



## Tiptree St Luke's Church of England VC Primary School

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

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**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

### **Reindeer Run**

Today, the whole school took part in a sponsored Reindeer Run in aid of St. Helena's Hospice. Thank you to all of the families who sponsored the children for this very worthy cause. We have raised £408 so far!

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/clare-walker-1732187157411?utm\\_term=MDpjrQ8AX](https://www.justgiving.com/page/clare-walker-1732187157411?utm_term=MDpjrQ8AX)



### **PTFA Winter Fair**

A huge thank you to our amazing PTFA and all of the parent volunteers who worked for hours before, during, and after the Winter Fair on Friday to make the event such a success. All of the money raised will be going towards the outdoor gym equipment chosen by the children.



### **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.

## Pantomime Trip

Children in year 1-6 had a fabulous day at the Colchester Mercury theatre to watch the New Adventures of Peter Pan. The pantomime was full of laughs, jokes, singing and dancing. Thank you to all of the staff and volunteers who attended this trip.



## Library books and Read, Write, Inc books

Please can all library books (Accelerated Reader) and Read, Write, Inc books be returned to school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Please send the books in with the children, as they will need to return them. Please do not hand books in on the gate.

## Staff Update

We would like to express our gratitude to Mr Blowers for supporting a child in year 4 over the last 2 terms. He will still be carrying out his mid-day assistant role in school.

## Well done

Well done to Theo Mc in year 1 who has moved up a swimming level and received a certificate. We are very proud of you!

## School Council

The School Council met this morning to discuss safety in school and how they feel concerns are dealt with; they may have also had some festive snacks!



## Special Achievement Award

Congratulations to all of the children who received a certificate for either maths, writing or reading in our celebration worship today. We hope you liked the Christmas themed prizes?

## 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.

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	
		Event				Parents Invited / Additional	
	17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS and KSI Christmas Play to parents/carers @9.30am				Parent/carers welcome	
	17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Christingle Service					
	18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS and KSI Christmas Play to parents/carers @9.30am				Parent/carers welcome	
	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS and KSI Christmas Play to parents/carers @9.30am				Parent/carers welcome	
	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner					
	20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Wear festive clothes and/or accessories					
	20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carols Around the Tree- 2.45pm on the school playground				Parent/carers welcome	
Jan	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	EYFS Reptile Visit (more information to follow)					
	13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Bikeability- individual information to follow					
	14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Bikeability- individual information to follow					
	15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Bikeability- individual information to follow					
	28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 1 and 2 DT Event (9am-10.30am in the hall)				Year 1 and 2 Parents/carers welcome	
Feb	11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Cedar Class Parent Assembly- 9am				Cedar Class parent/carers only	
	13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	PTFA Disco- more information to follow					
	13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Sahabi Class Parent Assembly-9am				Sahabi Class parent/carers only	
March	5 <sup>th</sup> March	Great Fire of London Experience (year 1 and 2)					
	10 <sup>th</sup> March	UKS2 School trip to Barleylands					
	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	
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	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)	
	11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check and Year 2 re-take Phonics Check	
	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	



**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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**The Creation Station** school holiday camps

Schools out! Give your children somewhere fun and safe to come during the school holidays where they can be creative, make friends and learn!

**When**  
Christmas break  
Weekdays, 23rd Dec - 3rd Jan\*, 8am to 5pm

**Where**  
St John's Primary School, Clay Lane Grove, Colchester, CO4 0HH

**What**  
A blend of fun and learning for children aged 5-11

Book now at [www.sthena.org.uk/create](http://www.sthena.org.uk/create)

**In support of StHelena**

\*Excluding 25th and 26th Dec and 1st Jan 2025