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Friday 28th March 2025

KS2 Girls Sports Festival

On Monday 24th March, a group of girls from KS2 took part in a girls sports festival organised by the company 'SCS.' It was a fantastic morning and the children took part in boxing, frisbee, handball, dodgeball and an inflatable assault course. They even met an Olympic bronze medallist! Well done to Ellie B, Ellie F, Sadie, Imogen, Paris, Charlee, Emily B, Ava N and Jasmine- you were an absolute delight! Thank you to Mrs Walker for accompanying them.



Football League and 'thanks.'

On Thursday 20th March, we played our second league match against Baynards. The children played brilliantly together, working effectively as a team, and won 2-1 with goals from Elliott and Joel. Sadie made some fantastic saves in goal with Tommy and Ollie making up a solid defence. Joel, the captain worked tirelessly as centre mid, creating lots of chances and shots on goal. Riley, Elliott, Leo and Olly battled hard in midfield and made some beautiful passes and also many shots on goal. A great game to watch, and the other team nominated Joel as man of the match. A super well done to them all. Thank you to Mr Berkeley for refereeing, Billy for coaching and the parents for their support.

Finally, a HUGE thank you to the PTFA who paid for our new, very smart football kit. I think that you will all agree that they look very smart.



Local Opportunities for the Children

Information on [church events](#) and [local clubs and activities which are available to our children](#) are published on the school website. This now includes information on Colchester United's summer program of events.

Wonderful Women's Gift Shop

A massive thank you to all of the PTFA and volunteers for running the amazing gift shop this week. They provided great gifts for children to purchase, and gave up two days of their time to this event. We really appreciate you providing this experience for our children!



The Great Fire of London!

Year 1 and 2 re-created The Great Fire of London this week; they designed and built houses which they then set light to. This enabled the children to see how quickly a fire would have spread, as well as the level of destruction that would have occurred. The whole event began with classes singing or playing percussion instruments linked to Fire of London songs.

Parental Concerns

Just a polite reminder that if there are any concerns regarding children in school, please speak to the class teacher and not approach other parents on the playground as this can cause considerable upset.

Special Achievement Award

Congratulations to the following children who have received a Special Achievement Award in this week's celebration worship: Emelia, Rosie D, Jacob H, Cora, Thea, Daisy R, Charlie M, Xander, Louis, Axl, Arlo and Nikki.

School Council

The School Council met this morning and looked at all of their purchases: paint, brushes, paint trays and sandpaper. We then stored everything outside, and started to rub down the furniture.



Reminders & Dates for the Diary

Staff will aim to deal with any **emailed queries** in three working days however if you haven't received a response, please contact admin@stlukesschool.co.uk who will investigate the matter for you.

When reporting your child's absence, you must leave a message on the **absence phone line** (01621 815456 option 2). This is the first line of communication that is checked in the morning and if you email the office, staff will not see this until registers have been processed.

Second-hand uniform is available every Tuesday opposite the main reception area between 3pm-3.30pm

If your child is missing any items of clothing, parents are able to check the **lost property box** at the end of the school day via the main office.

School Dates:

The new academic year dates and INSET days for 2025/2026 are published on our website.

