

Euxton Primrose Hill

WEDNESDAY WEEKLY

3rd December 2025

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"Together We Will Make A Difference."

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

There has been lots of magical excitement around school this week with the arrival of advent calendars and elves in many homes. School is certainly starting to look festive too, especially with our beautiful Christmas trees in the lower and upper halls. On behalf of everyone in school, I would like to say a huge thank you to the Murray family for so generously donating a tree, and also to our Year 1 parents and carers. It is absolutely magical to see the children's faces and hear their gasps of excitement when they see the trees decorated and lit – thank you all so much for adding to this wonderful season.

On a slightly different note, I have had several parents speak to me again about the dangers caused by driving and parking on Primrose Hill Road. One parent, who walks with a baby in a pram, has recently had to step into the road because cars were parked so far onto the pavement. To prevent someone from being seriously injured, please think carefully about where you park and how you drive around school to keep everyone safe.

Please help us by logging any parking concerns using this link:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/parking/report-a-parking-problem/>

By working together, we can do our best to keep everyone safe. Thank you for your continued support.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming many of you into school, and into church, over the next two weeks for our Santa Dash, Christmas productions and Christmas Fair.

Mrs Claire Jones
Headteacher



Attendance & Absence

We strongly encourage good attendance to support your child's learning and progress.

♦ If your child is unwell, please contact the school office by 9:00am on each day of absence.

☎ 01257 276688

✉ office@primrosehill-euxton.lancs.sch.uk

♦ Be specific:

It's important to give a clear reason – for example:

✓ "Tonsillitis" or "Sickness and temperature"

✗ Not just "unwell" or "poorly".

This helps us meet safeguarding and health requirements

Communicating with Us

If you need to get in touch, please email the school office in the first instance:

✉ office@primrosehill-euxton.lancs.sch.uk

Your message will be passed on to the relevant member of staff.

We aim to respond as soon as we can, but please allow up to 48 hours for a reply during term time.

For urgent matters during the school day, please phone the school office directly on: 01257 276688

If You're Concerned About Something...

We want to work in partnership with you.

If you're ever worried or unhappy about a situation, please follow this order of contact, via the school office:

- **Class Teacher** – your first point of contact
- **Phase Leader** – if further support is needed:
 - EYFS – Mr Danny Tooby
 - KS1 – Miss Claire Chamberlain
 - Years 3/4 – Mr Lloyd Davies
 - Years 5/6 – Miss Molly Burns
- **Assistant Headteacher** – Miss Amie Dobbs
- **Deputy Headteacher** – Mrs Emma Swinburn
- **Headteacher** – Mrs Claire Jones

We're here to help and will always do our best to resolve any concerns quickly and fairly.

Jewellery & Appearance

To keep everyone safe and focused on learning:

♦ **No jewellery** – including earrings (studs/spacers), rings, bracelets, necklaces, loom bands, or wristbands

♦ **No earrings or spacers** – these are a safety risk, especially during play and PE

♦ **No nail varnish or make-up** – children should come to school with natural nails and faces

Thank you for your support!

Tel: 01257 276688 (8:15am-3:45pm)

Email: office@primrosehill-euxton.lancs.sch.uk

Out of school Club, please contact Sarah Collison 07548 944202 or s.collison@primrosehill-euxton.lancs.sch.uk



ARBOR - PARENT APP

It's wonderful to see so many of you already logged into Arbor. We encourage all parents and carers to access the Parent Portal or download the app so you can view the information we hold about your child, including attendance, policy consents, medical details, photographs and more. It would be greatly appreciated if everyone could log in by **Friday, 12th December**.

To complete your account setup, simply create a password. Your username is the email address we sent the original email to.

Please visit <https://euxton-primrose-hill-primary-school.uk.arbor.education/?/home-ui/index> and select 'Forgot your password?' to set your password and finish activating your account.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the school office on 01257 276688 or email office@primrosehill-euxton.lancs.sch.uk.

You can download the Parent App using the links below:

[Apple App Store \(iphone\)](#)

[Google Play Store \(Android\)](#)

You can now record your child's absence directly through the Parent Portal or Arbor App. When doing so, please provide a specific reason for the absence (e.g., cold or sore throat rather than simply 'feeling unwell'). Please note that only same-day absences can be recorded; for any future or extended absences, contact the school office as usual. Please refer to the link for guidance <https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/19947254592029-Logging-absences-on-the-Parent-Portal-and-Arbor-App>.

