deserved rest. Thank you for your continued support.

Have a wonderful weekend.  
Mr Todd



## Star of the Week

Beechbuds – Finn U	Year 3 –Carra G
Reception – Isabella M	Year 4 – Freya H
Year 1 – Bobby B	Year 5 – Alfie C
Year 2 – Sebastian C	Year 6 – James R
Staff – Mrs Exley & Mrs Thomas	

## LIVING WATERS FOOD BANK

We are collecting for Living Waters Foodbank \* wheat heat packs \* fluffy socks \* lap blankets \* hot cup \* hats and gloves \* And food goodies such as tins of stewed steak/meat, tinned ham, small biscuit selection boxes, soup, small cakes. Please bring any donations to the school office by the 19<sup>th</sup> December.

## TOAST FOR NEXT TERM

If you would like your child to have toast during break times next term, please make your payment via ParentPay by 6th January.



## HOUSES POINTS



**THUNBERG**

**2<sup>nd</sup>**



**RASHFORD**

**3<sup>rd</sup>**



**STOREY**

**4<sup>th</sup>**



**PEAKE**

**1<sup>st</sup>**

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The National average for attendance is 96%

Our school attendance target is for 97%.

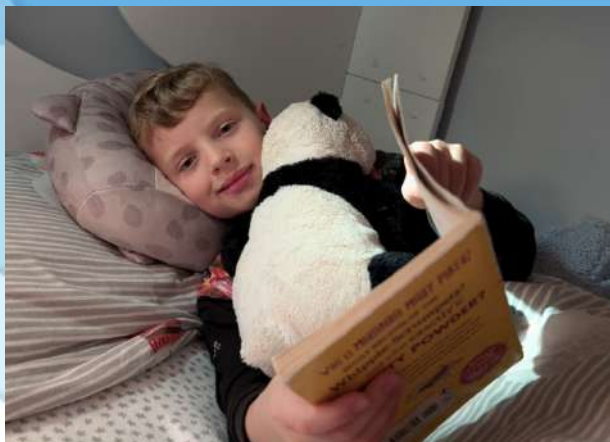
**whole school 94.88%**

Class	This week
Reception	95.97%
Year 1	96.98%
Year 2	84.38%
Year 3	98.21%
Year 4	93.15%
Year 5	95.42%
Year 6	98.05%

Well done **Year 3** for great attendance this week! Chip is looking forward to accompanying you in class all next week.

## 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)



## NEXT WEEKS SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

WEEK 2	 MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Italian Pizza, served with potato wedges	Sausage, Chips & Gravy	Chicken Tikka, served with Rice & Naan Bread	Roast Gammon with Roasties & Gravy	Battered Fish Fillet
MAIN DISH 2	Quorn Meat & Potato Pie	Chicken Burger	Pasta Bolognaise with Garlic Bread	Fish Finger Barm, with Herby Potatoes	Chicken Nuggets Sausage Roll
ACCOMPANIMENTS 	Sweetcorn & Beans ..... Salad bar	Peas & carrots ..... Salad bar	Green Beans & Sweetcorn ..... Salad bar	Broccoli & Carrots ..... Salad bar	Potato Wedges, Peas & Beans ..... Salad bar
DESSERTS	Chocolate Cake	Flapjack	Fruit Crumble & Custard	Homemade Cookie	Fresh Fruit Friday
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh fruit <i>or</i> Yoghurt	Fresh fruit <i>or</i> Yoghurt	Fresh fruit <i>or</i> Yoghurt	Fresh fruit <i>or</i> Yoghurt	Fresh fruit <i>or</i> 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	



Try something NEW today...  
Variety is key to a healthy diet.

**MENU** 

**KEY**  - 5 OF YOUR 5 A DAY  - MEAT-FREE MONDAY  - CHEF'S CHOICE  - 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 allergens 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.