EYFS – Reception Conker		KSI – Years 1 & 2 Willow, Hazel and Chestnut		LKS2 – Year 3 & 4 Pear, Cherry and Mulberry		UKS2 – Years 5 & 6 Cedar and Sahabi	
		Event				Parents Invited / Additional	
April	2 nd April	Trunk Theatre Company- Great Fire of London (Year 1 and 2)					
	3 rd April	LKS2 Easter Service in Church to parents/carers of children in year 3 and 4 only- 2.15pm				Mulberry, Cherry and Pear Class parent/carers	
	4 th April	Conker Class Assembly				Parent/Carers welcome	
	24 th April	Sahabi Class Model Write To The Top lesson- 9am				Sahabi Class Parent/Carers welcome	
	25 th April	Cedar Class Model Write To The Top lesson- 9am				Cedar Class parent/carers welcome	
May	1 st May	Pear Class Model Write To The Top lesson- 2.15pm				Pear Class parent/carers welcome	
May	2 nd May	Year 1 Phonics Screening Parent Meeting- 8.45am in the hall				Year 1 parent/carers	
	2 nd May	Cherry Class Model Write To The Top lesson- 1.45pm				Cherry Class Parent/Carers welcome	
	2 nd May	Mulberry Class Model Write To The Top lesson- 2.20pm				Mulberry Class Parent/Carers welcome	
	5 th May	PTFA Late Riser Boot Sale				All welcome	
	8 th May	VE Day Activities in school					
	12 th -15 th May	Year 6 Relaxed SATS breakfast 8.15-8.35am					
	23 rd May	Class photographs, year 6 photos and whole school photo					
June	6 th June	Sports Day				Parents/carers welcome	
	10 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check and Year 2 re-take Phonics Check					
	10 th June	Year 3 and 4 Roman Day (more information to follow)					
	10 th June	Year 6 Crucial Crew trip 9am- 11am (more information to follow)					
	11 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check and Year 2 re-take Phonics Check					
	11 th June	Year 6 Community Challenge Team Building Day (more information to follow)					
	13 th June	Reserve Sports Day				Parent/carers welcome	
	21 st June	PTFA Summer Fair (more information to follow)				All welcome	
	23 rd June	Year 5 Camp Day and overnight Year 6 Camp Day (normal school hours)					

	24 th June	Year 1 and 2 Camp Day (normal school hours)	
	25 th June	Conker Class Camp Day (normal hours)	
	26 th June	Year 3 Camp Day (normal school hours) Year 4 Camp Day (Evening pick up)	
	26 th June	Year 6 Induction Day at Thurstable	
July	1 st July	Parents Evening (more information to follow)	Parents/Carers welcome
	2 nd July	Year 1 and 2 visit to Hyde Hall RHS Gardens	
	3 rd July	Parents Evening (more information to follow)	Parent/carers welcome
	10 th July	Conker Class Pirate Trip to Danbury Country Park (more information to follow)	
	11 th July	Year 6 Production at the Headgate Theatre (more information to follow)	Year 6 Parent/Carers welcome
	14 th July	Meet the Teacher- KSI 3.30pm (crèche), LKS2 4pm, UKS2 4.30pm (more information to follow)	Parent/Carers welcome
	16 th July	Year 6 Leaver's Service in St. Luke's Church- 6pm	Year 6 parent/carers welcome
	17 th July	PTFA End of Term Party/Disco (more information to follow)	
	18 th July	Last day of the summer term	
	18 th July	Trophy Awards Ceremony- 9.15am INVITE ONLY	
Nov	1 st Nov	PTFA Fireworks Event (more information to follow)	All welcome
	24 th -28 th Nov	Year 6 Residential	
Dec	11 th Dec	Year 1-6 trip to the pantomime (more information to follow)	



Marvellous Me is an opportunity for us to share the great work and amazing attitude that the children show daily in school. Access codes can be collected at the school office. Links to download the app on iOS or Android can be found here: <https://marvellousme.com/parents/>

Learning Characteristics

Taking Risk

Being Inquisitive

Making Links

Co-operation

Resilience

Reflecting

Christian Values

Thankfulness

Responsibility

Compassion

Faith

Forgiveness

Hope

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SCAMS AND FAKE NEWS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

"Fake news" refers to falsified or misleading material presented as a legitimate account of events. It's often used by malicious actors online to push an agenda, or even by criminals as a way of making scams more persuasive. Scammers can trick us into handing over personal information, security details and even our hard-earned cash.

"CLICKBAIT" PHISHING SCAMS

A message arrives saying "Have you seen this video of yourself?" or you might be sent an attention-grabbing headline about a celebrity that's been shared on social media. This kind of "bait" is produced by scammers to drive us to click on an unsafe link, where malware could be downloaded to our devices. These scams rely on our curiosity and our "need-to-know" instinct.

SALES, DEALS & DISCOUNTS

Some scams appear as adverts, offering a chance to buy something – such as designer products, expensive gadgets or tickets to a popular show – at a reduced price. Such plays often include a time limit or countdown, urging us to hurry so we don't miss out on the deal. This pressure encourages us to input personal details or payment information before pausing to check if it's legitimate.

YOU'RE A WINNER!

