

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024

## SCHOOL'S KEY DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

### NOVEMBER

25 Mon Year 5 Swimming

29 Fri Non-uniform - please donate chocolate for the Christmas Fair

29 Fri Maths Ambassador application deadline

## REQUEST FOR A REAL CHRISTMAS TREE OR DECORATIONS

As the festive season approaches, we're excited to bring some Christmas cheer to our school and create a warm, Christmasy atmosphere for our children and staff. To help us achieve this, we're reaching out to our wonderful school community for support.

If you or someone you know might have a real Christmas tree or any Christmas decorations, they would be willing to donate, we would be incredibly grateful. Every little contribution helps make our school sparkle!

## 2025-2026 Term Dates

Next academic year term dates have now been agreed and are on our new website.

[www.ecclestonprimary.net/termdates](http://www.ecclestonprimary.net/termdates)



## WEEKLY UPDATE

What a fantastic week it has been! We were delighted to see so many of you at Parents' Evening on Wednesday; it was a real celebration of your children's achievements so far this term. Their books looked superb and show their progression of knowledge and skills across the term.

This year's eco challenge is upon us. Mrs Allen has spent time presenting the challenge in the foyer, we would like to see as many people as possible getting involved in this.

Christmas is coming quickly, please keep an eye out for upcoming events. FEPS have arranged some exciting things for our children, a huge thanks again for all the money that is raised to enhance our children's learning experiences.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Todd



Beechbuds – Eleanor R

Year 3 – Bella N

Reception – Rhys D

Year 4 – Max F

Year 1 – Finley K

Year 5 – Bethany H

Year 2 – Darcy R

Year 6 – Emmie J

Staff – Mrs Allen



## HOUSES POINTS



**THUNBERG**

4<sup>th</sup>



**RASHFORD**

2<sup>nd</sup>



**STOREY**

3<sup>rd</sup>



**PEAKE**

1<sup>st</sup>

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The National average for attendance is 96%

Our school attendance target is for 97%.

**whole school 94.46%**

Class	This week
Reception	99.4%
Year 1	86.6%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	94.3%
Year 4	97.1%
Year 5	91.5%
Year 6	96.6%

Well done **RECEPTION** 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)



**ECCLESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
incorporating  
**Beechbuds Pre-School**

**OPEN DAY**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**  
Afternoon  
1.30pm-2.30pm

No booking required just come along!






To find out more information please email [hello@eccleston.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:hello@eccleston.lancs.sch.uk)

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## NEXT WEEKS SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

WEEK 1	 MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Italian Pizza, served with potato wedges	Pork Sausage & Mash Potato with Gravy	Chicken Tikka Masala, served with Rice & Naan Bread	Roast Turkey, served with Roasties & Yorkshire Pudding	Fish Fingers
MAIN DISH 2	Cheese & Onion Pasty	Chicken Nugget Pitta Bread, served Roasted Vegetables	Pasta Bolognaise with Garlic Bread	Spanish Chicken, served with Paprika Potatoes	Jumbo Sausage Chicken Burger
ACCOMPANIMENTS 	Sweetcorn & Beans ..... Salad bar	Cauliflower & Carrots ..... Salad bar	Green Beans & Sweetcorn ..... Salad bar	Cauliflower & Carrots ..... Salad bar	Potato Wedges, Peas & Beans ..... Salad bar
DESSERTS	Chocolate Mousse	Fruit Pie & Custard	Shortbread Fingers	Arctic Roll	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	



Fuel your afternoon with a healthy school lunch from Mellors



**KEY**  - 1 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.

**Choose fun at**



**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!**

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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>

**2nd & 3rd January 2025**

	AM	PM
<b>THURS</b>	Picturesque Painting	Sports Action
<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**





FEPS presents the  
Eccleston Primary School

# Christmas FAIR

Fun, Magic, and Joy for the Whole Family!

Food, Drink, Games, Raffle, Choir & a VERY special guest!

4/12/2024  
5 PM to 7 PM

Eccleston Primary School  
Doctors lane

ADULTS  
£1 entry



FREE books for your school when you buy at the Book Fair!

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

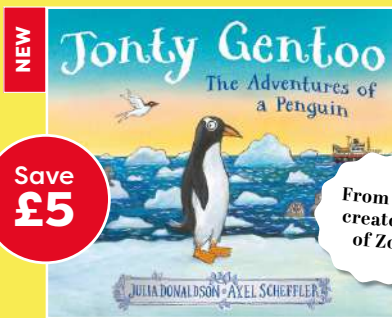
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Date:

**TO BE IN THE SCHOOL RECEPTION  
TIL 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**

**From 3.15pm to 4.15pm**

Scan the QR code to pay online!



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0-5 years



**Growing Together:**  
Empowering Parents for Early Childhood Success

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



As children grow their experiences, relationships and surroundings fundamentally shape their future. Lancashire Educational Psychology Service is hosting a range of free events for all Parent Carer living in Lancashire to support them in shaping the lives of their little ones.

Sessions will include take-home ideas on practical activities to do with your child. Events will take place online using Microsoft Teams to increase accessibility for Parent Carer across the county.



**Sessions are available to all Parent Carer in Lancashire with a child aged 0 to 5.**

**27.11.2024 6pm -7pm - Creating a positive relationship and joy with your child**

Building positive relationships helps children to feel secure and to thrive in their development. We will explore practical strategies to support your connection with your child as well as ways to keep yourself healthy through the challenges of parenthood so you and your child can enjoy healthier, happier lives.

