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*know, love, serve; God, Ourselves & Others*

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**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

### **Glee Club- Young Voices at the 02**

A group of over 40 children took part in the Young Voices Choir at the 02 Arena on Thursday accompanied by Mrs Spicer, Mr Moriarty, Mrs Verley, Mrs Byrne and Miss Boreham. They have been practising songs and dance moves during Glee Club, and they have showed great commitment by attending additional rehearsals during lunch time at school. Thank you to Mrs Spicer, Mr Moriarty and Mrs Walker for running Glee Club. A huge additional 'thank you' to Mrs Spicer for organising this trip.



### **Compost Bin**

Thank you to Miss Lewis' grandad, who hand-made and donated a lovely new compost bin to the PTFA. This will help the children learn how compost helps plants, fruit and vegetables to grow.

### **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.

## WOW Moment

India in year 3, decided to donate her hair to the Little Princess Trust. This is such an amazing and thoughtful gesture- we are very proud of you!



Lilly in Year 1 took part in a club competition for Blackwater Gymnastics last weekend. Lilly competed in vault, bars, floor and beam and came first in her age category. Well done!



## Disco- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Just a reminder that the PTFA School disco tickets are now on sale via the PTFA website. The deadline for purchasing tickets is Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 3pm.



Also, thank you to Mrs Coyle and Mrs Bluett for going through lost property this week and returning all named items to their owners.

## Staffing Update

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Spratt back into school; she is building up her hours at breakfast club and at lunchtime. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Leonard and Mr Clarke for running breakfast club over the last few months, as well as Miss Boreham for supporting a child at lunchtime.

## School Council

The School Council met this week and worked as a team to tidy and organise the equipment in the PE Shed- this was a surprise for Mrs Heard as she was disappointed with how untidy it had become.



## Special Achievement Award

Congratulations to the following children who have received a Special Achievement Award in this week's celebration worship: Evan, Maxwell, Diego, Nola, Poppie A, George P, Calli, Finley, Skye W, Ellie B, Tommy A, Isla T, Oliver T-S, Jasmine, George M and Scarlett.

## 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](mailto: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 2024/2025 are published on our website.

<b>EYFS</b> – Reception Conker and Acorn	<b>KSI</b> – Years 1 & 2 Oak, Silver Birch, Sycamore	<b>LKS2</b> – Year 3 & 4 Plum, Apple, Elder	<b>UKS2</b> – Years 5 & 6 Acacia and Baobab
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		Event	Parents Invited / Additional
Jan	28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 1 and 2 DT Event (9am-10.30am in the hall)	Year 1 and 2 Parents/carers welcome
	30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 6 SATs Meeting- 3.10pm	Year 6 parent/carers
	31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	School Council Bake Sale- at home time on the playground	All welcome
Feb	11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Cedar Class Parent Assembly- 9am	Cedar Class parent/carers only
	13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	PTFA Disco	
	13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Sahabi Class Parent Assembly-9am	Sahabi Class parent/carers only
	13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Maths Workshop for Conker Class 9am-9.30am	Conker parent/carers welcome
	14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Wear it Red Day!	
	26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	PTFA Urgent General Meeting- 7.30pm in school	All welcome
March	5 <sup>th</sup> March	Great Fire of London Experience (year 1 and 2)	
	7 <sup>th</sup> March	Non- uniform Day- School Council Fundraiser (more information to follow)	
	10 <sup>th</sup> March	UKS2 School trip to Barleylands	
	13 <sup>th</sup> March	Quiz Night, £5 per person, 7.30pm in school hall- more information to follow	All welcome
	14 <sup>th</sup> March	INSET DAY	
	21 <sup>st</sup> March	Red Nose Day (more information to follow)	
	21 <sup>st</sup> March	PTFA Magician Show after school (more information to follow)	
	26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 and 2 Great Fire of London Event	Year 1 and 2 parent/carers welcome
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 and 4 school trip to Abberton (more information to follow)		
April	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Trunk Theatre Company- Great Fire of London (Year 1 and 2)	
	4 <sup>th</sup> April	Conker Class Assembly	Parent/Carers welcome
May	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 1 Phonics Screening Parent Meeting- 8.45am in the hall	Year 1 parent/carers
	5 <sup>th</sup> May	PTFA Late Riser Boot Sale (more information to follow)	All welcome
	23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Class photographs, year 6 photos and whole school photo	
June	10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check and Year 2 re-take Phonics Check	
	10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 and 4 Roman Day (more information to follow)	
	10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Crucial Crew trip 9am- 11am (more information to follow)	

	11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check and Year 2 re-take Phonics Check	
	21 <sup>st</sup> June	PTFA Summer Fair (more information to follow)	All welcome
	WB 23 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School Camp Week- more information to follow	
	26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Induction Day at Thurstable	
July	2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 1 and 2 visit to Hyde Hall RHS Gardens	
	11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production at the Headgate Theatre (more information to follow)	Year 6 Parent/Carers welcome
Nov	1 <sup>st</sup> 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

Tolleshunt Knights Preschool invites you to



# Operation Clear out

*Indoor Preloved Table top sale*

**SUNDAY, 9th March 2025**

**10am to 4pm**

**Tolleshunt Knights Village Hall**

**Free Entry**

**Message to book a table @ £10**

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# What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS



If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.



## RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS

Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos - providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

### WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:



### WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

### LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

Source: [www.bbfc.co.uk](http://www.bbfc.co.uk)

## RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that ensures all video games are labeled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provide a content descriptor that indicates the potential issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.

### WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional content descriptors help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

PEGI age ratings are broken down into five categories:



PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:



### LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS

It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age-inappropriate content without you knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.

### PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

Source: [www.pegi.info](http://www.pegi.info)