This kind of scam involves fake giveaways, opportunities or freebies. It could be a message saying we've won a prize draw or competition. Or it could be a gift, free trial, bonus credit, and suchlike. It might claim that a package or refund is waiting. All these techniques are used to prompt us to share our personal information, thinking that there's something to be gained by doing so.

FALSE FRIENDSHIPS

Scammers often pretend to be someone they're not to gain their victims' trust. They might attempt to convince any children they connect with that they're a child of similar age with shared interests. Warning signs include a high volume of messages (often with an intense tone), secrecy, inappropriate levels of intimacy, guilt tripping, emotional manipulation, threats or blackmail.

PANIC MODE

To trigger a sense of panic, scammers may claim that a child's account has been hacked, or a virus has been installed on their device, or any number of other scary scenarios. They may claim to be able to fix the problem or offer a solution – if the child hands over control of the device or sensitive information. Similar scams involve impersonating a friend or relative, claiming that they're in trouble and need help.

FAKE CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

Impersonating influential people online is a common tactic for scammers, who can use technology to create fake photos, audio and even videos that look authentic. These can be used to convince us, for example, to buy products, sign up for so-called "business opportunities" or invest in cryptocurrency schemes – all of which are false or otherwise malicious. Many scams also involve the impersonation of popular companies' social media accounts, as well as those of individuals.



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WEEK 1

EASTER HOLIDAY EVENTS IN NORTH ESSEX



SUNDAY 6TH

NAZE
Wild Beach Play
10am-11:30am
Seashore Discovery
1pm-3pm



MONDAY 7TH

NAZE
Seashore Discovery
1:30pm-3:30pm

TUESDAY 8TH

NAZE
Seashore Science Lab
10am-10:45am &
11:15am-12pm
Creativity by the Sea
1:30pm-3:30pm
ABBERTON
Spring Explorers
10:30am-12:30pm & 2-4pm
ABBOTTS HALL
Wilder Holiday Club
9am-3pm



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WEDNESDAY 9TH

TIPTREE HEATH
Family Forest Fun
10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm
ABBERTON
Wilder Holiday Club
9am-3pm
FINGRINGHOE
Nature Adventurers
10:30am-12:30pm

THURSDAY 10TH

FINGRINGHOE
Wilder Holiday Club
9am-3pm
ABBERTON
Easter Tots
10:30am-12:30pm
NAZE
Family Fossil
Discovery
2:30pm-4pm

FRIDAY 11TH

FINGRINGHOE
Pond Dipping
10am-11am, 11:30am-12:30pm, 1:30pm-2:30pm & 3pm-4pm
ABBERTON
Wild Night Out
7pm-9pm

SATURDAY 12TH



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For more information or to book online visit www.essexwt.org.uk/events

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WEEK 2

EASTER HOLIDAY EVENTS IN NORTH ESSEX



MONDAY 14TH

FINGRINGHOE
Campfire, Creations and Adventures
10:30am-12:30pm
ABBERTON
Super Scientists
10:30am-12:30pm & 2pm-4pm

TUESDAY 15TH

ABBOTTS HALL
Wilder Holiday Club
9am-3pm



WEDNESDAY 16TH

FINGRINGHOE
CBBC Deadly Scene Investigation Trail
10:30am-3pm
ABBERTON
Wilder Holiday Club
9am-3pm

THURSDAY 17TH

FINGRINGHOE
Wilder Holiday Club
9am-3pm
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FRIDAY 18TH

ABBERTON
Eggcellent Easter
10:30am-3:30pm
FINGRINGHOE
Egg-citing Easter
10am-3pm
NAZE
Easter Hunt
10am-3pm



SATURDAY 19TH

ABBERTON
Eggcellent Easter
10:30am-3:30pm
FINGRINGHOE
Egg-citing Easter
10am-3pm
NAZE
Easter Hunt
10am-3pm

SUNDAY 20TH

ABBERTON
Eggcellent Easter
10:30am-3:30pm
FINGRINGHOE
Egg-citing Easter
10am-3pm
NAZE
Easter Hunt
10am-3pm

MONDAY 21ST

ABBERTON
Eggcellent Easter
10:30am-3:30pm



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