**clickDelegate Growing Together: Empowering Parents for Early Childhood Success. Topic: Creating positive attachments and joy with your child ([lancashire.gov.uk](http://lancashire.gov.uk))**

**29.01.2025 6pm -7pm- The power of play: Fun ways to connect with your child through play**

Play is vital for your child's development. It helps them learn new skills, express their creativity, and build social connections. Through play, children explore the world around them, develop problem-solving abilities, and gain confidence. We will share different types of play and ways to encourage playtime within daily life.

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**12.03.2025 6pm -7pm- Supporting big emotions**

Struggling with your child's big emotions? Our upcoming CPD session is here to help! We will equip you with effective strategies for supporting your child through emotional highs and lows. Learn how to create a calm environment, teach coping skills, and improve communication. This session will provide you with the tools to help your child navigate their feelings confidently.

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**30.04.2025 6pm - 7pm Promoting kindness and co-operation**

Learn new practical ways to foster empathy, teamwork, and positive social interactions in your home and in your child.

**clickDelegate Growing Together: Empowering Parents for Early Childhood Success. Topic: Promoting kindness and co-operation ([lancashire.gov.uk](http://lancashire.gov.uk))**

**18.06.2025 6pm - 7pm- Preparing children for the transition to school**

**clickDelegate Growing Together: Empowering Parents for Early Childhood Success. Topic: Preparing children for the transition to school ([lancashire.gov.uk](http://lancashire.gov.uk))**

**Is your child starting primary school soon?** This session is designed to help you and your child make a smooth transition! Learn practical tips and strategies to prepare your little one for this exciting new chapter. Discover how to build confidence, develop essential skills, and create a positive attitude towards school.



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# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING

Evidence shows that children's spending habits begin to form as early as seven years old. With primary schools in England not required to teach financial literacy, many young people are reaching adulthood without knowing the basics of budgeting. This guide explains how to teach young people about money in a practical way, giving them the understanding to become savvy spenders and savers.

## 1 PROVIDE POCKET MONEY

Giving children money – even a small amount – can help them learn to make their own budgeting decisions about how to spend or save it. Research shows that youngsters who receive pocket money are more likely to become adults with strong financial skills and significantly less debt.

## 2 USE A PREPAID CARD

Being able to pay by card is essential these days, with some retailers not accepting cash since the pandemic. Prepaid debit cards are available for children from the age of six, allowing them to get used to spending like they will as adults with no risk of dipping into an overdraft. Learning about money is like learning to swim – you need to get in the pool and have a go!

## 3 PRACTISE BORROWING

Although official borrowing is only available to over 18s, kids need to understand how debt and interest works before they become adults and are exposed to credit cards or 'buy now, pay later' schemes. For a safe means of teaching them about this, parents could offer them extra pocket money but explain that it needs to be paid back by a certain date, plus an extra couple of pounds as interest.

## 4 ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATION

Chatting about money and how much things cost will teach children that finance is a part of everyday life and not some "scary adult thing". Parents can involve them in budgeting for the weekly shop, for example, working together to get everything on the list while keeping the total below a certain number. Letting young ones make spending decisions in a safe space can build up their confidence regarding money.

## 5 DISCUSS THE PRESSURE TO SPEND

Whether it's YouTube ads or a hint of envy at a friend's recent purchase, spending triggers are everywhere. Encourage children to notice how clever shop design (like placing sweets at the checkout) and offers such as '2 for 1' deals entice us to spend more. Challenge them to resist impulse buys by getting them to sleep on it before deciding to spend.

## 6 TELLING 'NEED' FROM 'WANT'

Learning how to prioritise spending is an important life skill: the difference between life's essentials and "nice to haves" is key to budgeting. If children pester you for treats while shopping, it's the perfect time to say "That's a want. We're getting our needs first." You could show how you budget for food, electricity and so on before buying fun things.

## 7 ENCOURAGE SAVING

Getting children saving early can set them up with a useful habit for their adult life. Suggest that they set something aside every time they receive money and help them set a target for how much to put away, so they feel motivated to continue. For example, encouraging them to save for a friend's birthday gift can get children much more invested in what they buy.

## 8 SPARK INTEREST IN INTEREST

Motivate children by telling them about interest; you can describe it as a reward for saving money. Explain how everything they put away will grow over time. As an exciting example, explain that 1p doubled every day for a month would amount to approximately £10 million. Some prepaid cards for young people also offer interest; parents and carers could also add a little to supplement what their child saves and show how it works.

## 9 PAYING FOR CHORES

This is a complex debate with no right or wrong answer: it depends on what works for each individual family. However, it can be one of the best ways to teach children that many needs to be earned and helps to create more mindful spenders. If parents aren't keen on paying for everyday chores, they could ask the children to suggest their own ideas for earning a little extra.

## 10 PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SCAMS

Scams are a terrifyingly easy way to lose money, and children are generally more likely to be taken in due to a lack of experience with these financial criminals. As a minimum, make sure they're aware of the most common scams they could be exposed to – by text, email and phone, for instance. Young people should tell a trusted adult about any unexpected message or call and never give out their personal information.

## Meet Our Expert

GoHenry is a prepaid debit card and financial education app with a mission to make every young person smart with money. Co-founder and CEO Louise Hill is a passionate campaigner for better financial literacy among school children and strongly believes that money management is a crucial life skill.

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