

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Thursday 23rd October 2025

Star of the Week

Beechbuds – **Martha G**

Reception – **Lennon M**

Year 1 – **Theo B**

Year 2 – **Francesca WT**

Year 3 – **Amber N**

Year 4 – **Phoebe C**

Year 5 – **Annie F**

Year 6 – **Elsie A**

build
relationships

be fair

be
resilient

be
resourceful

be kind

WEEKLY UPDATE

What a tremendous half term this has been, eight weeks of truly amazing learning experiences!

Thank you to everyone who made the Halloween Disco such a success, the children clearly had an absolute blast and it is down to the hard work of FEPS that this can happen. The effort that went into the children's outfits was incredible, there were some very creepy costumes!

I wish you all a lovely, well-deserved break. I know I can speak for the staff team when I say that we will look forward to seeing you all soon.

Mr Craig Todd

PE PUMPS

Please ensure that children who do not already have pumps in school bring a pair in. It's really important that they have this backup available, just in case their other footwear gets wet or they need them for PE. Thank you for your support.

At Eccleston, we believe that strong communication between home and school is key to every child's success and wellbeing. If you ever have any worries or concerns, or would like to speak with your child's teacher, please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can contact us in the following ways:

Email: hello@eccleston.lancs.sch.uk

Telephone: 01257 451114

Or simply pop into the school office

We will always do our very best to arrange for someone to speak with you as soon as possible.



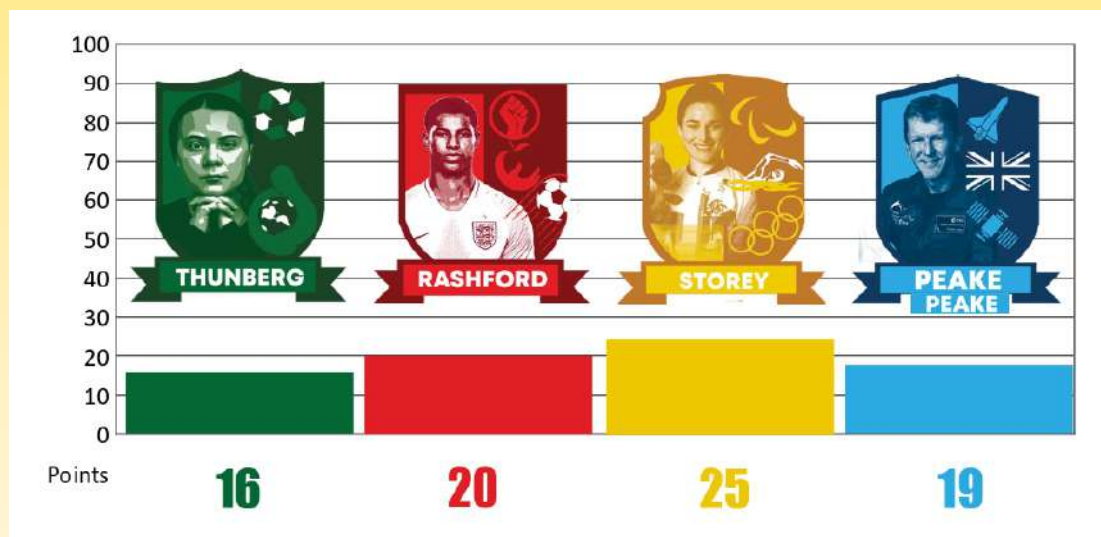
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HOUSE POINTS

House to reach 100 points will receive a special treat!



BEHAVIOUR CURRICULUM

Be Respectful • Be Responsible • Be Safe

Using Good Manners

- Always say 'please' when asking for something
- Always say 'thank you' when receiving something or when someone does something kind
- Say 'good morning/afternoon' to adults when passing them
- Show gratitude to others by thanking them for what they say
- Use a calm and polite tone to show respect



Upcoming Events

- 🏠 The Big Build – Saturday 15th November
- 🎄 Christmas Fair – Wednesday 3rd December
- 🐣 Easter Bingo – Friday 20th March
- ☀️ Summer Fair – Friday 12th June

After School Clubs Autumn 2 03/11/25 – 18/12/25



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	DEBATE CLUB – Y1-2 5 weeks – Mr Todd 03/11/2025 – 01/12/2025	CHOIR – Y3-6 On Going – Mrs Lancaster		JUGGLING – Y4 5 weeks – Mrs Mansfield 06/11/2025 – 04/12/2025	
After School Club	HANDBALL – Y3/4 5 weeks – Mr Walker 17/11/2025 – 15/12/2025 CHRISTMAS DECORATION CLUB Y6 6 weeks – Mrs Hodgson 03/11/2025 – 08/12/2025	CHRISTMAS CRAFTS Y2 6 weeks – Miss Mackey 04/11/2025 – 16/12/2025 Please note this club will not be on 25th November	TAEKWONDO YR-6 On Going – Eddie Ellison FRENCH CLUB YR-6 On Going – Mrs Roden	BASKETBALL – Y5/6 6 weeks – Chorley Sports 06/11/2025 – 11/12/2025 SPANISH CLUB YR-6 On Going – Mrs Roden	GIRLS FOOTBALL – Y4/5/6 6 weeks – Chorley Sports 07/11/2025 – 12/12/2025





Pupil Leadership

We are delighted to announce and congratulate all the pupils who have been selected for leadership roles this year! Whether you're a Head Pupil, House Captain, School Council Representative, Playground Leader, or part of one of our many leadership groups, your commitment to representing your peers and supporting our school community is truly valued.



