



Euxton Church of England Primary School

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

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Dear Parents,

Euxton Superstars!

Congratulations to this week's class Superstars:

Reception: Xavier & Neve

Year 1: George

Year 2: Elliott

Year 3: Seb

Year 4: Akira

Year 5: William

Year 6: Luke

Well done to you all!

Musical Success!

Congratulations to the following children who have passed their Grade 1 clarinet exams – Iona **Jones**, Alice Carver and Olivia Tennant. The following children have passed their Grade 2 exams – Theodore Richards (trumpet) and Neva Callander (clarinet). Certificates were presented in Celebration Worship this morning. Well done all and thank you to Mr Ogden for teaching and preparing the children for their exams.

Robinwood

Well done to our Year 6 children for a fantastic residential trip to Robinwood! It was great to be part of their adventure and see the incredible growth in each child. I am particularly proud of how our children have displayed such remarkable resilience throughout the challenging activities. Watching them push through their comfort zones and tackle new experiences was truly inspiring. The courage they've shown - whether conquering the giant swing or trying something completely new - demonstrates the strong character we nurture here at Euxton CE Primary. Most importantly, the teamwork displayed was outstanding. Our children have supported one another, celebrated each other's successes, and worked together beautifully. Thank you so much to Mrs MacDonald and Mr Astle for giving their time and support to make the trip happen. Special memories made by all! 😊

Sports Days

Today saw the last of our school sports days with Y1 and Y2 taking part in all of their track events. What wonderful Sports Days we've had this year! It has been truly heart-warming to witness our children displaying such incredible teamwork for Air, Earth, Fire and Water. Every single child who crossed that finish line showed determination and spirit. These moments remind us why celebrating effort and collaboration is just as important as celebrating achievement. The points from each sports day will be totalled and we will announce the overall winning team of the Sports Day Cup next week.

Swimming Gala

Well done to our swimming team, who represented school at the Chorley SSP swimming gala on Wednesday. Our team managed to stay awake despite many of them returning from Robinwood earlier that day to compete in three races each. We came away with six individual medals as well as placing in the top 3 in all three of the relays. A fantastic result!



Art Week

This week has been Art Week across school with each class using different mediums of art to create their own piece of work to relate to the theme 'Somewhere Special'. Next week the children will be using their creations to inspire a piece of writing. The children's work will be displayed as a gallery in the school hall next Friday 4th July. Parents are welcome to come into school to view the gallery on Friday from 3pm.

Y6 Leaver's Service

On Monday 30th June, Y6 will visit St George's Church, Chorley for a leaver's service led by Blackburn Diocese. Please note the change in venue – this service is now taking place in Chorley and not the original venue of Blackburn Cathedral. The service takes place in the morning and the children will be back to school in time for lunch as usual. **Full uniform to be worn please with school jumper/cardigan.**

Move Up Morning- Wednesday 2nd July

Next Wednesday, children will be spending the morning in their new classrooms for September and meeting their new teaching team.

Reception: Ms Lucas with Mrs Critchley & Mrs Gifford

Y1: Mrs Obertelli with Mrs Dean & Mrs Fairhurst

Y2: Mrs Smith with Mrs Crosby

Y3: Mr Westwell with Mrs Price & Mrs Kelly

Y4: Mrs Wiles (Monday & Tuesday) & Mr Astle (Wednesday-Friday) with Mrs Crook, Mrs Mearns & Mrs Balshaw

Y5: Mrs Jones with Mrs Tattersall & Mrs Platt

Y6: Mrs MacDonald with Mrs Balshaw (Mondays) & Mrs Yarker (Tuesday-Friday)

Y6 will be visiting their high schools on Wednesday – we hope they have a fun time exploring their new schools!

Y5 and Y6 production

Next week, we are excited to see the Y5 and Y6 production of Darwin Rocks! Performances will take place on Thursday 3rd July at 2pm and 6pm in the school hall. The allocation of tickets per child have been sent home and please remember cash for the traditional raffle. This raises funds for the costumes and props. Thank you!

Message from the school office

As we approach the end of the school year please can we remind parents to ensure their ParentPay balances are up to date. We note there are still many new blue PE shirts to be paid for and at this time of year lots of new uniform is sent home via your children. This is all done in good faith on the understanding that as soon as uniform is received, it is paid for. Please also remember to label all items of clothing, drinks bottles etc that come into school. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

PTFA Lucky Numbers Winner!

Congratulations to Justine Delve, Harry and Jake's mum who has won this month's £20 prize – her name was drawn out of the hat in Celebration Worship this morning.

Church Vacancy

Please see the flyer below for details of a job as Church Community Centre Caretaker.

Leavers Disco 2025

The Leavers Disco will take place on Thursday 10th July from 6pm - 7.30pm. Years 4 & 5 are invited to celebrate with our Year 6 leavers. Year 6 have requested a movie theme so expect plenty of movie theme tunes from the DJ, dance offs, games and photo opportunities. Tickets are £5 each and include pizza, popcorn and juice. Additional snacks and drinks will be available on the night to purchase from our 'Pick n Mix' tuck Shop.

