

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 31st January 2025

Star of the Week

Beechbuds – Alba J

Reception – Alexander R

Year 1 – Marla C

Year 2 – Riley P

Year 3 – Penelope E

Year 4 – Ralphie M

Year 5 – Alfie T

Year 6 – Lydia C

Staff – Mrs Duckworth



WEEKLY UPDATE

Another week has flown by and even more learning opportunities have taken place across the school. Our week started off with Chorley Sports training up our Year 5 children to be 'PALS' - Play Leaders. The feedback from staff was that all of the children took to the training maturely and we were proud of every single child. The same feedback was given for our Year 5 children's behaviour at Heskin Hall on Thursday, they were superb!

It is an absolute privilege to see how hard your children work day to day at school. Walking around the classrooms every day allows me to see them hard at work. There have been some really exciting lessons taking place, keep one eye on our Twitter/X page to see some of the highlights.

After half term, Hayley Coggins - SHINE - will be running an after school club that is centred on wellbeing. The work she has done with our children in school has been beautiful, bespoke and helped the children in a range of ways. We are absolutely delighted that she is able to offer an after school club for our children. More information about this club is presented later in the newsletter.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Mr Todd



7 February 2025

KEY DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

FEBRUARY

Mental Health Week

Mon 3rd Year 5 Swimming

Mon 3rd Year 2 Village Walk

Fri 7th Number Day

On Friday 7th February, we will be taking part in the NSPCC Number Day. This day will include fun maths activities and games for pupils to enjoy, whilst raising awareness of NSPCC services such as Speak out Stay Safe and Childline. The NSPCC Number Day is a great way to make maths even more fun and to bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it.

We will also be taking part in Dress up for Digits. On Friday 7th February, pupils are invited to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (examples include wearing a football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie). The photos below may provide further inspiration:

Please do not feel that you need to buy a costume. If your child is unable to dress based on a number, they can still wear non-uniform.



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HOUSES POINTS



THUNBERG

4th



RASHFORD

3rd



STOREY

2nd



PEAKE

1st

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The National average for attendance is 96%

Our school attendance target is for 97%.

whole school 95.37%

Class	This week
Reception	93.95%
Year 1	99.17%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	93.97%
Year 4	91.13%
Year 5	95.83%
Year 6	96.09%

Well done **Year 1** for great attendance this week! Chip is looking forward to accompanying you in class next week.

CHORLEY HEDGEHOG RESCUE

Thank you so much to everyone who has bought a hedgehog bracelet and donated cat food and fleeces for Chorley Hedgehog Rescue. They currently have 85 hedgehogs in need of help! We have raised well over £250, we will let you know the final amount when all the money is in. This will go towards food and medicine. Thank you! From the Eco team



HOW SAFE IS WHATSAPP FOR CHILDREN - NSPCC

WhatsApp is one of the most popular instant messaging apps, used by over 2 billion people in 180 countries. It allows you to send and receive messages, as well as make voice and video calls. You can connect with people individually or join group chats where lots of people can contribute. All you need to set up a WhatsApp account is a phone number. However, children and young people can easily subvert the restrictions placed on its access. Although rated at 16+, all that is required is a phone number. All it takes is one child in a class to be on whatsapp, and all the others will wish to join. This can lead to increased vulnerabilities for child users. The NSPCC has released its own analysis about the dangers of the app. If interested, please follow the link below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/>



CARPARK

Just a friendly reminder to all parents and carers: the school carpark is not to be used by parents / carers at any time and it is only for parking by staff or parents with a blue badge. We've also noticed many parents are walking through the carpark, which can be unsafe. For everyone's safety, we kindly ask that you avoid using the carpark as a walkway. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

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	Tomato Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread	Vegetable & Chicken Pie	Cheese & Onion Pasty	Cheese & Ham Puff Pastry Swirls	Jumbo Sausage Chicken Burger
ACCOMPANIMENTS 	Sweetcorn & Beans Salad bar	Cauliflower & Carrots and Swede Salad bar	Green Beans & Sweetcorn Salad bar	Cauliflower, Broccoli & Carrots Salad bar	Potato Wedges, Peas & Beans Salad bar
DESSERTS	Chocolate Mousse	Jelly	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	



MENU

Fuel your afternoon with a healthy school lunch from MeiLors



 - 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.

