

Euxton Primrose Hill

WEDNESDAY WEEKLY

17th December 2025

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"Together We Will Make A Difference."

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Thank you all

As we come to the end of another school year, I would like to take a moment to say a heartfelt thank you to you - our parents and carers. Working in true partnership with you is at the heart of everything we do - without that shared commitment we have nothing. It is a genuine privilege to spend each day with your children, watching them grow, flourish and develop into the wonderful, unique individuals they are. We have so much to celebrate this year, and none of it would be possible without your trust, faith, support and encouragement.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks to our exceptional staff team, who consistently go above and beyond to ensure every child has the very best chance to thrive. Our office and business staff are the heartbeat of the school - calmly sharing messages, delivering forgotten items, organising clubs and ensuring attendance is followed up with care and diligence. Our premises team work tirelessly to provide a safe, welcoming and clean environment that we can all be proud of.

Our out-of-school club staff provide invaluable wrap-around care, enabling families to work with the reassurance that their children are safe, supported and happy. Our welfare team ensure that children are nourished and cared for, allowing learning to happen. Our pupil/family support workers go above and beyond - organising food parcels, supporting families, liaising with external agencies and providing ongoing care for children's safety, mental health and wellbeing.

Teaching assistants truly are gold dust - mentors, first aiders, trusted adults, learning supporters and champions of our children, often all in the same moment. Our teachers and leaders bring expertise, dedication and heart to everything they do, creating inspiring learning environments, setting high expectations and ensuring that every child is known, valued and supported to be the best version of themselves.

Together, this truly epitomises the saying that it takes a village to raise a child. Thank you all for being such an important part of our school community. I wish you all a peaceful Christmas and look forward to all that lies ahead in 2026.

Thank you PTA

I would also like to offer my sincere thanks to our PTA. A new PTA was formed in September this year, with Mrs Rebecca Perkins taking the reins as Chair, supported by a committed and enthusiastic team of parents and carers. They work tirelessly behind the scenes to organise parent gatherings, promote events, design posters and social media advertising, manage ticket sales, prepare treats and prizes, and complete the necessary risk assessments to ensure events run safely and smoothly.

The Halloween Disco was a huge success, followed by the Santa Dash and last week's Christmas Fair. Each of these events requires a great deal of planning, time and organisation, and none of it would be possible without the dedication of the PTA team.

Thanks to their efforts, and the wonderful support of our school community, vital funds are raised to directly benefit our children. Your contributions helped fund RockKidz last Friday, which was once again a fantastic success and a real highlight for our pupils, and staff.

Thank you to everyone who supports the PTA both behind the scenes and at events. A special thank you too to Mrs Bullock for her work alongside the team as Vice Chair, and to Miss Pearson for keeping finances so carefully organised and up to date. We are incredibly grateful for all that you do and are very much looking forward to more events lined up for 2026.

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



REPORT CARDS

We hope you find the new report cards on Arbor helpful. If you have any queries about your child's progress, please speak to their class teacher in the first instance. For any attendance-related concerns, please contact the school office.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our website is currently being updated and will be live today. We will continue to develop the site in the New Year, including reorganising documents into clear headings to make it easier to navigate.

ARBOR CONSENT

Please ensure you provide consent for your child in ARBOR to take part in local visits, allow photographs, use of library, provide emergency medical care, see the school dog etc. Without consent, your child may be unable to participate in these opportunities.

WINTER CHALLENGE 2025

Christmas is just around the corner, and it's sure to be a busy time! However, if you find yourself with some spare moments over the holidays, why not take part in a Children's University challenge? (see attached sheet for challenges). It's a fantastic way to make the most of your free time, with plenty of creative ideas to keep everyone engaged.

Please remember to send evidence of your completed challenges to Louise Waller at Children's University during the Christmas period.

The deadline for Autumn credits is **8th January 2026**. All evidence of learning must be uploaded to Showbie or recorded in passports and handed into the office on or before this date.

Wishing you a joyful festive season and a wonderful start to 2026! Mrs Brockie

FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2025 - CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION DAY

To celebrate the final day of the Autumn term on **Friday 19th December**, all pupils may attend school in **non-uniform**.



EYFS VISION SCREENING - TUESDAY 27TH JANUARY 2026


East Lancashire Hospitals
NHS Trust


Vision Screening in Lancashire

Vision screening is an integral part of the universal delivery of the national Healthy Child Programme.

Every child in the Reception class will receive an invitation to have their vision tested in school.

A detailed letter will be sent home with your child closer to the screening date.

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East Lancashire Hospitals
NHS Trust

Vision Screening in Lancashire

Vision screening will be taking place for the reception class children on:

Tuesday 27th January 2026

An Opt-out consent form will be sent home with your child closer to the screening date. If you do not receive one and wish to Opt-out, please contact the school.

