



Euxton Church of England Primary School



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Friday 1st November 2024

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful break! Welcome back to a busy half term with plenty of learning and special occasions planned for your child.

Euxton Superstars!

Congratulations to this week's class Superstars:

Reception: James

Year 1: Arlo

Year 2: Isabella

Year 3: Poppy

Year 4: Harry

Year 5: Florence

Year 6: Faith S

Well done to you all!

Y6 Macmillan Bake Sale

Thank you to all who supported the bake sale on the last day of term. A wonderful **£110** was raised! Well done boys for all your efforts, in particular Henry who came up with the idea and for all your kind donations of cakes and treats.



Admissions – Primary and Secondary Places

You can now apply via www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools for school places for next September. Supplementary Faith forms are available in the school office for our school. The closing date for primary school applications is **Primary (Reception in Sept 2025) – Wednesday 15 January 2025.**

Clubs Autumn Term 2024

Please find below next half term's list of clubs and activities leading up to Christmas. Many clubs fill up very quickly and many are already full. Unless it says 'full' there are still spaces available.

| | Before School/Lunchtime | Afternoon/After School |
|------------------|---|--|
| Monday | <u>Mindfulness for Y1 and Y2</u> with Mrs Smith in the OSC room 12.30-1pm (starts 4 th November – please email Mrs Hodges). | <u>Little Learners Y1, Y2 and Y3</u> with Mrs Delves (link sent out to parents) 3.30pm-4.30pm (starting 4 th November for 5 weeks). |
| Tuesday | <u>Spanish Club</u> continues to take place at lunchtime. | <u>Practical PE Club for KS2 (Y3-Y6)</u> with Mrs Wiles and Mrs Oral using PE equipment in the school hall 3.30-4.30pm (re-starting 29 th October with same children as this half term). CLUB NOW FULL. |
| Wednesday | <u>Ethos (Worship) Group</u> with Ms Lucas for Y5 and Y6 <u>Eco Group</u> with Mr Astle for Y3 and Y4. <u>School Council</u> with Mr Westwell (current council Y2-Y6) Email Mrs Hodges if your child is interested in Ethos or Eco Group. These groups will all meet in the morning. | <u>KS1 (YR-Y2) Music Group</u> with Ms Lucas in YR classroom 3.30pm- 4.30pm – continuing with same children. Re-starting 30 th October. CLUB NOW FULL. <u>Football Y4-Y6</u> with Mr Astle and Mr Westwell 3.30-4.30pm (please email Mrs Hodges), starting 30 th October for boys and girls for as long as the weather and dark nights will allow. <u>Rock Steady</u> returning on Wednesday afternoon starting on 6 th November for children who attended last year. Rock Steady will contact you directly. |
| Thursday | <u>Tennis with Mr Chatterley at St Mary's Y1-Y6</u> 8.45am or 3.30pm (letter sent to parents). Starts 31 st October for 6 weeks. <u>Book Club</u> with Mrs Obertelli in the library for all year groups 12.30-1pm – re-starting 31 st October. | <u>Players Drama School Y1-Y6</u> New club starting 31 st October for 8 weeks (flyer emailed to parents). |
| Friday | <u>KS2 Choir</u> with Mrs Ash and Mrs Tattersall in the hall 8.15-8.45am – re-starting 1 st November – please email Mrs Hodges to join in if you haven't been involved this half term. Choir will be singing carols at Euxton library in December. <u>Board Games Club</u> with Mrs MacDonald at lunchtime in Y6 classroom. YR-Y6 (please email Mrs Hodges to join in). | |

Online Safety

Please read this week's online safety poster with 10 top tips for how to support young people to build emotional resilience.

Multi Faith Week

The children have enjoyed this week's Multi Faith Week. Each class has focussed their learning on a different world faith and the children have taken time to explore each other's information tables in the hall. Thank you to all those who came to see the display in school this afternoon. I hope you found it as interesting as the children did. They loved celebrating their fabulous work!

Poppy Appeal



Next week, from **Monday 4th to Monday 11th November**, we will be selling poppies and other goodies in support of The Royal British Legion. Plastic snap bands and fabric wrist bands £1, reflective poppies 50p and a minimum donation of 20p for paper poppies. Our Year 6 children will visit each classroom on allocated days for children to purchase their poppy items.

Monday 4th November – Year 5 & Year 6

Tuesday 5th November – Year 4

Wednesday 6th November – Year 3

Thursday 7th November – Year 2

Friday 8th November – Year 1 & Reception

Thank you!

PTFA News

Thank you so much to everyone for all the help and support to run another fantastic disco for the children. The children really enjoy themselves! An amazing £450 was raised for school 😊

The next meeting is the PTFA AGM meeting on **Monday 4th November at 6.30pm**.

