



Euxton Church of England Primary School



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

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Friday 4th July 2025

Dear Parents,

Euxton Superstars!

Congratulations to this week's class Superstars:

Reception: Lydia, Oscar and Jack

Year 1: Thomas and Oscar

Year 2: Isabelle and James

Year 3: Jack S and Freya

Year 4: Zachary and Charlie

Year 5: Olivia and Johnny

Year 6: Isabelle

Well done to you all!

Euxton Gala Day – TOMORROW!!!

This annual event takes place on our school field TOMORROW from 12 noon Saturday 5th July.

Please see the details below about a baking competition on the day.

The Categories

*Ages Up to 8 - 6 x biscuits of any variety.	All levels of bakers welcome!
*Ages 8-16 - 6 x fairybuns /cupcakes	Judged by local businesses!
* Ages 16+ - free design	

The theme is: Celebrating 50 years for all categories.

Entries to be handed in by 12.30pm.
Winners to be announced by 3.30pm.

Y5 and Y6 Production

Everyone this week has enjoyed the fabulous Y5/6 performances of 'Darwin Rocks!'. The children dazzled us with their fantastic singing and storytelling. Well done to all involved and thank you to the Y5/6 staff team for organizing a great end of year production 😊.

Online Safety



Please see attached online safety newsletter which includes guidance on Apple ipads.



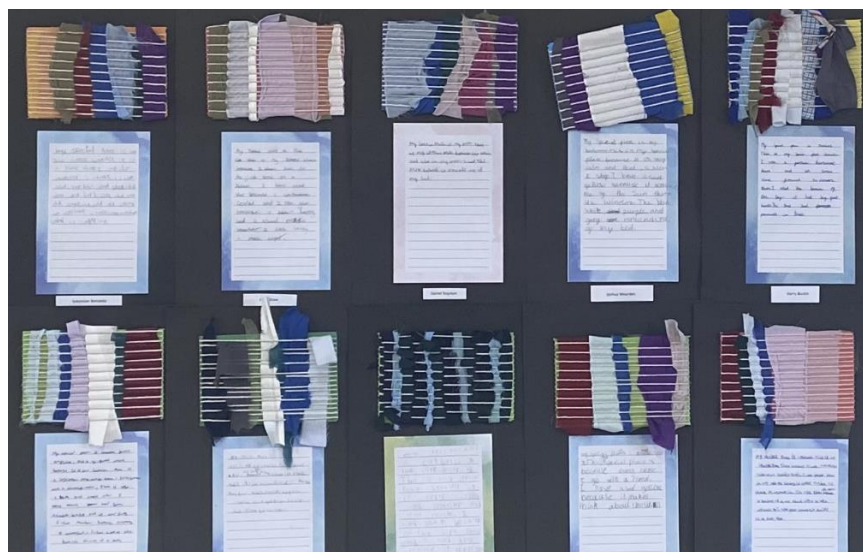
Sports Day

Well done to our four school teams and to everyone for their excellent teamwork and sportsmanship across our four sports days this year. The children had a great time and represented their teams brilliantly. Everyone gave it their best and crossed the line. All the points have been added together and it was an extremely close result with 1 point separating 1st and 2nd place. The overall winning team this year was **Water**. The blue ribbons have been attached to the sports day cup and presented at celebration assembly this morning.

Art Week

The school hall has been transformed into an Art Gallery. What a beautiful sight to see everyone's creations and to read their piece of writing linked to the theme 'Somewhere Special'. The gallery will remain on show next week. If you didn't get chance to pop in this afternoon to view the art week, parents are more than welcome to view the gallery again next Friday from 3pm. Children will bring their art work home at the end of term.





Y6 Leavers Service

Y6 Leavers Service next Thursday 10th in church at 2pm. Children to be in school uniform. Y6 parents and grandparents are welcome to attend. The rest of the school will walk across to church for the service. Bibles, certificates, awards and pebbles will be presented. We look forward to you joining us at this special occasion.

PTFA meeting



PTFA meeting to review the year will take place on Monday 14th July on Teams at 6.30pm. All welcome. Please let the team know if you would like to receive the link to the meeting.