Tickets are available now via the QR code on the posters, [payment link](#) or cash in a named envelope to school. Any online payments should follow the same payment reference rule as the recent colour run with Surname + year group (eg. Smith Y6).

Euxton Gala Day

This annual event takes place on our school field on Saturday 5th July. Please see the details below about a baking competition on the day.



The poster for Euxton Gala Day Baking competition 2025 features a yellow background with a string of colorful bunting at the top. The title 'Euxton Gala Day' is written in a red cursive font, with 'Baking competition 2025' in a blue sans-serif font below it. The categories are listed in bold black text: '*Ages Up to 8 - 6 x biscuits of any variety.', '*Ages 8-16 - 6 x fairybuns /cupcakes', and '* Ages 16+ - free design'. To the right, it says 'All levels of bakers welcome!' and 'Judged by local businesses!'. The theme is 'Celebrating 50 years for all categories.' and the entry and announcement times are 'Entries to be handed in by 12.30pm.' and 'Winners to be announced by 3.30pm.'

The Categories

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Online Safety



Please see attached online safety newsletter which includes guidance on Nintendo Switch 2.

Summer Term Key Dates Ahead

Monday 7th July – Euxton Factor Auditions this week in class.

Thursday 10th July – Y6 Leaver's Service in church 2pm. Parents and grandparents of Y6 children welcome to attend.

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

Friday 11th July – Final Celebration Worship of the year (including birthdays during hols).

Monday 14th July – Last swimming session for Y3.

Thursday 17th July – EuXton Factor 2pm.

Thursday 17th July – Reception class end of year assembly for parents 9.15am

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



And finally...

What wonderful news to share with our school family!

Mr Westwell is getting married this weekend, and we couldn't be more delighted for him. I know our children and families will join me in wishing Nathan and his partner Lucy every happiness as they begin this exciting new chapter together.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Ash

Headteacher

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

Wisdom Compassion Humility Friendship Peace Trust Forgiveness Hope

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about NINTENDO SWITCH 2

Nintendo launched its Switch 2 games console in early June 2025 – its first new console in eight years. While it builds on the original's success by remaining compatible with certain existing games, it also adds powerful hardware and new features like GameChat and a USB-C camera. As more children look to upgrade, it's important to understand how this new console might affect their play and safety.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EASIER TO ACCESS MATURE CONTENT

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CENSORED

Despite Nintendo's reputation for family-friendly titles, mature games like *Cyberpunk 2077* and *Hitman* have been released onto the platform. With the Switch 2's improved performance, developers will be able to port even more mature-rated games. These may appeal to children due to their popularity, but they contain content that is highly unsuitable for young audiences.

IN-APP & GAME STORE PURCHASES

The Nintendo eShop enables purchases with just a few taps. If payment details are saved and PIN protection is disabled, children may unknowingly make costly purchases – including game add-ons, cosmetic items or entire new releases – without parental approval.

UNRESTRICTED ONLINE PLAY IN SOME GAMES

While GameChat is one feature, Switch 2 also connects to the broader Nintendo Switch Online service. Many free-to-play titles like *Fortnite* or *Splatoon 4* allow voice or text chat with strangers unless chat settings are adjusted, meaning children could encounter inappropriate language or unwanted contact.

GAMECHAT & REAL-TIME VOICE COMMUNICATION

GameChat enables live chatting with up to 12 people, even across different games, with optional video and screen-sharing. Though children under 16 are restricted to chatting only with approved friends, the sheer interactivity could raise privacy concerns or create pressure to remain online longer.

CAMERA COMPATIBILITY & PRIVACY CONCERNS

The optional USB-C camera supports video calling and facial overlays in games; however, this also raises the risk of cyberbullying or the unwanted sharing of personal images. The camera can be disabled, removed or covered, and parental controls are essential to manage how and when it is used.

POWERFUL PULL OF FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

Nintendo's mascot, Mario – along with Pikachu, Donkey Kong and others – remains hugely appealing to younger audiences, especially after the success of the recent film, *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* (2023). These beloved icons are central to Nintendo's branding and often feature in merchandising, adverts and in-game promotions, creating strong emotional attachments in children and a sense of urgency to keep up with their peers.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHECK RATINGS & USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Every Switch and Switch 2 game comes with a PEGI age rating. Before buying one, ensure the content matches your child's age. Use the Nintendo Parental Controls app to monitor gameplay, set screen-time limits and manage friend requests.

REMOVE OR RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Avoid accidental spending by unlinking credit cards from the device. Instead, consider adding funds via prepaid eShop cards or requiring a PIN for purchases. Some banking apps can also be set to approve transactions manually.

REVIEW FRIEND LISTS AND CHAT PERMISSIONS

Child profiles are restricted to chatting with approved friends only, but it's good practice to regularly check their friend list and communication settings. Use the Parental Controls app to switch off voice or video chat if necessary.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Teach children how to block, report and capture any behaviour or content that makes them uncomfortable. The console's built-in tools allow them to create screenshots and video clips, which can aid in reporting any issues. Keeping an open dialogue helps children feel supported and safe.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of Daily Star and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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