



Euxton Church of England Primary School

In our Christian family, we all SHINE in the light of Jesus.

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Friday 16th May 2025

Dear Parents,

Euxton Superstars!

Congratulations to this week's class Superstars:

Reception: **Lucy**

Year 1: **George**

Year 2: **Brontë**

Year 3: **Harrison**

Year 4: **Olivia**

Year 5: **Ted**

Year 6: **Betty**

Well done to you all!

Celebration Worship

There will be no Celebration Worship next week due to breaking up on Thursday. We finish at the usual time of 3.30pm. The next celebration worship will be on Friday 6th June.



Well done Year 6!

Well done to our Year 6 children for shining this week when completing their SATS. They had an amazing calm attitude which was testament to the wonderful preparation they've had. Thank you to Mrs MacDonald, Y6 team and all the staff involved this week for their dedication and support of the children.

Thank you to Mrs Hodges for arranging Leavers' Hoodies which were handed out this week so that the children can

wear them with pride. We are so proud of all their achievements! 😊



Bring Yer Wellies

Reception had a wonderful time on their trip to Bring Yer Wellies this week and brought back beautiful planted chive plants to look after at home. A gallery of photos from the trip is available to view on the Reception class page on the school website.



Water Walk on Wednesday 21st May

This year, our school council have been looking at ways we can save water as a school as well as helping charities such as Water Aid to deliver clean water to other countries.

As part of this theme, the school council have organised a water walk on **Wednesday 21st May**. This will involve all children walking around our daily mile track whilst carrying buckets of water. A sponsorship form as been sent home with all the children this week to raise money for Water Aid. Please return the sponsor form and monies raised

next Wednesday. Thank you as always for your support, lets try and raise lots of money for Water Aid so that we can help bring clean water and toilets to children around the world.



Freddie Fit PE Day

Next week, the school **PE day** will be **Thursday** (instead of Tuesday) as the children will take part in fun fitness sessions provided by Freddie Fit. **All classes** to wear sporty clothes on Thursday just for next week. A great way to end a busy half term



Online Safety

Please see the attached guidance for parents on the game Minecraft.

Class Photos

Order forms have come home in book bags this week – please place your orders by **25th May** to receive free delivery to school. Thank you.

Warmer weather

- Please check name tags are still in jumpers/cardigans as children frequently take these off during play/on the field and it is difficult to locate an owner without names.
- Please ensure your child comes to school already wearing sun cream on warm sunny days. Staff do not apply sunscreen to children.
- Please bring sun hats/caps as there is not a lot of shade on the main areas of the playground/field (Reception and Y1 have school sun hats).
- Ensure water bottles are in school and again clearly named as these are taken outside at breaktimes. Children can refill whenever needed during the day.

Cross Bay Walk

Please see the link below for more details on this fantastic event. Saturday 24th May walking across Morecambe Bay supporting Lancashire Mind.

<https://www.lancashiremind.org.uk/fundraise/cross-bay-walk/>

Clubs Summer Term 2 2025

Please find below the clubs for next half term.

	Before School/Lunchtime	Afternoon/After School
Monday	<u>KS1 Mindfulness/ Lego (YR-2)</u> with Mrs Smith in the Y2 classroom 12.30-1pm Email Mrs Hodges if your child would like to join in – limited places	<u>Little Learners Y1, Y2 and Y3</u> with Mrs Delves 3.30pm-4.30pm (TBC).
Tuesday	<u>Spanish Club</u> continues to take place at lunchtime. <u>Homework Club</u> with Mrs Oral 1-1.30pm in Y5 classroom – just turn up.	
Wednesday	<u>Eco Group</u> with Mr Astle for Y3 and Y4 takes place during the morning in school. <u>School Council</u> with Mr Westwell.	<u>KS2 (Y3-Y6) Rounders</u> with Mr Westwell after school 3.30-4.30pm starting 4 th June (please email Mrs Hodges bursar@euxton.lancs.sch.uk to add your KS2 child to the register). Only 20 places – first come, first served.
Thursday	<u>Tennis with Mr Chatterley at St Mary's YR-Y6</u> 8am or 3.30pm (YR-Y6) (letter on it's way to parents). Re-starting 5th June. <u>Book Club</u> with Mrs Obertelli in the library for all year groups 12.30-1pm – re-starting 5 th June. New members most welcome!	<u>Players Drama School YR-Y6</u> New club starting 5 th June to 17 th July (link sent to parents).
Friday	<u>KS2 Choir</u> with Ms Lucas and Mrs Tattersall in the hall 8.15-8.45am – same children on the register as last half term as they are now practising for Lancashire Sings. Resuming Friday 6 th June.	