SANTA DASH - 5TH DECEMBER 2025

Join your child on **Friday 5th December** for our 1-mile Santa Dash! **Please could all children come to school in their PE Kit with their PE Hoodie or school jumper.**

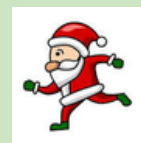
Bring your own Santa hat and get involved in the festive fun.

Entry is £2 - Sponsorship donations can be made via ParentPay or cash donations to the school office by **9th December**.

Thank you to everyone who has entered so far! All of the children will receive a Santa hat to complete their dash in!

The children have been really excited to raise their sponsorship money, thank you to all of your wider friends and family who have supported us!

You are welcome to come and support the children as they do their dash on Friday (timings are on the poster at the end) - if you want to join in please do, I'm sure they'd love your encouragement.



CHRISTMAS FAIR - 11TH DECEMBER 2025

The Christmas Fair is fast approaching and plans are well underway - join us on the 11th December from 5.30pm for traditional games, food and craft stalls. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page "Euxton Primrose Hill PTA" for full updates and sneak peaks at some of our stalls! Thank you again for all of your bottle and chocolate donations and for your ongoing support.

YEAR 6 CHRISTMAS ELVES

Over the next couple of weeks our Year 6 pupils will be acting as Christmas Elves delivering Christmas cards to each class. If your child would like to post any Christmas cards to their friends these can be posted in the special post box at the office. **Please write the name of the child, class and year on the envelope.** Thank you.



SID & HOLLY'S CHEEKY ANTICS

Uh-oh! Sid & Holly, our very cheeky kitchen elves, have been up to mischief again! Overnight they snuck into the school kitchen and caused chaos with their elf-sized antics. Have a look at what trouble they've cooked up this time!



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TOAST / FRIDAY FAVOURITES / LUNCH CHANGES - DEADLINE THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER

LUNCH CHANGES - If your child wishes to change from packed lunches to school dinners, or vice-versa, for the Spring Term 2026 or, if your child is already on school dinners and would like to make any changes to a dinner choice/s, please inform the school office or email office@primrosehill-euxton.lancs.sch.uk by **12 noon Thursday 4th December**.

TOAST - If you would like your child to have toast in the Spring Term please make payment on ParentPay using the item **26 Toast Spring Term**. The total cost will be £14.00 starting Monday 5th January to Friday 27th March. The deadline for Toast payments is **12 noon Thursday 4th December**.

FRIDAY FAVOURITES - If you would like your child to enjoy a Friday Favourite hot dinner in the Spring Term please make payment on ParentPay using the item **26 FF Spring Term**. The cost will be £32.45 for 11 weeks starting Friday 9th January to Friday 27th March. The deadline for Friday Favourite payment is **12 noon Thursday 4th December**.

Please note: Strictly, no late orders will be accepted.

£1 IN A BOX

£1 in a box is still open on Parent Pay. Each £1 you pay earns you an equivalent number of entries into the draw. Cut off is **Monday 8th December 2025**.

Good Luck! You've got to be in it, to win it!



WE WANT YOUR BOOKS!

At Primrose, we love reading and want to make sure our children have access to wonderful books throughout the day. We are hoping to expand our outdoor libraries so that pupils can enjoy books during break and lunchtimes too.

If you're having a pre-Christmas clear out and have any books you no longer need, we would be delighted to give them a new home. Please send any donations into school. Thank you so much for your support!



NHS DENTIST CHILD REGISTRATIONS

One of our local Dentist's, (my) dentist in Euxton, currently has availability to register new NHS child patients and would like to offer this opportunity to families in our school community before opening it more widely.

If you would like to register your child with the practice, please call into the surgery to complete a registration form. The process is quick and staff will be available to help if needed.

For any questions, you can contact the practice directly.

(my) dentist
171 Wigan Road, Chorley, PR7 6JH, England
T: [01257 269158](tel:01257269158)



SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO PENALTY NOTICE CHARGES

The DfE have recently announced national charges to penalty notices issued for unauthorised absences in term time, these came into effect on the 19th August 2024.

- Penalty notices issued for the offence after the 19th of August 2024 will be charged at the new rate of £160.00 however if paid in 21-days this reduces to £80.00.
- Any second penalty notice to the same parent for the same child in a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160.00 to be paid within 28-days with no option for a discount.
- Penalty notice threshold is 10-sessions equivalent to 5-days of unauthorised absence in a rolling 10-school week period.
- Maximum of 2-penalty notices may be issued for the same child within a rolling 3-years period, so at the 3rd or subsequent offence another course of action will need to be considered such as a prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions.

