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know, love, serve; God, Ourselves & Others

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Friday 17th January 2025

Year 2 Cricket Festival

On Tuesday, a small group of children from year 2 took part in a cricket festival at the Northern Gateway. They enjoyed playing 3 Tees Cricket matches, taking part in striking activities and fielding activities. The children all had a brilliant time!



Bikeability

A large group of year 6 children took part in the Essex Cycle ready course over 2 days- initially they passed level 1 on the playground and then advanced to level 2 on the local roads. Well done to: Imogen, Callum, Ellie, Olly, Thea, Rosie, Joel, Charlee, Sadie, Toby, Ollie, Sophia, Harrison, Abigail, Poppie, Can and Molly.



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.

Tesco In-Store Vote Update

We are delighted to let you know that Mrs Heard's application to Tesco Stronger Starts has been successful and her project to revamp the EYFS outside classroom will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores. Voting will commence in store from Mid-January 2025 until end of March 2025.

The project with the highest number of votes across the region will receive the highest funding to carry out their project.

The stores which will vote on our project are:-

3291 Tiptree Superstore CO5 0SU

5465 West Mersea Express Express CO5 8QT

Please can you help us by voting with a token each time you visit Tesco.

Thank you.



Disco- Thursday 13th 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 10th February 2025 at 3pm.



Parent Survey

The governing body would like to say a huge 'thank you' to all of the parents/carers who took the time to complete their parent view survey. The responses were all discussed at the Full Governing Body Meeting on Wednesday evening, and the members of the Senior Leadership Team will now be looking at actions in response to the comments.

Behaviour Outside of School

As parent/carers, if you witness unacceptable verbal or physical behaviour from our pupils outside of school, please contact our admin team immediately. Although the behaviour is occurring outside of school, pupils represent St. Luke's at all times, and we will deal with any concerns shared.

Staffing Update

Many of our community may already be aware that sadly, Amy Lomer, former parent and governor of St. Luke's, has passed away. Amy was very well respected within the community and will be remembered fondly by all. Our love and prayers are with her family.

Well done!

Molly W in year 4 competed in a dance competition last weekend winning 3rd for ballet, 3rd for her contemporary duet and 3rd in tap group dance. She is now through to nationals!



School Council

The School Council met to decide about the details around the Bake Sale, as well as plan their non-uniform day. They voted for the theme of the non-uniform day democratically.



Special Achievement Award

Congratulations to the following children who have received a Special Achievement Award in this week's celebration worship: Claudia, Ronnie C, Freddie W, Myles, Alfie B, Ronnie H, Carter, Noah, Sidney, Emmie, Reuben C, Poppy C, Mary, Maddie, Sophia D and Tommy Hu.

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 2024/2025 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
Jan	28 th Jan	Year 1 and 2 DT Event (9am-10.30am in the hall)	Year 1 and 2 Parents/carers welcome
	30 th Jan	Year 6 SATs Meeting- 3.10pm	Year 6 parent/carers
	31 st Jan	School Council Bake Sale- at home time on the playground	All welcome
Feb	11 th Feb	Cedar Class Parent Assembly- 9am	Cedar Class parent/carers only

	13 th Feb	PTFA Disco	
	13 th Feb	Sahabi Class Parent Assembly-9am	Sahabi Class parent/carers only
	14 th Feb	Wear it Red Day!	
	26 th Feb	PTFA Urgent General Meeting- 7.30pm in school	All welcome
March	5 th March	Great Fire of London Experience (year 1 and 2)	
	7 th March	Non- uniform Day- School Council Fundraiser (more information to follow)	
	10 th March	UKS2 School trip to Barleylands	
	13 th March	Quiz Night, £5 per person, 7.30pm in school hall- more information to follow	All welcome
	14 th March	INSET DAY	
	21 st March	Red Nose Day (more information to follow)	
	21 st March	PTFA Magician Show after school (more information to follow)	
	26 th March	Year 1 and 2 Great Fire of London Event	Year 1 and 2 parent/carers welcome
April	2 nd April	Trunk Theatre Company- Great Fire of London (Year 1 and 2)	
	4 th April	Conker Class Assembly	Parent/Carers welcome
May	2 nd May	Year 1 Phonics Screening Parent Meeting- 8.45am in the hall	Year 1 parent/carers
	5 th May	PTFA Late Riser Boot Sale (more information to follow)	All welcome
	23 rd May	Class photographs, year 6 photos and whole school photo	
June	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)	
	11 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check and Year 2 re-take Phonics Check	
	21 st June	PTFA Summer Fair (more information to follow)	All welcome
	WB 23 th June	Whole School Camp Week- more information to follow	
	26 th June	Year 6 Induction Day at Thurstable	
July	2 nd July	Year 1 and 2 visit to Hyde Hall RHS Gardens	
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
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Christian Values