School Vacancy

We are looking for someone to join our After School Club team from September. Term time hours Monday to Friday 3:30-5:30pm. If a parent, your child would receive a free place at the club to support any childcare. If you know of anyone who is a student who might be looking for work to earn some extra money please point them in the direction of this vacancy. An advert will be published shortly. Please get in touch if you would like to know more about this role at our school.

Euxton Parish Church - Job Vacancies

We are excited to announce we have 2 employment opportunities at Euxton Parish Church!

1) Children and Youth Minister (Ignite Lead) - 35 hours per week

An exciting opportunity to lead and co-ordinate our Children & Youth Ministry, with a specific focus on school years 3-13 (KS2-5).

2) Church Community Centre Caretaker - 6 hours per week

This role is to support the continued upkeep of the Church Community Centre, and to be a point of contact for hirers / tradespeople of the CCC.

For further information on both roles including job specification and application forms, please see our website: https://www.euxtonparishchurch.org/Groups/442344/Job_Vacancies.aspx

Summer Term Key Dates Ahead

Monday 19th May – Y6 Robinwood Residential meeting for parents at 5.30pm.

Thursday 22nd May – end of half term. School finishes at 3.30pm. After school club operating as usual.

Friday 23rd May & Monday 2nd June – INSET days. School closed.

Tuesday 3rd June – School open.

Tuesday 3rd June – Welcome meeting for parents of Reception starters September 2025 at 6pm.

Friday 6th June – Y5 and Y6 Sports Day at 2.15pm

Friday 6th June – PTFA Colour Run after school on the field.

Monday 9th June – Y2 trip to Clitheroe castle.

Tuesday 10th June – Y3 trip to Bolton Museum.

Thursday 19th June – Y3 and Y4 Sports Day at 2.30pm

Friday 13th June – Y6 trip to Leyland Trucks (separate letter to follow).

Monday 16th June – Y1 trip to Fireground Museum (separate letter to follow).

Thursday 19th June – Reception trip to Smithills Open Farm (separate letter to follow).

Monday 23rd June – Wednesday 25th June – Y6 Residential to Robinwood.

Friday 27th June – Y1 and Y2 Sports Day at 2.30pm

Monday 30th June – Y6 trip to Blackburn Cathedral for a leaver's service by Blackburn Diocese (separate letter to follow).

Wednesday 2nd July – Move up day. Transition day for classes to meet next year's teacher and spend time in new classrooms - **please note change of date, changed by high schools (was 3rd July)**. Y6 children visiting high schools.

Saturday 5th July – Euxton Gala on school field.

Monday 14th July – last swimming session for Y3.

Thursday 10th July – Y6 Leaver's Service (afternoon in church).

Thursday 10th July – PTFA Leaver's Disco (Y4-6).

Friday 18th July – End of school year. School finishes at 1.30pm. No ASC.

First Kick Holiday Club

There are two clubs taking place at Southlands High School from Tuesday 27th to Friday 30th May. Football Camp and Multi-Sport Camp. The full 4 days costs £75 and there is a daily rate of £20, three days £55. To book or for more information please contact 01772 428086 or 07514 316534.

School Uniform

Order forms for school uniform have been sent home this week. We have lots of uniform in school awaiting orders. Please can we ask that orders are returned to the school office sooner rather than later – thank you!

PTFA News

PTFA Lucky Numbers

Please see the attached flyer. This is a great way of supporting our PTFA to raise funds for school and also be in with a chance of winning in the monthly draw. Please email luckynumbersptfa@gmail.com if you would like a number. Thank you!

PTFA Colour Run

This popular event takes place on **Friday 6th June** from 3.34-4.30pm. Please see order forms in your child's book bag which have been sent home this week along with the attached flyer. The PTFA are trialling a new online payment system to avoid cash being sent into school. There is a QR code on the order form. If you choose this method to pay, please remember to send the order form back to the school office. Cash can still be sent into the school office for this event in a named envelope along with the order form.

PTFA Easyfundraising

Just a reminder for when you are doing your shopping online that you can also raise extra funds for the PTFA at no extra cost to you. Please see the attached flyer with more details.

Thank you, as always, for supporting our PTFA with all their fundraising events and initiatives!

Taekwondo Club

Eddie Ellison, 7th DAN instructor and former national champion who has over 30 years' experience teaching and practising taekwondo, continues to run his club in our school hall on Thursday evenings from 7.15-8.15pm (6-7pm from 22nd May). If your child is interested in having taekwondo lessons please contact Eddie on 07952 317485.

Half-Term

Please remember we break up for half-term next **THURSDAY 22nd May** at 3.30pm.

After school club operating as usual.

Friday 23rd May & Monday 2nd June – INSET days. School closed.