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Pupil Achievements and Celebrations

Super Pupils

YEAR 6
Everest - Zachary M
K2 - Bea M

EYFS
Beech - Maxwell D
Oak - Charles W

House Point Winners

KS1
Blue

KS2
Green

YEAR 5
Mont Blanc - Oscar R
Olympus - Philip G

YEAR 1
Ash - Millie B
Cedar - Cora H

YEAR 4
Ben Nevis - Phoebe C
Snowdon - Oliver P

YEAR 2
Maple - April T
Elm - Seb H

YEAR 3
Pendle - Evie T
Rivington - Edie C

Birthday Books

Thank you to the following pupils for donating their favourite books to celebrate their birthday this term:

Finnan T in EYFS - 'Alfie All About Alfie'

Aaron S in EYFS - 'Oi Duck-billed Platypus'

Abigail H in Ash Class - 'Little Panda/Abigail helps to save the Planet'

Wow - Walk to School Challenge

This month our class winners for the WOW challenge are:

EYFS & KS1 - Cedar

KS2 - Mont Blanc

Reminders And To Do



We are a nut free school. Please do not bring any snacks into school which contain nuts, including Nutella, Reese or Kinder Bueno products.

Whole School Notices

Santa Dash Entry and sponsorship form now open - **all pupils to wear PE kit on Friday**

If you have given consent for your child to attend the pantomimes, please could you now make the payment on **ParentPay** using the link: <https://app.parentpay.com/public/client/security/v5/#/login>

EYFS Class Notices

Sleeping Beauty – payment now due

Y1 Class Notices

Sleeping Beauty – payment now due

Y2 Class Notices

Sleeping Beauty – payment now due

Y3 Class Notices

If you received a reminder on 5th November via ParentMail to complete the 25 metre swimming assessment, please could you complete the form as soon as possible. **Link:** <https://forms.gle/CJCFqmZ2TBmAAMLH8>

A Christmas Carol – Payment now due

Y4 Class Notices

If you received a reminder on 5th November via ParentMail to complete the 25 metre swimming assessment, please could you complete the form as soon as possible. **Link:** <https://forms.gle/pzJyvgUQdoDWunU7>

A Christmas Carol – Payment now due

Y5 Class Notices

If you received a reminder on 7th November via ParentMail to complete the 25 metre swimming assessment, please could you complete the form as soon as possible. **Link:** <https://forms.gle/EcBkcf49V9cJuCLe9>

A Christmas Carol – Payment now due

Hothersall Lodge - 1st payment now overdue

Y6 Class Notices

3rd instalment for Boreatton Park – payment overdue

The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe – Payment now due

Dates for the Diary 2025-2026



December 2025

5th PTA Event - Santa Dash! PE Kits to be worn
 8th Y2 Christmas performance - 2pm performance for parents
 9th EYFS Nativity 10am
 9th Y3 & Y4 Christmas Performance 2pm - performance for parents
 9th Y5/Y6 Carol Concert in Church-1.45pm&6.30pm
 10th EYFS/KS1 Panto in Lower Hall (am)
 10th Christmas Jumper Day
 11th Y3 & Y4 Christmas Performance 9.30am - performance for parents
 11th PTA Christmas Fair
 12th ROCK KIDS!
 15th Autumn Read Deadline (35 reads)
 15th Y1 Christmas performance - 2pm - performance for parents
 15th Y3/Y4/Y5 10.15am Panto Trip - Oh Yes It Is! - A Christmas Carol
 16th COMMUNITY EVENT - Y2 Grandparents' Christmas Afternoon
 17th School Choir singing at Euxton Library at 11am *
 18th Y6 Panto Trip @ 2pm Performance - The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe
 19th Final day of Autumn Term - Christmas Celebration Day - Non Uniform *
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

January 2026

5th Spring Term Begins
 8th Open Day @ 9.15am - EYFS 2026
 27th EYFS Vision Screening *

February 2026

10th Safer Internet Day
 10th EYFS Blackpool Zoo Visit
 12th PTA Love Bug Ball 5.30pm KS1/6.45pm KS2
 13th Final day of Spring Term 1
 16-20th SPRING HALF TERM HOLIDAY

March 2026

16th Parent Consultation Evening
 17th Choir Performance at Blackburn Cathedral 'Let's Go Sing' - Evening Performance
 26th PTA Bunnies Bingo!
 26th Y3 Deva Roman Museum Trip
 27th Final day of Spring Term - HAPPY EASTER!

