



Value this half term : Justice

19th March 2026

Head teacher's message.

As we move swiftly towards the end of term, we continue to pack in a wide range of learning, enrichment and memorable experiences for our children. From educational visits to Friends of the School (FOCS) events, our pupils are incredibly fortunate to benefit from the many opportunities provided for them. These experiences play a vital role in bringing learning to life, broadening horizons and creating lasting memories. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our staff, volunteers and FOCS team for their continued hard work and commitment in making these opportunities possible. Your ongoing support truly enriches school life for all of our children.

DIARY DATES

- 20th March** **Own clothes day; FOCS**
- 24th March** **Parents' evening**
- 25th March** **Step Into Easter (Y6)**
- 25th March** **Values Assembly**
- 25th March** **Voting closes, 12 noon**
- 26th March** **Reception visit to Farmer Parrs**
- 26th March** **FOCS Easter trail**
- 27th March** **Whole-school Easter service in church**
- 27th March** **School closes, 1.30pm**

What's Ahead...

- 13th April** **Return to school**
- 13th April** **Double Page Spread and whole-school safeguarding assembly**
- 20th April** **MP Cat Smith visiting**
- 22-24th April** **Year 5 to Winmarleigh**
- 23rd April** **School Nurse parent session**
- 28th April** **Year 2 to Brockholes**
- 29th April** **FOCS family bingo**
- 30th April** **Year 1 church worship**
- 3rd May** **All-age worship, St. Anne's**
- w/c 11th May** **Y6 SATs week**



RECEPTION : Harry

- YEAR 1 : James** **YEAR 2 : Emilia**
- YEAR 3 : (Visit)** **YEAR 4 : Ollie C**
- YEAR 5 : Ollie KC** **YEAR 6 : Ronnie**

MY HAPPY MIND WINNERS :

- YEAR 1 : Alex**
- YEAR 2 : Mabel**
- YEAR 3 : (Visit)**
- YEAR 4 : Albert**
- YEAR 5 : Charlie**
- YEAR 6 : Alfie C**

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS :

Maisie, Archie (Y4), Esme (Y5)

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Year 3 who won the attendance award with 99.09% last week.

PARENT PAY

A final whole-school reminder for families to make the necessary payments for outstanding balances for lunches, breakfast club and Geccoes. Please note, if you pay via vouchers, it may take some time to allocate the payment against the account from LCC. It is always helpful to have an email to advise of payment, but for financial transparency, we will not allocate this until we receive our official statement.

We would ask that balances for families paying directly are settled with urgency please.

DATA COLLECTION FORMS

As advised last week, classes have started to receive data forms for checking. Please return these as soon as possible to the school office.

PARENTS' EVENING

Please book your parents evening appointment for Tuesday 24th March if you have not already done so. For Reception through to Year 6: Please use the link below to select and book your preferred appointment slot: <https://coppschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/> This link also enables parents and carers to book an appointment with Mrs Whittle (SENCo).

For Preschool Parents/Carers: The booking system is slightly different. Please email the school office directly at bursar@coppschool.lancs.sch.uk with your preferred time slot between 3.30pm – 6.00pm and we'll endeavour to do our very best to accommodate your request.

SAFER EATING PRACTICES

We would like to draw your attention to the school's policy on food safety, which is available on our website. Choking can pose a serious risk to children, so it is important that all food provided is prepared and cut appropriately for your child's age and stage of development.

As a reminder, we are a nut-free school and kindly ask all families to support us in maintaining a safe environment for everyone.

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/great-eccleston-copp-cofe-primary-school/UploadedDocument/ccdef6c-7cf2-43de-88e5-8ade52f3db49/safer-eating-practices-policy-25-26.pdf>

MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE

Children in Years 2 and 3 gave a wonderful tribute to their Mums and females in their lives. The children spoke clearly and confidently in front of a very packed church. They also sang 2 joyful hymns that really lifted everyone's spirits. Thank you to all children who attended and also to the staff including Miss Ainscough, Mrs Bailey, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Rogers for assisting.

We would also like to express our thanks to the Mothers Union who provided all the lovely flowers that were grown, potted and presented to the Mums in church.

SCHOOL OFFICE

We would like to inform parents and carers that Mrs Cookson is currently overseeing the day-to-day running of the school office and will be your main point of contact for any enquiries.

Mrs Cookson has quickly become a familiar and supportive presence within the school, and we are pleased that she will continue in this role for the foreseeable future. We appreciate your continued cooperation and support, and we are confident that the office will remain a welcoming and efficient point of contact for all families.

If you have any questions or require assistance, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the school office as usual.

OWN CLOTHES DAY: TOMORROW!

Come to school in your own clothes in exchange for a small donation. FOCS are raising funds for a life-saving defibrillator cabinet, helping make it accessible to our school and community 24/7. Look out for the Easter Bunny at drop-off with a charity bucket! You can also donate via ParentPay under (FOCS Event / Donation Payment). Thank you for your support.

EASTER SERVICE AT ST.ANNE'S CHURCH

Next Friday morning, all children will attend a short service at St. Anne's church for Easter. This will be led by Sharon Martin. The service starts at 9.10am and we welcome and encourage parents/carers and community members to join with us.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

A reminder that the closing date for ballots is **Wednesday 25th March at 12 noon**. The ballot box is located at Reception.

WORSHIP AND VALUES GROUP

Our WaV group confidently led a whole-school worship this morning focusing on the value of Justice. The group revisited previous learning, shared stories and encouraged reflection from our children. Well done team and thank you to Miss Pixton for assisting.