This will take place **in school** and refreshments will be provided – **cheese, wine, hot/cold drinks**. We need as many parents as possible please to attend this meeting so that we have enough votes to elect committee members.

We are still looking for people to offer to take on the role of chair or be a co-chair and vice-chair of the committee. We would love you **ALL** to join us and this is also a great opportunity to welcome new members to our already amazing team!

To join in please message euxtoncofeptfa@gmail.com, contact the school office or feel free to turn up in the day.

PTFA Lucky Numbers October Winner

Congratulations to Mrs Ball (our Chair of Governor's wife) who has won this month's £20!

PTFA Bag2School

The next Bag2School clothes collection is on **Wednesday 6th November** – filled bags to be left under the parent noticeboard outside **Year 2 by 9am** please. Leaflets have come home in book bags this week. Men's, ladies' and children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts and accessories can be put in the bags. No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please. Thank you for supporting our PTFA!

PTFA Break the Rules Day

Next week on **Friday 8th November** – please see the poster below for how children can break the rules at school on Friday. £2 to take part – a bucket will be available on the day for this cash. Please note that children are to come to school in uniform as usual. Tuck shop available on the day. Prices are listed on the poster and there is an offer to purchase 3 items for £1.

School Council Competition

Before half term, each class presented an idea that we could focus on as a school to show courageous advocacy. Please see the Christian Distinctiveness page on our website to see the slides each class prepared.

Our school council have decided that they would like to focus on the idea of saving water, which was presented by years 4, 5 and 6.

The first thing school council would like to do is to remind people to turn off the taps in school to save water. For this reason, they have decided to launch a poster competition.

Each child can design an A4 poster to encourage everyone to turn off taps in school. School council will then choose a winning poster to put up next to each tap in school.

If you would like to take part in this competition, please give your poster to your teacher by **Friday 8th November**, and don't forget to put your name and year group on the back.

Thank you for taking part in our competition, we hope you enjoy making your posters.

Can I take this opportunity to say a HUGE thank you to the outgoing school council who have represented their classes so well and still have a few initiatives to complete to support our school. They have helped to run meetings, speak with visitors and put forward many great ideas. I know that the children are always keen to share and implement their ideas and always thinking of others. We are very proud of you all! 😊

Anti-bullying Week

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on **Tuesday 12th November**. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day and we were one of them 😊 This day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves, free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way. We would like children to come to school on **Tuesday 12th November** wearing a pair of odd socks to celebrate diversity. All we ask is for a small donation on the day, if possible, to help the charity Anti-Bullying Alliance carry on their important work.

School Council Elections in Parliament Week – 18th November

In a couple of weeks, it will be Parliament Week. As part of our learning about the British Value of Democracy, we will hold elections for our new School Council and I hope that many children will aspire to run. The guidelines are; all children except current school councillors from Year 1-Year 5 may run for school council, this means that current school councillors will not be able to run for election again this year, but can try again next. However, all children in Year 6, including current school councillors, may run for election. Those children who wish to run should give their name to their teacher on **Monday 18th November**, so that ballot papers can be prepared. They will then give a speech to their class on **Friday 22nd November** about why they would like to be considered as a class representative. Voting will take place on the Friday morning and the children with the most votes will be presented with their badges in worship the following week. Please note there will be no celebration worship on **Friday 22nd November** as the hall will be set up as a polling station.

Smoke and Vape Free School



Please note we are a smoke free school and smoking of cigarettes and e-cigarettes is not permitted on school grounds. This is clearly indicated on the sign by the school gates. Any visitors who are smoking or vaping on school premises will be informed of the Smoke-free and Vape-free Policy (on our website) and asked to stop smoking/vaping. If this is not acted upon immediately the visitor will be asked to leave. Please remind any people who may collect your child on your behalf and who may not read the newsletter. Many thanks for your support.

Grandparents Coffee Morning

This will take place on **Wednesday 18th December** from 9.30-10.30am in the school hall. For those in Reception or who haven't been in school at Christmas time, we invite our lovely grandparents into school for this annual event where they enjoy coffee, mince pies and biscuits and are entertained by the children. There is a raffle, of course, and everyone has a thoroughly lovely time. The list is now open in the office, either call school or email Mrs Hodges bursar@euxton.lancs.sch.uk to add your grandparents to the list. Only **2 per family** and there is a maximum of 80 seats available. Once the list is full, it is full. Thank you.

Conexus Tuition

Please see the attached flyer for more details of tuition provided by this local company.

Euxton Library

A message from Kath at Euxton library: Any child that comes to Euxton Library between now and the end of November and joins the library will be entered into a draw to win a £10 Book Token. Please also let Kath know that your child attend's Euxton CE Primary School. Good Luck!