April 2026

13th Summer Term Begins
 16th Y4 Ben Nevis Cuerden Valley Trip
 17th Y4 Snowdon Cuerden Valley Trip
 17th Y6 Everest Leyland Trucks
 21st Y3 Pendle Southport Eco Centre Visit*
 24th Y6 K2 Leyland Trucks
 28th Y3 Rivington Southport Eco Centre Visit*

May 2026

3rd May Bank Holiday
 21st PTA May Fair
 22nd Final day of Summer Term
 25-29th SUMMER HALF TERM HOLIDAY

June 2026

1st INSET DAY
 2nd INSET DAY
 4th Travelling Science KS2 - AM only
 15-17th Y5 Hothersall Lodge Residential
 23rd Y1 Bring Yer Wellies
 24th Y1 Bring Yer Wellies
 26-29th Y6 Boreatton Park Residential

July 2026

9th Y2 Bees Visit in school
 17th Final day of Summer Term - HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Primrose Hill Clubs 2025-2026

Name of Club	Run by	Day	Finish	Collect From
Book Club Y6	Mrs Brockie	Tuesday (Last session 24.03.26)	4pm	Everest
Choir Y5&6	Mrs Swinburn / Miss Burns	Every Wednesday	4pm	K2
Eco Club	Miss McKinley	Thursday (Last session 20.11.25)	4.30pm	Office

Sports Clubs Autumn Term 2

Name of Club	Run by	Day	Finish	Dates
Y3&4 Sports Hall Athletics	Mrs Clements / Miss Dickinson	Monday	4:15pm	w/c 10/11/25 - w/c 15/12/25
Y3&4 Running Club	Miss Ahmed	Tuesday	4:30pm	w/c 10/11/25 - w/c 15/12/25
Y5&6 Basketball Club	Miss Ahmed	Wednesday	4:30pm	w/c 10/11/25 - w/c 15/12/25
Y4&5 Orienteering Club	Miss Ahmed	Thursday	4:30pm	w/c 10/11/25 - w/c 15/12/25
Dance Club	Mrs Walsh	Thursday	4.15pm	w/c 9th Oct 2025 - TBC
KS2 Boccia Club	Miss Ahmed	Friday	4:30pm	w/c 10/11/25 - w/c 15/12/25

*New date added

**Information or date amended

A festive header featuring a cartoon Santa Claus in the center, surrounded by various Christmas ornaments including green and white striped balls, red balls with white stars, and green balls with white snowflake patterns. The background is a deep red with subtle snowflake patterns.

SANTA DASH

A small, stylized illustration of a schoolhouse with a chimney and a flag on top, positioned above the school name.

Euxton Primrose Hill Primary

Join your child on their 1 mile Santa Dash! Bring your own hat and join in the fun!

**£2 entry
including
Santa hat**

9.15 - 9.45 EYFS with their Y6 Buddies as helpers

9.45 - 10.15 Y1

10.15 - 10.45 Y2

10.45 - 11.15 y3

11.15- 11.45 Y4

1.45 - 2.15 Y5

2.15- 2.45 Y6



5TH DECEMBER 2025

**Sponsorship donations payable on parent pay or cash
donations to the office by 9th December**

Euxton Primrose Hill PTA Presents

Christmas FAIR

Fun, Magic, and Joy for the Whole Family!

Games, Stalls and lots of fun

**RAISING MONEY FOR A PLAYGROUND
SOUND SYSTEM FOR KS1!**

11/12/2025
5.30pm - 7.30 PM

Euxton Primrose Hill
Primary School

**£1
ENTRY PER
ADULT
KIDS GO
FREE!**

**CASH
ONLY**



EUXTON PRIMROSE HILL PRIMARY DOES

Uniform shop



DONATE NOW!!

Has your child grown out of their uniform?
Donate it now! Even if it's one item, we would
love to find your uniform a new home

.....*uniform with school logo only.....

**DROP YOUR DONATIONS INTO THE OFFICE
BEFORE 9TH DECEMBER**

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Eco Christmas stall

Please donate good wrapping paper, gift bags, tinsel, baubles, ribbons and any other Christmas accessories for our Eco Club Christmas Stall.

These will be free to take at the Christmas Fair on the 11/12/25 or a swap/ trade. If you see a decoration you like, you can take it or trade, or you can just make a donation. It is up to you. If you take more than one thing, we would advise you to trade at least one thing so we can keep the stall open longer!!!!

Thank you and Merry Christmas

By Eco Club

**A SUSTAINABLE CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



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OPEN DAYS

Monday 22nd September 2025

Morning - 9:15am - 10:15am

Tuesday 14th October 2025

Morning - 9:15am - 10:15am

Wednesday 19th November 2025

Afternoon - 1:45pm - 2:45pm



Extra date added due to popular demand:

Tuesday 2nd December - Morning - 9:15am - 10:15am

Thursday 8th January 2026

Morning - 9:15am - 10:15am



**To book a place please call: 01257 276688
or scan the QR code**



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"Pupils flourish at this warm and welcoming school."

