

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 15th November 2024

SCHOOL'S KEY DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

NOVEMBER

Mon 18 Year 6 last swimming lesson

Tue 19 TEMPEST Beechbuds Xmas individual and siblings Photos

Wed 20 Book Fair - will be in the hall at Parents evening and after school for one week

Wed 20 Parents Afternoon/Eve please book via School Cloud

CHRISTMAS DECORATION NEEDED

As the festive season approaches, we are busily preparing for our much-anticipated Christmas Fair, which promises to be a magical event for all! To help make it truly special, we are kindly seeking donations of Christmas decorations. If you have any spare decorations—such as lights, ornaments, garlands, or other festive items—that you no longer need, we would be incredibly grateful.

Donations can be dropped off at the school office.

CLUB CANCELLED

WEDNESDAY

DODGEBALL – YEAR 3

Is cancelled this week due to Parents Afternoon/Evening.



WEEKLY UPDATE

Looking around the school today has been amazing: the colours, range of headwear and comfy dressing gowns have not stopped the children from working incredibly hard and producing wonderful work.

Thank you for joining us after school this week to celebrate our children's wonderful artwork. The galleries have been really well attended and I know you will agree that all of the work looked simply magnificent! A huge well done to all of our children and staff who made this happen. This was Mrs Cranage's vision, and it has really brought the children's artwork to life.

We have a new website! After listening to feedback at Parent Forum and through conversations with families, we have changed our website in the hope that information is more easily accessible, and we can celebrate our school effectively. You will find information about what your child is learning about across the year in 'Year group curriculum overviews', these documents were also shared at Meet the Teacher meetings. Any feedback would be warmly welcomed as this is live and will be updated regularly.

Keep your eyes out for this year's eco challenge, it looks like Mrs Allen has put an interesting one together.

Finally, thank you for being considerate when parking your vehicles when collecting your children, this really helps keep everyone safe.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Todd



Beechbuds – Charlie F
Reception – Maisy C
Year 1 – Lottie F
Year 2 – Juliet G

Year 3 – James B
Year 4 – Jack W
Year 5 – Jacob G
Year 6 – Teddy F

Staff – Mrs Catterall & Mrs Hodgson



SCHOOL HOUSES POINTS



THUNBERG

4th



RASHFORD

2nd



STOREY

3rd



PEAKE

1st

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The National average for attendance is 96%

Our school attendance target is for 97%.

whole school 96.22%

Class	This week
Reception	94.23%
Year 1	96.88%
Year 2	95.51%
Year 3	96.65%
Year 4	96.12%
Year 5	96.18%
Year 6	97.86%



Well done **Year 6** 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



A HUGE THANK YOU TO FEPS AND OUR WONDERFUL PARENTS!

We are thrilled to share some exciting news! Thanks to the incredible support from FEPS (our fantastic PTFA) and the generosity of our parent community, we have been able to purchase an amazing selection of artist books for the children.

These books will provide a wealth of inspiration, creativity, and will help to enrich and spark their imaginations.



Thank you on behalf of the entire school and our budding artists.

NEXT WEEKS SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

WEEK 2	 MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Italian Pizza, served with potato wedges	Toad in the Hole, with Mashed Potato & Gravy	Chicken Korma, served with Rice & Naan Bread	Roast Gammon with Roasties & Gravy	Battered Fish Fillet
MAIN DISH 2	Quorn Meat & Potato Pie	Vegetable & Chicken Pie	Pasta Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Fish Finger Barm, with Herby Potatoes	Sausage Roll Chicken Nuggets
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 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	



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

MENU

KEY  - 10F 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.



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The Eco-Team's Christmas Competition 2024!

To help raise awareness for wrapping gifts in a beautiful and environmentally friendly way, the Eco-team are running a competition to wrap a present using eco-friendly products.



Choose an empty box and wrap it! It's that simple!

How do you make wrapping paper environmentally friendly?

Use material for wrapping presents.

Get creative with old newspaper.

Tape-free wrapping techniques.

Reuse delivery boxes.

Use pine cones, cinnamon sticks, dried

oranges or twigs.

Ditch the bows and decorate with foliage.

Personalise brown paper with prints or colouring.

Tie with string instead of tape. ...

Choose to use a gift bag.

Use paper which can be scrunched up (-if it springs back out of shape it will have plastic in which is bad for our planet and say no to glittery paper!)



Entries in by Monday 9th December please.

£1 entry fee to raise money for Chorley Hedgehog Rescue Centre and Eco-projects around school.

There will be a prize for KS1 and KS2.

Have a go! Your presents will be a delight for all your friends and family and you'll be helping to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill too!