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OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

The children have thoroughly enjoyed all the Christmas activities over the past few weeks at Out of School Club. Everyone at the club would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

One Way System

Just a reminder that the one-way system involves travelling down Primrose Hill Road, passing school on your left hand side and exiting left or right via Cedar Avenue and operates between the hours of 8.25am – 9.00am and 2.50pm – 3.20pm. By adopting this route, two exit points are available off the estate.

Please could you also refrain from parking on any yellow lines. They are there for everyone's safety.



SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO PENALTY NOTICE CHARGES

The DfE have recently announced national charges to penalty notices issues 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 a prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions.

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Pupil Achievements and Celebrations

Super Pupils

YEAR 6
Everest - Seb M
K2 - Amber H

EYFS
Beech - Mabel P
Oak - Eliana H

YEAR 5
Mont Blanc - Joey N
Olympus - Kobi S

YEAR 1
Ash - Connie C
Cedar - Toby WP

YEAR 4
Ben Nevis - Beauden C
Snowdon - Florence HG

YEAR 2
Maple - Henry C
Elm - Ivy M

YEAR 3
Pendle - Juliet HG
Rivington - Thomas G

The house point winners for the Autumn Term 2025/2026 are for KS1 **BLUE TEAM** and for KS2 **GREEN TEAM**. Pupils in these house colours can come to school in non-uniform on **Friday 9th January 2026**.

House Point Winners

KS1
Blue

KS2
Green

Birthday Books

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

Noah S in Rivington - 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons'
Ella C in Snowdon - 'How to Dork your Diary'
James L in Olympus - 'The World's Worst Parents'

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

Friday 19th December 2025 - Christmas Celebration Day - Non-Uniform

EYFS Class Notices

No notices

Y1 Class Notices

No notices

Y2 Class Notices

No notices

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>

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/pzJyvfGUQdoDWunU7>

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>

Hothersall Lodge - 1st payment now overdue

Y6 Class Notices

3rd instalment for Boreatton Park – payment overdue

Dates for the Diary 2025-2026



December 2025

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!

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

January 2026

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

May 2026

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

February 2026

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

March 2026

9th Parent Consultation Evening - 3pm - 6.30pm *
16th Parent Consultation Evening - 3pm - 6.30pm
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!

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

Lost property - Please have a look at the lost property items below. Any items that have not been claimed by 12th January 2026 will be taken to the charity shop.



Size Large



Mountain
Warehouse
7-8



14-16



9-10





Winter Challenge 2025

Activity 1

Take part in the winter Reading Challenge by reading at least 3 books and registering online. Send a picture of your certificate and you will receive 3 credits.

wintermini.org.uk

Activity 2

The 2025 Festival of Winter walks takes place from 20th December-4th January 2026 and is all about wrapping up warm and getting out to your local park, forest or scenic area. After your walk, draw a map of your route and make a list of 5 things you spotted!

Activity 3

Make something yummy, on a wintery theme! There are lots of treats to choose from here [Winter Themed Food for Kids - Eats Amazing](#) How about Mozzarella cheese snowmen, Rudolf Reindeer cakes, snowman garlic pizza bread or marshmallow penguins?

Activity 4

Have a go at one of these challenges - Either write all the letters of the alphabet down the side of a piece of paper then think up a Winter themed word beginning with each letter...or complete this wordsearch [1804adb00dbd80b0b0a4e1480a9d643c.jpg \(612x792\)](#)

Activity 5

The Wildlife Trusts have a 12 Days Wild Challenge - you can download your free pack here [12 Days Wild | The Wildlife Trusts](#) From 25th December for 12 days, challenge yourself to a new activity each day....why not try stargazing, writing a winter poem or collecting nature treasures? Complete at least 2 activities to gain your credit!

Activity 6

Using your imagination create a model of a structure that you could shelter in during a snow storm! You could use lego, building blocks or junk materials out of your recycling bin. Remember it only needs to be a model, not life sized! You could even put some little figures inside!

Activity 7

Why not have a go at one or more of these winter themed craft activities? Choose from Northern lights art, toilet roll penguins, pipe cleaner icicles, snowman bowling and much more!

[50 Fun and Easy Winter Crafts for Kids to Make - Taming Little Monsters](#)



Collect extra Children's University credits during the Christmas holiday by completing this challenge. Each activity is worth 1 credit unless stated otherwise. Send evidence of your activity to LancashireCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk This could be a photograph, video, a work sheet, or writing about what you did. Remember to include your name and the school you attend!



EUXTON PRIMROSE HILL

Primary School

"Together we will make a difference."

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**



Ofsted
Outstanding
Provider

"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)."

