

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 19th September 2025

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

APPLY NOW!
at 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 >>>>

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

Lancashire County Council

build relationships

be fair

be resilient

be resourceful

be kind

WEEKLY UPDATE

The weeks are already beginning to fly by! This week has been another filled with a real buzz of learning. Listening to the chanting of times tables around the school is just magical.

Congratulations to our newly qualified Wellbeing Champions, who have been expertly trained by Compass Bloom. We are delighted that our children will be able to support their peers with strategies to regulate their emotions effectively.

Finally, we say goodbye to Mrs Cranage, as she heads off on her maternity leave. We will miss her in school and the huge impact she has on so many families. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best and that she enjoys the wonderful time ahead with her family.

Have a superb weekend everyone.
Mr Craig Todd



Star of the Week

Beechbuds – Matilda F

Year 3 – Toby W

Reception – Nina I

Year 4 – Florence M

Year 1 – Orla A

Year 5 – Cole C

Year 2 – Sadie N

Year 6 – Elsie A

PLAYDOUGH CUTTER DONATIONS – YEAR 1

Year 1 are on the lookout for any spare playdough cutters you may have at home! If you have any you no longer need, we'd be very grateful for donations to support our creative activities in the classroom.

VOLUNTEER READERS

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.



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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 shop-bought) 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!

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/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?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

Catering Hero (Catering assistant)

APPLY NOW



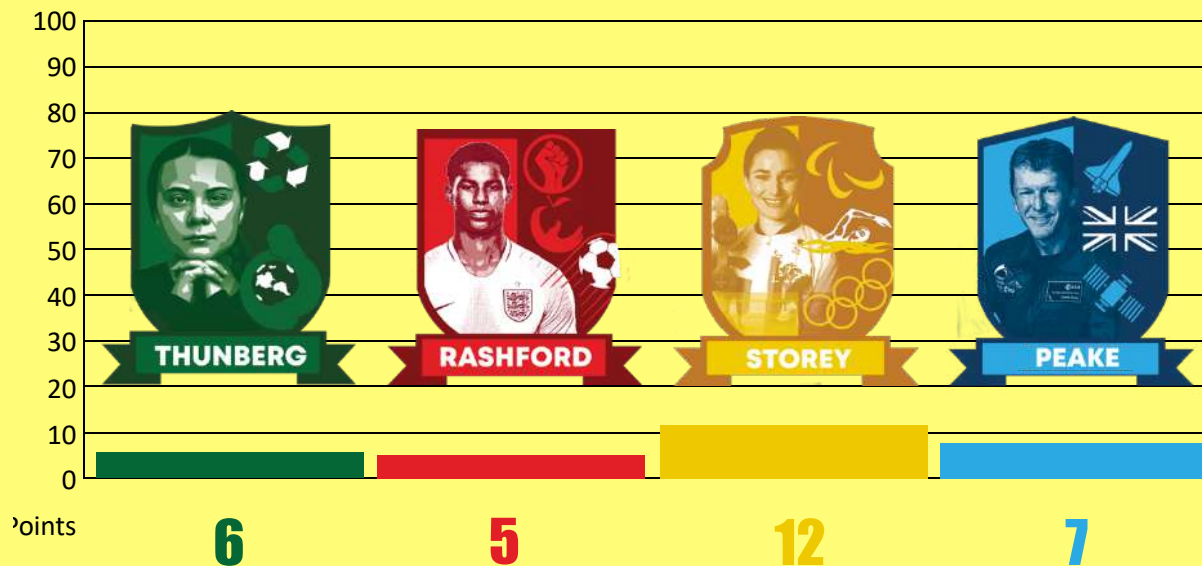
- £12.21 basic rate per hour, equated rate
- Primary School
- Email to elainel@mellors.co.uk
- Alternately leave your name and contact details at reception.
- Start Date : ASAP

Inspiring the nation through fabulous food.