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



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BYOB BINGO

Join us for a night of fun and games at our Bingo Night!
Bring Your Own Bottle! (and your glass!)

FRIDAY 21ST MARCH FROM 6-8PM (ISH !)

ADULT TICKET INC PIE £8 | CHILD TICKET INC PIE £6
CHILD TICKET INC SLICE OF PIZZA £2
ADULT TICKET £3 | CHILD TICKET £1
TICKET PRICE INCLUDES 1 BOOK OF BINGO TICKETS - MORE BOOKS CAN BE PURCHASED ON THE NIGHT!

GAMES | HOT FOOD | TUCKSHOP | RAFFLE

FOOD MUST BE ORDERED IN ADVANCE CHOOSING THE CORRECT TICKET TYPE ON PARENT PAY

GIRLS! Want to try Rugby League?

We at Chorley Panthers are hosting open training sessions for school years 5, 6, 7 & 8. Our club along with support from the RFL & various Womens Super League teams are looking to promote girls rugby league in our local area.

Spread the word because the Pink Panthers are back!

Our first session is Saturday 15th February 10:00-11:00 @ Panther Park

If you're interested, or have any more questions please email play-for-us@chorley-panthers.co.uk for more details

Choose fun at **fun fest** HOLIDAY CLUB Ofsted Registered

17th - 21st February

7:30am-6:00pm

A menu of 50+ activities

3-12 years

HALF TERM

Eccleston Primary School
Doctors lane
Eccleston
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Book online at www.fun-fest.co.uk
Enquiries to 07392 790727 or chorleyoffice@funfestholidayclub.co.uk

February Half-Term

17th - 21st February 2025
CHORLEY - Eccleston

HOLIDAY CLUB	AM	PM
Mon	Crafty Creations	Crazy Golf
Tues	Down in the Jungle 3-7 Bonkers Bingo 8-12	Playful Painting
Weds	Movie Magic	Sports Action
Thurs	Fun Fit 3-4 Benchball 5-12	Beauty School
Fri	Imagineering 3-7 Dream Makers 8-12	Wacky Races
	Lego Adventure	Mystical Creatures
	Movie Magic	Around the World
		Fun Fit 3-4 Dodgeball 5-12
		Fun Day Friday



Shine

AFTER SCHOOL WORKSHOP



Shine After School Arts Programme is designed to build children's confidence, self-esteem and emotional wellbeing through creativity.

This nurturing programme builds children's confidence, mental health and wellbeing through relaxing and creative arts for Year 2 to Year 6 children. Activities include painting, drawing, modelling, crafting, clay work and more. Hosted by our very own Mary Poppins, Mrs Hayley Coggins.



Eccleston Primary School After School Workshop.

Starting 24th February 2025 for Year 2 to 6

Every Wednesday from 3.20pm-4.30pm.

6 weeks workshop for £60 including all materials.

Spaces are limited, please book via ParentPay or contact the school office for more information.

'Shine takes us to another world!'

'It makes me feel like Little Miss Sunshine!'

'Shine helps me to express my emotions.'

'Shine has boosted my confidence a lot, I am less shy in a group now'

'Shine takes the weight off my shoulders!'

'Shine is amazing, it's the best day of my week!'



Shine

The Shine Programme runs all year round and is currently well established in several schools across Lancashire. Proudly featured at John Lewis, Waterstones, Wayfarers Arcade and Southport Flower Show 2024.



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Important Update – Changes to Education-related Penalty Notices

Information for Parents

You may be aware that the Department for Education has announced national changes to the use of penalty notices issued for unauthorised absence in term time. These changes come into effect on 19 August 2024.

The changes to be aware of are:

- Penalty notices issued for offences that take place after 19 August 2024 will be charged at a new rate of £160 per parent per child. This can be paid at £80 if paid within 21 days.
- Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days with no option for a discounted rate.
- The threshold at which a penalty notice **must** be considered is set at 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school week period¹. This may include absences as a result of arriving late after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.
- A maximum of 2 penalty notices may be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) another course of action will need to be considered (such as prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions).
- Only penalty notices issued for absences taking place after 19 August 2024 will count towards the above thresholds.

Absences can have a lasting effect on learning

Missing a week of school means your child will miss around 25 hours of learning

This creates gaps in their knowledge and could mean they will not meet their full potential

¹ A school week is any week in which a school meets at least once.