Leavers Disco 2025

The Leavers Disco will take place next 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 your child's surname and year group (eg. Smith Y6). There won't be actual tickets sent home this year, the PTFA are trying out wristbands as the children arrive and they will have a list with them of who has paid.

Summer Term Key Dates Ahead

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

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.

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.

Church Vacancy

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

And finally...



...this young lady from Year 6 recently competed in a swim competition where she achieved a county time. She swam 50m butterfly in 37.28 seconds. Achieving a county time in swimming gives access to regional and national competitions, which is a huge achievement! Well done, we are very proud of you!

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Ash

Headteacher

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Wisdom Compassion Humility Friendship Peace Trust Forgiveness Hope

**TICKETS AVAILABLE
NOW - £5.00 EACH**

SCAN HERE



Reference:
Name & Year Group

Leavers **DISCO**

Thursday 10th July

6.00 – 7.30pm

for years 4, 5 & 6



CINEMA
**PIZZA & POPCORN INCLUDED
IN THE TICKET PRICE**



**Pick n Mix
tuck shop
OPEN**



School Year End MEETING

**Our last meeting of the school year is coming up.
If you haven't been to a meeting before,
this a great one to join as we will begin plans for 2025/26.**

**It will be held on MS Teams – just [email us](#) or WhatsApp if
you would like the link to join.**

**Monday
14th July
@ 6.30pm**



**We Are
HIRING**



CHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE CARETAKER

Part time / 6 Hours per week

Closing Date: 11th July 2025

**For more information
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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about APPLE IPADS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives – and Apple's iPad is by far the most popular model. According to Ofcom, over half of younger children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or access apps. With their broad functionality, iPads can be helpful tools, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen overuse.

COSTLY TO REPAIR

Unlike some child-friendly tablets, the iPad is not built for rough handling. Its slim design and high cost mean that a drop or spill can result in a costly repair. If a child is using the device regularly, a sturdy case and screen protector are strongly recommended to help prevent accidental damage.

DATA PRIVACY

While Apple is known for strong privacy protections, a recent study found that many iOS apps aimed at children still share personal data. Over 40% of the tested apps sent at least one piece of user information to third parties, raising concerns about advertising and analytics being targeted at underage users.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The App Store and Safari browser provide almost unrestricted access to online material. Children may stumble upon age-inappropriate content, whether through apps, advertisements or online searches. Even recommended content algorithms can surface unsuitable material.

BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS

Siri – Apple's voice assistant – can potentially override restrictions, especially with the newer text-based commands introduced through Apple Intelligence. Without safeguards in place, children may inadvertently access inappropriate topics simply by asking a question, bypassing certain filters previously set by adults.

SCREEN ADDICTION

iPads can be highly immersive, and excessive screen time may affect a child's emotional and behavioural development. Signs of overuse might include mood swings, irritability, and difficulty focusing on non-digital activities.

REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT

Prolonged use of tablets has been linked with reduced memory, slower processing speeds and difficulties in concentrating. Research shows that children who spend excessive time gaming or consuming media on tablets may struggle with language development and executive functioning over time.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Family Sharing allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and manage their activity. You can approve purchases, control what content they can access, and set time limits – all done remotely from your own device. It's a simple but powerful way to maintain oversight.

FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES

Parental controls in iOS let you block explicit content in Safari, restrict app downloads, and manage in-app purchase permissions. You can also filter websites automatically to prevent access to adult material and disable the installation of certain app types completely.

USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY

Tools like Downtime and App Limits can reduce overuse. Downtime allows you to block access during key times – such as before bed or during homework – while App Limits sets daily time caps on specific games or apps. Alerts help children anticipate when their time is almost up.

PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING

Children can accidentally (or intentionally) make purchases within apps. Activating Ask to Buy under Family Sharing ensures you receive a notification to approve any app or in-app purchase. This stops surprise charges and allows you to discuss purchases together before they're made.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is a seasoned technology journalist with over a decade of experience. Formerly a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly now writes for publications including WIRED, Forbes, TechRadar, and Tes. With a deep understanding of online safety, she brings a valuable perspective to parenting in the digital age.



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