Have a great 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

Children and Youth Minister (KS3-5)

**Come and work
with us at
Euxton Parish
Church**

£26,000-£30,000

35 hours per week

Closing Date: 29 May 2025

Interview Date: 8 & 9 June 2025



For more details see euxtonparishchurch.org



PTFA LUCKY NUMBERS



JOIN OUR LOTTERY!

Support our school and win cash prizes!

Cash prizes awarded monthly!

All proceeds go to supporting PTFA-funded school projects

How it works

- Join our monthly lottery
- It is open to parents, grandparents, carers, staff and friends of the school
- Each number you buy gives you a chance to win!
- There is a monthly draw to win £20 (£50 on some occasions!)
- It costs just £12 a year to buy a number and enters you for 12 months from when you make your payment
- The easiest way to join is to set up an annual (£12) standing order

Account Name: Euxton C of E PTFA

Account Number: 20565534

Sort Code: 01-01-94

Reference: Your surname and first initial

Then email luckynumbersptfa@gmail.com and let us know you have set up your standing order, your child's name and their year and you'll be allocated a number

**Friday
6th June
3.45pm**

Colour **RUN**

£5
per runner

**Join our fun warm-up before getting dowsed
with powder paint on your track lap.**

Ice pops at the finish line.

A really fun and memorable summer event!

White t-shirts, glasses & water bottle essential

NEW! Pay Online

Reference **MUST** be surname and year group

For multiple runners, include the year group of any running siblings

Any additional payment will be recorded as a non-school
participant

School should be made aware of allergies / respiratory conditions for online
booking participants if applicable



All participants MUST wear goggles or sunglasses to protect eyes

otherwise you will not be able to take part.

The colour powder is non-toxic, washable, and non-irritant to skin

(certified EN-71-3 Standards)

It is made from natural ingredients – corn starch/ + Talc, dyed with food-

grade colouring.

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MINECRAFT



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Still the best-selling game of all time, Minecraft is a bastion of creativity and community, with hundreds of millions of players building and crafting in its almost endless world. The popularity of Minecraft among gamers of all ages means it's important to remain informed about the game, including how to play it safely and whether it's suitable for the children in your care. That's why we've created this guide explaining the risks associated with Minecraft and how to ensure a purely enjoyable gaming experience.

SCARY ELEMENTS

While Minecraft can be seen as a kind of 'digital LEGO', certain game modes include creatures accompanied by eerie sound effects. These can be a bit too frightening for some younger players, potentially leading to distressing in-game combat and other encounters – although the combat is quite basic and free from any real depiction of violence.

GRIEFING

Some players in Minecraft take pleasure in deliberately damaging or destroying another person's creations. This behaviour, known as 'griefing', is a form of bullying – it intentionally ruins someone else's experience by erasing hours of their work and forcing them to start over. Many public servers regard griefing as a serious offence and often ban those who engage in it.

ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's focus on creativity means that, as with any creative endeavour, it can be easy to get carried away. If your child is finding it difficult to manage their time because they're drawn in by Minecraft's gameplay loop of resource gathering and building elaborate projects, it could have a knock-on effect on their social interactions and schoolwork.

PUBLIC SERVERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

With public servers being so easily accessible in Minecraft, it's highly likely that children will end up chatting with strangers through the in-game text chat. Some servers even place an emphasis on social interaction, actively encouraging communication between players. While there's nothing inherently wrong with this, it does carry certain risks. In addition to the concerns around speaking with strangers online, players who host their own servers may have their IP addresses exposed, posing a further security concern.

ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

Minecraft is available as a free trial on a variety of devices; however, the full game requires a one-off purchase, which is typically around £15. After that, players have the option to buy additional cosmetic upgrades or subscribe to Minecraft Realms. Realms is an entirely optional subscription service that allows users to run their own private server to play with friends. Without proper supervision, younger players may end up making unintended or excessive purchases.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting Creative or Peaceful mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is far lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of enemies and creatures attacking you or damaging your building.

HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for children to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given its address and password. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter – and if necessary – ban anyone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft. Hosting a private server, however, will cost a monthly fee.

TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone will make contact with a stranger online. Talking to children about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan for dealing with any hostile or difficult people. It's important that a child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

Much of Minecraft's early stages can be an exercise in frustration for players who don't know where to start. Thankfully, there's a wealth of material online and in video format to help you learn the basics. Just be mindful that some of this content may not be appropriate for children, so you should consider watching it yourself first.

PLAY MINECRAFT WITH YOUR CHILD

As a creative building tool, Minecraft makes it great fun for children to team up and construct vast buildings accompanied by imaginative landscapes, much like working with LEGO or model kits. Playing in a game mode that includes enemies can encourage critical thinking and teamwork; however, you should consider which game mode is appropriate for the child in your care.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Gaming Editor at the Daily Star, and has worked in games media for more than 8 years. A long-time gaming enthusiast, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety for children of all ages.



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