



ST.ANNE'S COPP Church of England Primary School, Great Eccleston

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Value this half term: Friendship

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Head teacher's message.

This week, I have had the privilege of spending time in classrooms across the school, and I have been so impressed by the quality of teaching and learning taking place. It has been wonderful to see children actively engaged in their learning, thinking deeply and challenging themselves to make progress.

From using practical manipulatives in mathematics to deepen understanding, to demonstrating a secure knowledge of God's Big Story, and showing real resilience as they carefully develop their phonics and letter formation; there have been so many moments to celebrate. It has been a real joy to see such enthusiastic and purposeful learning taking place across the school. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a talented, dedicated and passionate team of teachers who work so hard to ensure that every child is supported to flourish.

DIARY DATES

23 rd September	Reception vision screening
23 rd September	Meet the Teacher
28 th September	Y3 visit to Ridgeway Farm
29 th September	Photograph Day
4 th October	Harvest service in church
5 th October	Year 2 visit Brockholes
6 th October	YR - Y2 Germ Busters
7-9 th October	Y6 to Tower Wood
8 th October	School nurse drop-in
8 th October	Macmillan Coffee am
12 th October	Messy Church
13 th October	Double Page Spread assembly
14 th October	Worship & Values Group assembly
15 th October	Y5 Church assembly
16 th October	Values Assembly
16 th October	Break up for half term

INFORMAL SETTling-IN / MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

This is scheduled for **Wednesday 23rd September from 3:30 – 5:30pm**. A chance for you to meet with the class teacher and find out how your child has settled in to the new school year from Reception to Year 6. Please note, this is too early for a progress discussion. A formal parents evening will be communicated for Autumn 2 term.

TOWER WOOD PARENTS' MEETING

Thank you to the families who came to the Tower Wood information evening. If you could not attend, but need information, please get in touch with the school office.

PHONICS MEETING

Thank you to families who attended the phonics meeting yesterday. If you could not make the information evening and require information about school's approach to phonics and/or how you can support your child at home, please email parent@ and teachers will send information to you. Thank you to Miss Pixton and Mrs Jones for leading.



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

LEADERSHIP, SERVICE & PUPIL VOICE

Children have been busily submitting their manifestos to apply for a variety of roles across school. Tomorrow, we will announce positions for the Junior Leadership Team, Prefects, Sports Captains, School Council and Worship and Values group. Thank you to all our children who submitted a statement for consideration.

SCHOOL NURSE DROP-IN SESSION

The next scheduled drop-in session is 8th October at 9am.

ENRICHMENT CLUBS -AUTUMN 1

All clubs have now commenced. Please see the table below or Class Dojo for more information.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH DAY

Tuesday 29th September. Advance notice of the yearly photo day. Sibling photos have been arranged for 8.30am. Please arrive at the hall door opposite the car park if you wish for a sibling photograph.

ADVANCE NOTICE : HARVEST SERVICE, ST. ANNE'S CHURCH

Years 3 and 6 will lead the Harvest service in church on Sunday 4th October. Teachers have communicated directly with classes via Class Dojo.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS

Admissions for September 2027 are open. Please see full details at the end of the newsletter. Please contact the school office for further details about a place at St. Anne's Copp.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS

STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2027?

Applications for secondary school places are now officially open! If you have a child due to start secondary school in September 2027, you can now apply through the local authority portal. CLOSING DATE: 31st October 2026

Please visit <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/>

for further information.

DANCE FEVER

It was incredible to see the number of children who attended their first training session this week with Miss Dickinson. The children are embarking on their preparations towards the Dance Festival next half term. We are very much looking forward to watching the choreography progress – and we've already witnessed additional rehearsals at breakfast club! The children really are a dedicated bunch!

HEALTHY EATING AND SAFE EATING REMINDER

To help keep all children safe during snack and lunchtime, we kindly ask that any grapes brought into school are cut lengthways into quarters before being packed. Whole grapes can present a choking hazard, particularly for young children.

We would also appreciate parents and carers taking a moment to ensure that other foods are prepared in age-appropriate, manageable pieces. Cutting foods into smaller lengths or bite-sized portions can significantly reduce the risk of choking and help children enjoy their meals safely and independently.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe environment for all pupils. Working together, we can promote healthy eating habits while ensuring the wellbeing of every child.

NEU WAY SUPPORT

Families across Lancashire and South Cumbria are now able to access earlier support for children and young people with neurodevelopmental needs.

The service, Neu Way Support, offers personalised advice, guidance and practical help based on need rather than diagnosis for families who are navigating concerns about autism, ADHD and other neurodevelopmental differences.

The service has been commissioned by Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB) and will be delivered by Spring North in partnership with local community organisations that are specialists in supporting children, young people and families.

Families can self-refer at: <https://springnorth.org.uk/projects/neu-way-support/> or call 0300 365 5030.

CHOIR

Children in Years 4–6 will soon be invited to join our school choir as we await final details for a couple of exciting events we have entered.

This is a wonderful opportunity for children to belong to a special group within our school community, develop their confidence and enjoy performing together. Our choir has built an excellent reputation within the wider community, and we are very proud of the opportunities it provides for our children.

More details coming soon!

Have a lovely weekend. From the staff at St. Anne's.

Autumn 1	Clubs	Open to	Dates	Time	Price	Payable to	Location	How to get a place?	Places
Monday	Messy Church	Reception to Y6	14.09.26 & 12.10.26	3.15pm-4.30pm	N/A	School	Church	Book via ParentPay	Yes
	Ju-Jitsu	Reception to Y6	07.09.26-12.10.26	3.15pm-4.15pm	£36	Activ8	Hall	Email: info@activ8selfdefence.com	Yes
Tuesday	Dance Festival	Y3-Y6	15.09.26-10.11.26	3.15pm-4.15pm	£6 per session	Collaboration dance	Hall	Email: info@collaborationdancearts.com	Full
	KS2 Cricket	KS2	15.09.26-13.10.26	3.15pm-4.15pm	£36	School	Field	Book via ParentPay	Yes
Thursday	Golfstarz	Y1-Y6	10.09.26-15.10.26	3.15pm-4.15pm	£30	Golfstarz	Playground	https://blackpoolgolfstarz.bookiphy.com/	Yes
Friday	Cook Stars	Reception to Y6	18.09.26-16.10.26	3.15pm-4.30pm	£57.50	Cook stars	Hall	https://portal.cookstars.franscape.io/class-overview/5623	Full

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SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY NORTH

**Do you have a child starting
primary school in September 2027
and living in Lancashire?**

Closing date: 15 January 2027

You must apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school,
or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

Apply for a school place now by scanning
the QR code or visit lancashire.gov.uk/schools



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference,
please check the guidance on our website, or call 01524 581148.

**Have
your say**

*Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with
you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs.
To find out more please visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces
and click 'school admission policies'.*

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