## Catering Hero (Catering assistant)



### APPLY NOW

- £11.44 basic rate per hour, 12.50 hrs per week, term time, equated rate
- Ecclestone Primary School
- Email to [julieh@mellors.co.uk](mailto:julieh@mellors.co.uk)
- Alternately leave your name and contact details at reception.
- Start Date : ASAP

### Inspiring the nation through fabulous food.

Catering assistant Ecclestone Primary school, previous catering experience preferred – 12.50 hours per week, term time only equated pay based on 38 working weeks and 5.6 weeks holidays £11.44 basic rate per hour, start date ASAP





# SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY SOUTH

Do you have a child starting  
primary school in September 2025  
and living in Lancashire?

**Closing date: 15 January 2025**

You **must** apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery. Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website, or get a copy from them.

Apply for a school place now by scanning  
the QR code or visit [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://lancashire.gov.uk/schools)



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, please check the guidance on our website, or call **01772 532109**.

**HAVE  
YOUR SAY**

*Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs. To find out more please visit [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces) and click 'school admission policies'.*

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**Choose fun at**

**fun fest** CHORLEY - ECCLESTON

**HOLIDAY CLUB**

Ofsted Registered

23rd & 24th December 2024  
7:30am - 6:00pm

2nd & 3rd January 2025  
3-12 years

**Christmas Holidays**  
Eccleston Primary School  
Doctors lane  
Eccleston  
PR7 5RA

A menu of **50+ activities!**

Book online at [www.fun-fest.co.uk](http://www.fun-fest.co.uk)  
Enquiries to 07392 790727 or [chorleyoffice@funfestholidayclub.co.uk](mailto:chorleyoffice@funfestholidayclub.co.uk)

**fun fest** HOLIDAY CLUB

**Christmas & New Year**  
**Chorley - Eccleston**  
**23rd & 24th December 2024**

	AM	PM
<b>MON</b>	Crafty Creations	Minute to Win It
<b>TUES</b>	Creative Cooks	Mission Impossible
		<b>Christmas Party!</b>
		<b>Sports Action</b>

**2nd & 3rd January 2025**

<b>THURS</b>	Picturesque Painting	Sports Action	Winter Gardens	Fun Fest Boot-Camp
<b>FRI</b>	Lego Creations	Fun Fest's got Talent	<b>Fun Day Friday!</b>	

Limited spaces available so please book early  
[www.fun-fest.co.uk](http://www.fun-fest.co.uk) **Choose Fun**

JOIN US FOR OUR  
**Christmas Celebration**

MEET SANTA IN HIS GROTTTO, MAKE SOME ARTS AND CRAFTS AND JOIN IN WITH FUN GAMES AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL THE FAMILY



DUKE STREET FAMILY HUB, PR7 3DU

CALL 01257 516 316 OR VISIT QR CODE TO BOOK



Monday 30th Dec  
Duke Street Family Hub  
Duke Street  
PR7 3DU  
11am-3pm



**CHRISTMAS CRAFT DROP IN**

Non-bookable event

Tuesday 31st Dec  
Highfield Family Hub  
Wright Street  
PR6 0SL  
11am-3pm





# JANUARY 2025 CHALLENGE

## 31 DAYS... YOUR WAY!

Set yourself any challenge this new year, and support Rainbow Hub whilst you smash your goal!

Whether you choose to kick start your new year by completing a daily challenge of a set distance each day, or knit every single day, do 'Couch to 5K' or give up chocolate or alcohol for January, do it to raise money for Rainbow Hub!

For more information and to sign up for free please visit:  
<https://rainbowhub.enthuse.com/cf/january-challenge-2025>  
And/or scan this QR code:



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# RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

**Rainbow Hub will collect & recycle your real Christmas tree to save you time & hassle**  
**Collecting Friday 10th - Sunday 12th January 2025**

To book your tree collection, please scan the QR code or visit:  
<https://www.rainbowhub.org>



**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:**



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# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SAFETY OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON.

The holiday season, marked by Christmas and New Year, brings joy and togetherness but also presents unique safety challenges for children, families and educators. From busy holiday shopping, traveling and family gatherings to managing digital activity during school breaks, staying safe during this period requires heightened awareness. This guide offers practical tips to help families and educators maintain a more secure and fulfilling festive period.