School Improvement Plan

Attached to this week's newsletter is an overview of our action plan for this academic year. If you have any questions about your child's learning, at any time during the year, please don't hesitate to contact school and speak to either myself or a member of the staff team.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Mairi Ash
Headteacher

In our Christian family, we all **SHINE** in the light of Jesus.
Wisdom Compassion Humility Friendship Peace Trust Forgiveness Hope

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE TO BUILD EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE

With increasing societal pressures, many children struggle with managing emotions, facing challenges and processing failure in a healthy way. This is why building emotional resilience in young people is vital for their mental health and personal success. This guide provides practical strategies for parents and educators to help children develop resilience and foster confidence, adaptability and a positive mindset.

1 ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION

Regularly engaging children in open dialogue fosters trust and emotional expression. Encourage them to share their thoughts and feelings freely without judgment. Set aside time daily, perhaps during dinner, to ask open-ended questions such as, "What's made you happy today?". This encourages children to express themselves openly.

2 MODEL POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Children often learn how to manage emotions by observing adults. By modelling calm and positive responses to challenges, you can teach them valuable emotional management skills. If you've had a difficult day, verbalise how you're feeling and explain how you plan to handle it, such as "I'm a bit worked-up, so I'm going for a walk to clear my mind."

3 TEACH PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS

Helping children break down challenges into manageable steps encourages a proactive mindset. Explain that every problem has a solution, even if it's not immediately obvious. For example, if a child is stuck on homework, support them in breaking the task into smaller steps, saying things like "Let's focus on just this first question for now."

4 FOSTER A GROWTH MINDSET

Encourage young people to view mistakes as learning opportunities. A growth mindset helps them see setbacks as part of the process, rather than something to be upset about. After a child loses a game or performs poorly on a test, for example, ask them what they've learned from the experience. This reinforces the idea that effort – and even failure – leads to improvement.

5 PROMOTE SELF-CARE PRACTICES

Teaching children about self-care helps them understand the importance of balancing work with relaxation to maintain emotional wellbeing. Parents and carers could start a screen-free hour before bedtime where the family engages in relaxing activities like reading, setting an example to the child for how to unwind.

6 BUILD HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

Strong relationships with peers and adults provide a support system that enhances resilience. Encourage positive, respectful interactions to develop social skills. Playdates or group activities can be instrumental in teaching children how to resolve conflicts with friends by modelling and practicing calm communication.

7 SUPPORT EMOTIONAL AWARENESS

Helping children to identify and name their emotions allows them to manage those feelings more effectively. When a child's upset, encourage them to talk to you about what they're feeling in an empathetic and supportive manner, and ask them why they might be experiencing these emotions.

8 ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENCE

Giving children opportunities to make their own decisions boosts confidence and problem-solving skills. A good example of this would be letting children choose and pack their own lunches for school, guiding them with options but allowing them to assume responsibility for the task to help them take ownership.

9 DEVELOP COPING STRATEGIES

Teaching children techniques like mindfulness, deep breathing or journaling can help them to manage stress. Show them how to perform breathing exercises when they're feeling anxious, and practise this regularly. Reinforcing this behaviour in young people will make it easier for them to use these techniques of their own accord during stressful moments.

10 CELEBRATE SMALL WINS

Recognising effort, no matter how small, reinforces perseverance and encourages children to keep trying. After a child completes a difficult task, makes progress on a project or reaches another type of personal goal, praise their efforts. Emphasise the hard work they've put in and be sure to let them know how proud you are!

Meet Our Expert

Adam Gillett is Associate Vice Principal for Personal Development at Penistone Grammar School and works on a secondment one day a week for Minds Ahead, which works with schools on improving their mental health provisions.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Euxton C of E Primary PTFA

BREAK the RULES DAY



Rules to be broken include:

1. Bring a healthy snack
2. Have neat hair
3. No temporary tattoos
4. No nail varnish/make up
5. No eating of a snack during a lesson
6. Wear school shoes only
7. No juice in water bottles
8. No cuddly toys in school.

Here's how it works:

When?

8th November
2024

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Member Association

For a £2 fine children can break up to 4 of the rules listed above for 1 day only.

Unhealthy snacks will be on sale at break.

Haribo 30p

Pencil sweets 20p

Chocolate/Crisps 50p



Our Classes

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|------------------|---|---|
| Monday | Longton VM Club 4:45pm-6:45pm | Online (Y11 and Resits) 5pm-7pm |
| Tuesday | Hutton Village Hall 4:30pm-6:30pm | Southlands High Chorley 5pm-7pm |
| Wednesday | Hesketh Bank Community Centre 4:30pm-6:30pm | Bamber Bridge Valley Coffee 4:15pm-6:15pm Online (Y2-Y10) 5pm-7pm |
| Thursday | Cottam Community Centre 4:15pm-5:45pm | Buckshaw Community Centre 4pm-6pm |

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GET THE BEST OUTCOMES FOR YOUR CHILD**

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