Thank you from Mrs A and the Eco-Team





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



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 and click 'school admission policies'.

lancashire.gov.uk



ECCLESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

incorporating
Beechbuds Pre-School

OPEN DAY

Wednesday 9th October

Evening 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Thursday 14th November

Morning 9.30am - 10.30am

Thursday 12th December

Afternoon 1.30pm - 2.30pm



No booking required just come along!



To find out more information please email hello@eccleston.lancs.sch.uk

You can find out all about Eccleston Primary School on our website www.ecclestonprimary.co.uk

Choose fun at



HOLIDAY CLUB

Ofsted Registered

23rd & 24th
December
2024

7:30am -
6:00pm

2nd & 3rd
January
2025

3-12
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Christmas Holidays

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Christmas Concert

2024



Saturday 7th December - 6.00pm

at St Michael & All Angels Church, Croston

RAFFLE & REFRESHMENTS TICKETS £6 UNDER 12s FREE

Tickets available in advance from The Croston Singers or pay on the door

For more information about The Croston Singers please see our Facebook page @TheCrostonSingers



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At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

TEACHING CYCLE SAFETY

Cycling is an amazing way to spend quality time together as a family, as well as keeping everyone healthy and active – and it's an excellent exercise, whatever the age of your children. Getting started can sometimes be daunting, and there are obvious safety concerns over youngsters who are still getting used to a bike – so follow our top tips to help you ride with confidence.

1 CONSIDER CYCLE TRAINING

Courses like Bikeability are extremely useful, and training in general has come a long way since cycling proficiency began; there are Bikeability courses for adults, too. Cycle training teaches invaluable skills (such as good road positioning, signaling and visibility), and can help both parents and children feel more at ease on busy streets.

2 USE A SUITABLE BIKE

Find a bike of an appropriate size for its rider and resist the temptation to have children 'grow into' theirs by buying one too large for them. A bigger bike will be heavier and more difficult to control, making accidents more likely and potentially putting youngsters off cycling forever. If your child has any specific physical needs, or has dyspraxia, then try out a trike, handcycle or other adaptive cycle to see what works best.

3 TRY A CARGO BIKE

Cargo bikes, particularly the box-bike style, are ideal for transporting small children around. Depending on the type of bike chosen – as well as the size and age of the children – it can be possible to transport up to four little ones in this way, with additional space for other cargo as well.

4 INSPECT YOUR CYCLE

It's a good idea to do some routine checks on any bike before going for a ride to make sure everything's working correctly. The 'M check' is particularly useful: assessing the condition and position of the bike's wheels, handlebars, brakes, pedals, chain and saddle, working from front to back. Online tutorial videos can also teach you how to carry out basic repairs if needed. For more complicated fixes, head to your local bike shop.

5 BRING SUITABLE GEAR

Ensure whatever you're wearing, and any attachments for your bike, are suitable for the ride. A waterproof jacket will let you cycle safely in almost any weather. Make sure any helmets are fitted correctly. If you're riding after dark, remember to fit your bikes with a white front light, a red rear light and a red rear reflector. These are required by law.

6 STICK TO FLAT TERRAIN

Take a smooth, flat route if possible, so it's more suitable for younger cyclists. You might be surprised by how many quiet roads or back streets there may be in your area. Don't be put off by an indirect but easier path as opposed to a shorter, busier one. Look out for the National Cycle Network, canal towpaths and even parks that you can cut through.

7 STAY ALERT AND IN SAFE FORMATIONS

For maximum protection and visibility, ride in a line with children in the middle and adults at either end. If you're the only adult present, take up a position at the rear to ensure all children remain in your sight. Don't be tempted to hug the kerb if cycling on the road – riding approximately a metre out will make you more noticeable to other road users, and you'll also stay clear of any debris in the gutter.

8 AVOID PARKED CARS

When riding past parked cars, try to stay at least a metre away, just in case anyone inside opens a door unexpectedly or the vehicle itself starts to move. This precaution will also deter anyone driving behind from trying to squeeze past you when there isn't enough space, so don't be afraid to ride in a prominent position.

9 START A 'BIKE BUS'

Cycling to school with other families is a potentially fun experience – one which comes with the added benefit of safety in numbers, in case anything goes wrong along the way. Team up with other parents, carers and educators and pick a day to cycle to school together. Who knows – maybe, in time, you'll have other folks asking to join you!

10 HAVE FUN!

Keep in mind that cycling should be fun! A good bike ride can be really enjoyable for adults and children alike, while also being a superb form of exercise. Ease children into the hobby by starting them off with shorter journeys – such as a trip to the park – and build them up to longer, more complicated outings. Some children may get bored on a longer ride, so try to keep a conversation going with them.

Meet Our Expert

Sophie Gordon is the campaigns manager at Cycling UK, a charity which inspires and enables people to start cycling. She has spent six years campaigning for safer roads and more protected cycle paths, while supporting communities to call for better cycling conditions where they live.



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