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January 2026 Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Autism - Improving Communication	5 Jan 10am
Improving Family Communication	5 Jan 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	6 Jan 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	6 Jan 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	12 Jan 10am
Understanding Anger	12 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	13 Jan 10am
Facing Defiance	13 Jan 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	19 Jan 10am
Anxiety Explained	19 Jan 7pm
Introduction to OCD	20 Jan 10am
What Is ACT	20 Jan 7pm
FREE Responding to Angry Behaviour	22 Jan 7-8pm
Raising Self-Esteem	26 Jan 10am
Decreasing Depression	26 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	27 Jan 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	27 Jan 7pm

PARENTING GAMERS



Moving from policing to parenting your gaming kids: how to engage and guide

With concerns about escalating screen-time, the impact of violence, unexpected costs and interloping strangers it can be tempting to lock down video games to limit their negative impact. While some sensible boundaries are helpful, they are only a short term solution for how we guide children towards gaming health. Like other areas of childhood, parents and carers can have a powerful steering presence by engaging and participating in the video games their children play. This not only reduces risks because they are aware of the kinds of activities, interactions and costs involved but makes video games a part of family life. Along with building dens, climbing trees, cooking and family walks, playing games with children enables parents to guide the quality of content being played. This may start with sharing the games children are currently playing, understanding why they love it and celebrating successes. But with a little research, this can grow into suggesting other games to play and higher ambitions for what kids get out of playing long-standing favourites.



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A New Media For Everyone

Video games are a new kind of media. Because they are new we don't entirely understand their potential yet. They've become hugely popular and commercially successful as blockbuster entertainment for children and teenagers. However, like books, films and music, the real range of video games on offer is much broader than this.

There are games about every topic you could imagine, and aimed at a wide range of ages and perspectives. Whether it's sharing a families heartbreaking story in *That Dragon, Cancer*, stepping into the shoes of a Syrian migrant in *Bury Me, My Love*, or taking the hand of your child and soaring over the clouds in *Sky: Children of Light*, games take us places in unique ways. It's no surprise, then, that Newzoo figures show that in 2018 40% of men and 32% of women play games. And Entertainment Software Association (ESA) data showed that the average age for US gamers is 34 for women and 32 for men.

If you want to turbocharge your care of a child who loves playing video games, the best thing to do is to find games you want to play yourself. This can sound like strange advice until we consider how hard it would be caring for a child who loves books without reading ourselves or guiding a child who loves music without sharing our favourite songs.



Video Game Diet

Gaining an understanding of what video games are, what they are like to play and the different experiences on offer, enables you to encourage a varied gaming diet. Similar to how we don't worry about plate-time but what's on the plate, we can differentiate between different types of screen experience.

Playing *Fortnite* offers exuberant excitement and connection to friends. Playing *Mario Kart* connects us to the players sitting next to us. *Roblox* can be a place for children to play at having a job or surviving a storm. *Minecraft* can be a tranquil escape from a busy day at school. *Alto's Adventure* can be a way to calm anxiety or jangling nerves.

Parents and carers can expand these experiences. *Kingdoms Two Crowns*, *Reigns* and *Life is Strange* teach players to trust their instincts in game-worlds built to encourage risk and hunch taking. *Florence*, *Abzu*, *Journey* and *Brothers Tale of Two Sons* are a gentle way for children to learn about their own emotional responses to challenging situations as well as appreciating how people experiencing them first hand may feel. *Eco* and *One Hour, One Life* encourage the altruism of building something that other players benefit from.





Creators Not Consumers

Ambition for their future means parents and carers support activities where children are excelling. While this is familiar territory when a child is brilliant at an instrument or learning a foreign language, it's easy to miss the need for our enthusiasm when it comes to video games. Along with the general connection and good feelings that come from a parent or carer celebrating success in an activity that a child enjoys comes the imperative that they could go further than they realise themselves. The rise in competitive video games can sound peculiar but requires great skill, draws large audiences and comes with high prize money for professional players. Beyond this, parents can guide children towards other careers in video games which need diverse creative, technical and social skills. A simple and effective way to do this is to encourage children to create as well as consume games. This can start as simple customisation of the games that allow you to design maps and characters. Then there are games like *Mario Maker* on Wii U, 3DS and Switch where you can design and share levels for other players. *Dreams* on the PlayStation 4 takes this further with an accessible game creator that's also really powerful.

Finding Games You Want Children To Play

Parenting rather than policing video games equips children to build good habits and a healthy relationship with digital media for when they leave home and parents aren't around to enforce the rules. One challenge can be finding the kinds of games you want your children to play. There are good resources to help you with this. Many of the examples here come from my upcoming *Taming Gaming* book: <https://unbound.com/books/taming-gaming/> There are also websites that provide video game suggestions like *AskAboutGames* <https://www.askaboutgames.com>. Also, there are good Twitter accounts that help, like *Wholesome Games* (@_wholesomegames) and *Non-Violent Game Of The Day* (@NVGOTD).

You can also use the VSC Rating Board (<https://videostandards.org.uk/RatingBoard/>) website and PEGI app to search for games of different ratings.





Meet our expert

Andy Robertson is a parent of three children and journalist who writes for national newspapers and broadcast television. His *Taming Gaming* book helps parents guide children to healthy play.