STAY STRONG, STAY VACCINATED CAMPAIGN

Please see information for parents letter from LCC at the end of this newsletter.

YEAR 5 WINMARLEIGH MEETING

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended the meeting this week. We hope you found it informative. If there are any unanswered questions, please email parent@ FAO. Mrs. Richmond.

YEAR 3 RIBCHESTER VISIT

Year 3 took part in learning beyond the classroom last week when they visited Ribchester to explore Roman history. The children were extremely excited and were able to add to their historical understanding of this period in time through observation of artefacts and discussions from historians. Thank you to all staff and volunteers who assisted the visit.

RECEPTION VISIT

Next week, our Reception class will visit Farmer Parrs. Details have been posted on the class Dojo page.

YEAR 6 VISITOR

Thank you to Rev. Jim from Elswick church who took the time to come and explain communion to our Year 6 children.

STEP INTO EASTER

Next week, our Year 6 children will take part in a live Easter event to understand the key themes of Easter.

ONLINE SAFETY WEEK

Online safety took place this week across school. Children have been learning about the following :

Reception: Online bullying: I can describe ways that some people can be unkind online.

Y1: Online relationships: I can give examples of when I should ask permission to do something online and explain why this is important.

Y2: Privacy and security: I can explain how passwords can be used to protect information, accounts and devices.

Y3: Self-image and identity: I can explain how people can present themselves in different ways online.

Y4: Online bullying: I can describe ways people can be bullied through a range of media.

Y5: Privacy and security: I can explain what a strong password is and demonstrate how to create one.

Y6: Copyright and ownership: I can demonstrate the use of search tools to find and access online content which can be reused by others.

Years 3-6 also completed an additional task related to healthy amounts of screen time.

EASTER TRAIL

Details will be shared tomorrow, about our Family Easter Trail taking place next Thursday after school. This is always a lovely event and we hope many of you will be able to join us.

Have a lovely weekend.

From all the team at St. Anne's Copp.

Stay Strong, Get Vaccinated

Information for parents to protect their children through vaccination

We know your child's health is your top priority and so protecting them from serious disease is incredibly important. That is why the NHS offers a free childhood vaccine programme, safeguarding your child from certain illnesses.

Vaccines work by causing the body's immune system to remember the specific infection targeted in each vaccine. If your child comes into contact with an infection and they have had their vaccines, your child's body will recognise that infection and quickly respond to fight off diseases like measles, mumps, rubella, whooping cough and more.

Illnesses like measles can spread very easily between children who are not vaccinated, and such infections can have a huge impact on your child's life. They can miss out on school due to time spent unwell, be hospitalised, and even experience life-long complications and disability. In some cases, these infections can tragically cause death

Recent data shows that in 2024¹, over 2,900 measles cases were confirmed in England, the highest figure in decades. As a result, the UK has lost its World Health Organization (WHO) measles elimination status. Vaccination rates also remain well below the 95% target needed to prevent outbreaks.

Health experts warn that falling vaccination rates are putting more children at risk of severe illness and long-term complications, many of which are entirely preventable through the free NHS vaccinations programme.

Vaccination remains one of the most effective public health interventions, second only to clean water. Immunisation protects millions of children from severe illness, long-term complications and death globally each year.

We understand that you may have questions about vaccine safety and effectiveness. All routine childhood vaccinations offered by the NHS have an excellent safety record.

As well as directly protecting vaccinated children, many vaccines also reduce transmission across the population, helping to protect those who are too young or too vulnerable to be vaccinated.

What's new in 2026?

For the first time, the NHS is offering free protection against chickenpox as part of the routine childhood schedule through the MMRV vaccine. This single injection protects against:

¹ [Parents urged to protect children through vaccination campaign - GOV.UK](#)

Spring 2	Clubs	Open to	Dates	Time	Price	Payable to	Location	How to get a place?	Places
Monday	Messy Church	Reception to Y6	09.03.26	3.15pm-4.30pm	N/A	School	Church	Book via ParentPay	Yes
	Ju-Jitsu	Reception to Y6	23.02.26-23.03.26	3.15pm-4.15pm	£36	Activ8	Hall	Email: info@activ8selfdefence.com	Yes
Tuesday	Acrobatic and tumbling club	Y3-Y6	24.02.26-24.03.26	3.15pm-4.15pm	£6 per session	Collaboration dance	Hall	Email: info@collaborationdancearts.com	Yes
	KS1 Hockey	R-Y2	25.02.26-25.03.26	3.15pm-4.15pm	£25	School	Playground	Book via ParentPay	Yes
Thursday	<u>Golfstarz</u>	Y1-Y6	26.02.26-26.03.26	3.15pm-4.15pm	£25	<u>Golfstarz</u>	Playground	Email blackpoolgolfstarz@gmail.com	Yes
	Choir	Y3-Y6	Various	Lunchtime	N/A	N/A	Y3	Email: parent@coppsschool.lancs.sch.uk	Yes
Friday	Cook Stars	Reception to Y6	06.03.26-02.03.26	3.15pm-4.30pm	£34.50	Cook stars	Hall	https://portal.cookstars.franscape.io/class-overview/3679	Yes
	Mad Science	Reception to Y6	27.02.26-20.03.26	3.15pm-4.15pm	£42	Mad Science	Y5	https://northengland.madscience.org/	No

"Let us love, not in word, but in truth and action." 1 John 3:18