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know, love, serve; God, Ourselves & Others

Data protection: Please notify the office if you change your details or change your mind about consent.

Thursday 13th March 2025

Barleylands- UKS2 School Trip

Cedar and Sahabi Class went on an exciting trip to Barleylands at the beginning of the week. They learnt about animals and their life cycles, how foods are grown, fed animals and used a range of ingredients to make pizza.



Read, Write, Inc Books

As you may be aware, we have heavily invested in resources for Read, Write Inc for EYFS and Key Stage 1. Unfortunately, we have had a number of the RWI home books either not returned or badly damaged, and these are very costly to replace. Therefore, due to budget constraints, after the Easter holiday parent/carers will be charged for non-returned books or damaged books. The charge will be raised via ScoPay.



Uniform (PE Kits)

Just a polite reminder, that on PE days children should have plain dark tracksuits/shorts/top (navy, dark grey or black only), and not hoodies with large branding or images.

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.

PTFA Reminders

To celebrate Mother's Day at the end of March, the PTFA is organising a "Wonderful Women" Gift Shop! The children will be able to choose and wrap their own gifts for their mum or/and other wonderful women in their lives and all items will be brand new. If you would like your child/children to take part, please complete the previously **emailed form by Friday 21st March at 9am**; we cannot accept any late orders as stock needs to be purchased. Please make sure each child's name is entered onto the form separately.



Amigo's Magic Show- Friday 21st March 2025

Please book your tickets via www.st-lukes-ptfa.co.uk Please note, children will be going straight to the event after school, so there is no need to collect them. Also, children are voting for one adult to be sawn in half.....will it be Mrs Howell, Miss Lewis or Miss Lofts?! **Deadline for ordering tickets is Tuesday 18th March.**



Congratulations!

A huge 'well done' to Charlee, Ned, Monty and Abel for competing in a karate championship last weekend. The children worked well as a team, and supported each other throughout the event. We are very proud of you!



School Council

The School Council raised £200 on the non- uniform day last week; thank you so much for all of your support.



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 and Acorn	KSI – Years 1 & 2 Oak, Silver Birch, Sycamore	LKS2 – Year 3 & 4 Plum, Apple, Elder	UKS2 – Years 5 & 6 Acacia and Baobab
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		Event	Parents Invited / Additional
March	21 st March	Red Nose Day- Break the Rules Day!	
	21 st March	PTFA Magician Show after school- book on PTFA website	
	26 th March	Year 1 and 2 Great Fire of London Event	Year 1 and 2 parent/carers welcome
	26 th March	PTFA Wonderful Women's Gift Shop	
	27 th March	PTFA Wonderful Women's Gift Shop	
	28 th March	Year 3 and 4 school trip to Abberton	
April	2 nd April	Trunk Theatre Company- Great Fire of London (Year 1 and 2)	
	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
	17 th July	PTFA End of Term Party/Disco (more information to follow)	
Nov	1 st Nov	PTFA Fireworks Event (more information to follow)	All welcome



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

All National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to have an informed conversation about online safety with their children. Should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalonlinecollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Schools Need to Know about THE ONLINE SAFETY ACT

The Online Safety Act was passed into UK law in October 2023, with the aim of establishing major new layers of protection for children when they go online. The government has pledged a zero-tolerance approach to protecting children from online harm, and the act certainly includes more powerful legislation which should help to safeguard young people in the digital world. Our guide summarises the key points for schools...

WHAT THE ACT WILL DO

HARMFUL CONTENT

Social media sites must rapidly remove illegal and/or harmful content such as bullying or harassing comments, pornography and content that supports extremist activity or encourages or depicts violence, suicide, self-harm or eating disorders. If they fail to do so, they can be fined up to 1% of their global revenue while their executives may even face jail terms.

ANIMAL CRUELTY

Content featuring cruelty to animals is now prohibited, even if it originates from abroad (where the law may be different). Again, it is the platform's responsibility to remove it.

MORE TRANSPARENCY

Sites must be transparent about the interests that any children using them could encounter. By publishing risk assessments for their platforms, for instance.

HOSTING MISLEADING ADVERTS

Scams and fraudulent adverts must be blocked or removed, or the hosting companies are liable to be fined.

NON-CONSENSUAL SHARING

It's now easier to convict online abusers or people who share intimate images without consent, while legislation on the criminality of deepfakes has been clarified. The new laws also relate to any individuals who give direction to share such images. This should help to protect women and girls in particular online.

REPORTING AND FILTERING

Sites should have easy reporting mechanisms for children (or their parents and carers) to flag up problems quickly. They must also provide options to filter out unwanted content.

AGE-RESTRICTED MATERIAL

Sites must prevent children from accessing age-inappropriate material. This includes enforcing age limits and implementing robust age verification.

What this means for you

The act has some specific implications for schools: it's essential that leaders understand the new legislation's scope and limitations. The act is certainly a positive step, but as artificial intelligence and other advances in tech continue to produce new challenges, schools will still need to remain extremely vigilant.

KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP

Look out for the Code of Conduct that Ofcom is creating in response to the Online Safety Act. Note that the new legislation doesn't mean an instant change: many of its elements will only come into force at the end of 2024. An Ofcom consultation on protecting people from illegal harms online will be running until February 2024.

REMEMBER THE ESSENTIALS

Remain mindful of your organisation's own online activities: the legal duty for schools to maintain appropriate software monitoring and filtering, for example, will not change.

WATCH FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

There are some issues on which the legislation remains less clear for now, whether it's possible for Ofcom to scan encrypted private messages (such as on WhatsApp) may need to be resolved, for instance, making this an area where, for the moment, young people have less legal protection.

UNDERSTAND AND EXPLAIN

Staff should learn how to raise concerns with tech companies whose platforms contain anything unsettling or unpleasant. Students also need to be made aware of the newly strengthened laws relating to cyber-bullying, sexting or posting inappropriate content. Young people do make mistakes online – so the clearer their understanding of the possible consequences, the better.

ENGAGE WITH PARENTS

Schools should also explain to parents and carers the new possibilities that the Online Safety Act affords them in terms of protecting their children. Many parents may have previously felt that there was little they could do about changing online platforms' content: they now have a far greater level of support when complaining about a company or the behaviour of an individual.

Meet Our Expert

Liam is a former Deputy Government Inspector of Ofsted leading for the 10-Benelux's family of schools. He is a regular speaker at conferences and seminars on the current and potential for school readiness to support care and safeguarding. In 2023, he was named National Leader of the Year at the National Awards for Improvement in Education.



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Essex Fire Museum Open Days



Saturday 29th
March

10:30AM
To
4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS

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