Catering assistant based in Eccleston Primary, previous catering experience preferred - 15 hrs hours per week, 10.30-1.30pm term time only equated pay based on 38 working weeks and 5.6 weeks holidays £12.21 basic rate per hour, start date ASAP.

HOUSE POINTS

House to reach 100 points will receive a special treat!



SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Homemade Italian Style pizza served with wedges	Sausage and mash	Chicken tikka Served on a bed of rice with a naan bread	Homemade ham and cheese whirls served with roasted baby potatoes	Battered cod fillet
MAIN DISH 2	Cheese and tomato pasta served with a garlic slice	Selection of panini's served with a mixed salad	Mac and cheese	Homemade lasagne Served with a mixed salad and garlic bread	Sausage roll Chicken goujons
ACCOMPANIMENTS 5 A DAY	Sweetcorn Baton carrots Salad bar	Baton carrots Green beans Salad bar	Broccoli sweetcorn Salad bar	Sweetcorn Baton carrots Salad bar	Chunky chips Curry sauce Baked beans Sweetcorn Salad bar
DESSERTS	Lemon drizzle cake	Homemade flapjack	Jelly pots	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	Sandwich selection

Mellors MENU Fuel your afternoon with a healthy school lunch from Mellors

KEY 5 - 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 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



JOIN FEPS – HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

We would love to invite you to join FEPS our Parent, Teacher & Friends Association (PTFA). FEPS plays a vital role in supporting our school, raising funds, and creating memorable experiences for our children.

By joining, you can:

- Help shape and plan exciting school events
- Support fundraising efforts that benefit all pupils
- Meet other parents, carers, and staff
- Make a real difference to our school community

Whether you can give a little time or a lot, every contribution counts. No matter your skills or availability, we'd be delighted to have you involved.

If you're interested in joining or would like to find out more, please get in touch at feps@eccleston.lancs.sch.uk or come along to our next meeting on Tuesday 30th September 6pm in school.

Let's work together to give our children the best possible school experience!

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The National average for attendance is 96%

Our school attendance target is 97%.

whole school 98.24%

Class	This week
Reception	98.2%
Year 1	98%
Year 2	98.3%
Year 3	98.6%
Year 4	98.3%
Year 5	97.2%
Year 6	99.2%

Well done **Year 6** for excellent attendance this week! Chip is looking forward to accompanying you in class next week.



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BACK TO SCHOOL, BACK TO FUN at the Football Fun Factory this October! Our Football Fun & Development program is the perfect way for children to stay active, make friends and enjoy football after school. With fun games, skill-building activities and mini matches every week, it's a brilliant way to kick off a new term.

New to the FFF? Enjoy a 3 week free trial in CROSTON! Book your space today!

BISHOP RAWSTORNE C of E - Sports Hall
THURSDAY - 5:30-6:30pm



STARTS 2nd
October

Football Fun & Development

WEEKLY FOOTBALL FUN AND DEVELOPMENT
FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-12 YEARS OLD

REGISTER FOR A 3 WEEK FREE TRIAL
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**School
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important factor in your
school preference, search
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or scan the
QR code.



Lancashire
County
Council



**It's time for
a Macmillan
Coffee
Morning
and you're invited**

Let's do whatever it takes
to support people living with cancer.

Place: **Eccleston Primary School HALL**

Date: **26th September 2025**

Time: **2pm to 4pm**

Contact:

Everyone welcome!



**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (26307), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (504). Also operating in Northern Ireland. MACNHS, Inc. (NI) 1014181

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OPEN EVENING

Thursday 25 September 2025
4pm–8pm

Headteacher's welcome address at
5pm, 6pm and 7pm



Visit our website for more details: <https://bishopr.co.uk/our-school/open-evening>

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SNAP STREAK

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a 🌟 emoji. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.

SEXTORTION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.

SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2025, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lens+, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.

ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Nudity and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'nudes'.

USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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