"Pupils' behaviour across the school is exemplary. Pupils are polite, caring and thoughtful."

"The school is highly ambitious for all pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)."

Ofsted - July 2024



**EUXTON
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"Together we will make a difference."

Primrose Buds

Free play and stay sessions for children aged 4 and under

Friday 19th September 2025



Friday 10th October 2025

Bring your wellies and waterproofs as we head out to our Forest School for this session

Friday 14th November 2025

Friday 5th December 2025

Join us for our whole school Santa Dash

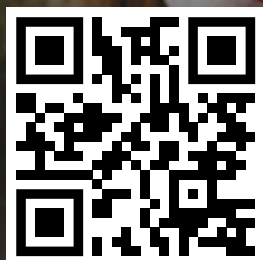
9am - 10.15am in the upper hall

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**To book please call: 01257 276688
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access our short survey

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(Certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Online videos are often associated with apps such as YouTube, but among teens, TikTok is king. The app provides a potentially addictive, never-ending stream of short clips tailored to users' interests based on their viewing habits. Around half of British children use TikTok, and while most content is benign, Ofcom considers it the app where young people are "most likely to encounter a potential harm".

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

TikTok's Following Feed shows videos from known creators, while the default For You Feed serves endless clips based on viewing history. Most are harmless, but unsuitable content can still appear, and watching for long enough signals interest to the algorithm. Although TikTok bans illegal or inappropriate uploads, the volume of posts means some slip through, increasing the chance that children encounter age-inappropriate material before it is detected or removed.

BODY IMAGE AND DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Ofcom reports that most online harms for girls involve body image, while boys more often see dangerous stunts. Both types appear frequently on TikTok and spread quickly through its engagement-driven algorithm. Harmful challenges have included the "blackout" trend, where users held their breath until passing out. Families filed lawsuits after children died linked to the trend, showing how extreme or risky content can rapidly reach young people and negatively influence them.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but children can still spend money. TikTok coins, costing £9.99 to £224.99, let users buy gifts for creators. TikTok Shop adds risk by allowing purchases from influencers or companies, sometimes leading to poor-quality items driven by persuasive marketing. A Canadian investigation found TikTok collected personal data from many children for targeting and advertising despite age limits, meaning young users may lose control over their personal information.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Between 1.6 and 1.9 billion people use TikTok, meaning there's a high risk of unwanted attention from strangers. Accounts created by over-16s (or young people using a fake date of birth) are set to public view by default. This means that not only is someone's profile visible to everyone else on the app, it also suggests their videos to others and allows anyone to download or comment on them.

MISINFORMATION AND RADICALISATION

TikTok's short videos may appear lighthearted, but they can expose young people to harmful ideas. Misinformation is common, and Ofcom reports that nearly one third of 12-15-year-olds use TikTok as a news source, increasing the chance of seeing racist, misogynistic, extremist or conspiracy material. Even brief clips can influence impressionable users and shape their worldview, making discussions about critical thinking, propaganda and online influence especially important for parents and educators.

ADDICTIVE DESIGN

TikTok's fast-paced stream of eye-catching videos can be potentially addictive for young users. In 2024, UK children spent an average of 127 minutes per day on the platform, double the time recorded in 2020. Excessive use can disrupt sleep, increase irritability, and distract from healthier activities. Constantly skipping between short clips may also affect attention span, making it harder to focus on longer tasks such as homework or reading.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account to their child's in order to manage settings remotely. Parents can then turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen time limits, make accounts private and manage whether their child can send messages – and if they can, to whom. Children cannot alter these settings without parental approval.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If a child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's good practice to discuss the potential risks. Ensure they don't share any identifying personal information or respond to dangerous trends, and that they know to talk to a trusted adult if they're worried by interactions on the app. With more teens using TikTok for news, it's important to talk about misinformation and propaganda.

BLOCK IN-APP SPENDING

Parents can restrict in-app purchases on iPhone and Android devices to prevent accidental or impulsive TikTok spending. Young people can easily spend large amounts on TikTok coins or low-quality products promoted through TikTok Shop. If a disappointing purchase occurs, turn it into a discussion about influencer marketing and how online promotions can be misleading.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that a child is spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as is failing to complete homework or skipping meals. Remember, the parental controls are there for a reason, and it's never too late to introduce limits.

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for the likes of Wired, TechRadar, Tom's Guide, The Evening Standard and The New Statesman.



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