Thankfulness	Responsibility	Compassion	Faith	Forgiveness	Hope
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National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

12 Smartphone Online Safety Tips FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

The Christmas season has finally arrived and soon many of you will be opening your presents in the hope that Santa has listened to your request for the latest mobile phone or smart device. Owning a mobile phone can be fun, but it's important to use it safely and responsibly. By following our safety tips below, you can make sure that you set up your phone securely, keep your personal information private and enjoy using your phone in the healthiest way possible.

- 1 ALWAYS SECURE YOUR PHONE WITH A PASSWORD**
This will help to keep your private information safe and stop others from accessing your phone without your permission. Make sure your password is memorable and personal to prevent something which other people can't guess, and always share it with your parents just in case you forget it.
- 2 DISABLE LOCATION SETTINGS**
This can usually be done from the device's privacy control settings. Disabling location settings means that your phone can't be tracked by others and strangers can't tell where you are when you're using it. It also helps to save battery.
- 3 ALWAYS USE A SECURE WIFI NETWORK**
When you use your WiFi at home usually it is a secure network that only you and your family know the password to. Public networks, like those in coffee shops, can be accessed by anyone which means that people could potentially hack into your device and access your personal information without you realising.
- 4 ONLY PAIR WITH BLUETOOTH DEVICES YOU KNOW**
A Bluetooth connection with another device means that you can send and receive data wirelessly. For example, you could listen to music, anybody or receive pictures and videos from your friends. However, pairing your phone with a device you don't know means that you could be sharing personal information with a stranger or could leave your device open to receiving viruses.
- 5 ONLY USE APPS WHICH YOU ARE OLD ENOUGH TO USE**
Before downloading any new apps, always check the age-rating of the app. If you need help, ask your parent or carer to make sure that the app is safe for you to use and never download anything which you are too young for as it may contain things that aren't safe for you to see.
- 6 BEWARE OF BECOMING ADDICTED TO YOUR PHONE**
Your phone can be fun to use and it's easy to become too attached, whether it's keeping in touch with friends, discovering new features or downloading the latest apps. Remember it's always good to talk to parents, go out and have fun and get regular exercise. This will keep you fit and healthy and make you appreciate there's more to life than just your mobile phone.
- 7 LIMIT YOUR SCREEN TIME**
Using your phone for too long, particularly in the evenings, can make you feel tired at school, affect your concentration and make you lose interest in other things in life. Only use your phone at certain times of the day and don't use it close to bedtime. You can set a 'screen time limit' via the settings on your phone. This will help you stay fit and healthy and means that you will still be able to focus and perform well at school.
- 8 THINK OF OTHERS WHEN TAKING PHOTOS**
Don't take embarrassing photos of other people on your phone. If other people get access to the photos and share it with more people, it could make that person really upset and treated as a form of bullying. Always be mindful of the photos you take using your camera and who you share them with.
- 9 MAKE SURE YOUR PARENTS SET UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS'**
This means that you will be able to use your phone safely and securely and won't accidentally do things you shouldn't do. The best time to do this is when you get a new phone or device so that you're protected from the very beginning.
- 10 ALWAYS TALK TO YOUR PARENTS IF YOU DON'T FEEL SAFE**
Sometimes, even though your phone is really secure, you might see something you don't like, or someone might contact you who you don't know. If this happens, always tell your trusted adult like your parents, carer, other adult family members or a teacher. All of whom will be able to support you and advise you on what you should do next.
- 11 DON'T TEXT AND WALK**
This might seem like a strange thing to say but it can be dangerous to stare at your mobile phone whilst walking outside alongside busy roads or bicycle paths. In some cases, children have been knocked over by cars or cyclists because they haven't been aware of their surroundings whilst texting or playing games on their mobile devices.
- 12 DON'T SHARE YOUR NUMBER OR YOUR DEVICE WITH PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW**
Never feel pressured into sharing your phone number with people you don't know and don't lend your phone to strangers or bring it where others could get hold of it. Look after your device and always keep it hidden from sight to avoid it being stolen or broken into.

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