## 1 MONITOR DIGITAL ACTIVITY

Children spend more time online during school holidays, increasing exposure to potential dangers such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content and online predators. Balancing screen time, avoiding harmful websites and ensuring children engage positively online can be difficult without proper monitoring tools. Set clear boundaries, encourage open discussions about online safety and use parental controls to manage content exposure and screen time effectively. Regular check-ins and positive reinforcement around digital habits encourage safe online behaviour.

## 2 PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY PROTOCOLS

The incidence of house fires increases during Christmas due to greater use of candles, cookers and electrical decorations. Open flames, electrical overloads and the need for quick response plans can make fire safety challenging. Ensure smoke detectors are operational, keep fire extinguishers on hand and teach children how to respond in case of a fire emergency. Avoid leaving cooking unattended and use fire-safe candles to prevent mishaps.

## 3 CREATE TRAVEL SAFETY PLANS

More families tend to travel during the holidays, resulting in busier roads, increased traffic accidents and weather-related hazards. Weather conditions, road rage, fatigue and busy airports can all compromise travel safety. Pack emergency kits and adhere to seatbelt laws. Plan routes in advance and allow extra travel time to avoid rushing and mitigate risks on busy roads.

## 4 BEWARE OF ALLERGIES

Holiday meals often involve many foods that may contain allergens. Cross contamination, unclear labelling and lack of allergy-friendly options can lead to severe reactions. Communicate any allergy needs to hosts, provide safe food alternatives and carry necessary medications like antihistamines or EpiPens. Teaching children how to advocate for themselves and recognise dangerous foods also contributes to safer celebrations.

## 5 PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS

Cold weather and seasonal socialising can increase the spread of viruses like flu and COVID-19. Crowded gatherings, schools out of session and frequent travel can lead to higher infection risks. Emphasise hygiene, encourage vaccination, disinfect surfaces and isolate symptomatic individuals. Communication with children about proper hygiene practices is essential to reduce the spread of illness.

## 6 STAY VIGILANT ON THE ROAD

Increased holiday traffic heightens the risk of accidents for both drivers and pedestrians. Distracted driving, pedestrian safety and inclement weather can complicate road safety. Encourage pedestrian safety practices, avoid distracted driving and never drive under the influence.

## 7 MAINTAIN SAFE DECORATIONS

Festive decorations such as Christmas lights and candles can pose electrical, fire and choking hazards if mishandled. Frayed wires, toppling Christmas trees, small ornaments and open flames can be difficult to control, especially in busy households with children. Inspect and maintain decorations, secure Christmas trees, place fragile or small items out of reach and ensure candles are never left unattended. Testing smoke alarms and using flame-retardant decorations can significantly reduce risks.

## 8 SET BOUNDARIES FOR GIFTS

Some toys and gadgets can present choking, sharp-edge or safety risks, particularly for young children. Ensuring that gifts meet safety standards and are age appropriate can be complex with so many options available. Inspect all toys carefully and ensure any tech devices have parental controls. Setting expectations around safe gift use and discarding packaging that poses a risk also helps to prevent accidents.

## 9 ADDRESS STRESS & FATIGUE

Holiday pressures can lead to burnout, which affects both physical and mental health. Overpacked schedules and a lack of downtime can cause stress and fatigue, leading to accidents or poor decision making. Incorporate rest, maintain regular routines and seek support to reduce stress. Encourage activities that promote relaxation to create a healthier, happier holiday experience for everyone.

## 10 DRINK RESPONSIBLY

Alcohol is commonly present at holiday events, raising concerns about safety and supervision. Excessive alcohol consumption can lead to accidents, impaired judgment and lack of supervision for children. Designate responsible adults, limit consumption and provide transportation alternatives for guests. Teaching moderation and modelling responsible behaviour in front of children ensures that celebrations remain positive and secure.

### Meet Our Expert

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