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SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

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 Bread	Roast Turkey served with a Yorkshire Pudding and Roasties	Battered Cod Fillet served with Potato Wedges
MAIN DISH 2	Tomato and Basil Pasta served with Garlic Bread	All Day Breakfast wrap	Ham and Cheese Swirls	Fish Finger Barm served with Diced Potatoes	Jumbo Sausage Crunchy Chicken burger
ACCOMPANIMENTS 	Sweetcorn Baked beans Salad bar	Baton Carrots Green Beans Salad bar	Sweetcorn Baked Beans Salad bar	Baton Carrots Broccoli Salad bar	Fries Gravy Baked beans Salad bar
DESSERTS	Homemade Sponge Cake of the week with Custard	Homemade Cookies	Oaty Jam Squares	Shortbread Fingers	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



MENU

Fuel your afternoon with a healthy school lunch from Mollers



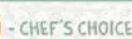
KEY 

- 1 OF YOUR 5 A DAY

 MEAT FREE

- 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.

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

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The National average for attendance is 96%

Our school attendance target is 97%.

whole school 89.68%

Class	This week
Reception	88.8%
Year 1	97.7%
Year 2	86.2%
Year 3	87.4
Year 4	88.3%
Year 5	95.9%
Year 6	82.8%

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



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BREAST CANCER NOW

The research
& care charity

We raised
£258
Thank you



Zip pull - **Suggested** Donation: 50p



Reflector - **Suggested** Donation: 50p



Silicon wristband - **Suggested** Donation: £1.00



Snap band - **Suggested** Donation: £1.50



Please Support The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – POPPY APPEAL

In the run-up to Remembrance Sunday, our School Ambassadors will be on the playground at lunchtime after the half-term holiday, selling items in support of the Poppy Appeal. Poppies will also be available from the school office if you would like to make a donation there. Thank you for your support.



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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

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.



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**SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS
SECONDARY**

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School and Academy places September 2026

You must apply if your child is in their last year of primary school (year 6) from September 2025.

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CLOSING DATE
31 October 2025

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*Everyone
welcome!*



THE BIG BUILD

COMMUNITY BUILD DAY

SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER - FROM 9:00AM

Join us for a community event to help beautify and tidy up our school grounds.



Tasks will include:

- Painting fences and sheds
- Repairing/replacing the Learning Lodge roof and floor
- Spreading woodchip in the Dell and removing old wooden borders
- Removing damaged or worn-out equipment
- Jet washing outdoor areas
- Gardening, weeding and planting

BACON/SAUSAGE BUTTIES AND BREWS PROVIDED

All children must be supervised by a parent/carer



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

FORTNITE



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 650 million registered users, Fortnite remains one of the most played and discussed online games globally. Known for its vibrant graphics, fast-paced gameplay, and cultural crossovers with everything from music artists to superhero franchises, the game continues to capture the attention of young people. This guide outlines the risks trusted adults need to know about, including game updates, and offers practical safety tips to help address them.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player, offline mode in Fortnite; it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about, both in terms of connectivity and using up data. You may find that dedicated, young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about family time or trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – limited-time cosmetic 'skins', music tracks, LEGO items, and battle passes. Children can feel pressured to spend money on V-Bucks – the in-game currency – to avoid missing out, particularly as exclusive items rotate frequently. Some items may not return to the store for years, while Battle Pass rewards are often "gone when they're gone".

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

There's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as mini-games and emotes. Guns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, so discretion is advised. Past seasons have introduced characters and references from mature franchises like The Witcher and Halo.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. Crossplay allows friends to play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC, while the Party Chat feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can put youngsters at risk of exposure to strangers, inappropriate language, and cyberbullying.

FREQUENT UPDATES

Seasonal releases introduce new map changes, gameplay mechanics, and cosmetics. Ongoing updates can increase screen time and potential for obsession as children try to unlock rewards before the season ends. These regular renewals help to hold players' interest, but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back. Seasons often change thematically.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from films and TV shows like Power Rangers and Avatar: The Last Airbender, to comic book characters including Batman. Other collaborations with series, artists, and influencers may expose children to music, language, or ideas that are more suitable for older audiences.

Advice for Parents & Educators

DISCUSS SAFE SOCIAL INTERACTION

Talk with children about who they're playing with online. Coordinate play time with the child's friends for socialisation and safety in numbers. Encourage them to avoid private voice chats with strangers and remind them not to share personal information. Use real-life examples to explain potential risks, and remind them that if they see something concerning, they should tell a trusted adult.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents to do something fun with their child, while making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they *never* ask for a player's account password outside of the game. Make sure any young player knows this.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including iGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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