



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 22nd November 2024

Class Assemblies

We welcomed the families of children in Mulberry, Pear and Cherry Class this week to watch their class assemblies. We were treated to songs, historical facts, a display of map skills and much, much more!



Non-Uniform Reminder

In support of our PTFA's Winter Fair, we are inviting all children to come to school in non-uniform 'cosy clothes' on Thursday 28th November. Cosy clothes can be onesies, oodies, warm pyjamas, cosy jumpers or tracksuit sets of no specific colour. Let them wear their favourite outfits and be comfortable for the day!

In return, we are asking for a little donation to fill up our raffle hampers. These could be chocolates, sweets, cosmetics, books, gift items, candles or other festive items! Please can we ask that your donation be that of your allocated class colour (see below). If your child does not want to take part in the non-uniform day, then full school uniform / PE kit needs to be worn. Colours as follows:

- Conker class (Mrs. Heard)- snowy white
- Willow class (Mrs. Spicer) - Christmas purple
- Chestnut class (Miss Lewis)- sparkling silver
- Hazel class (Miss Bailey) - stary night black
- Mulberry class (Miss Hobbs-Hurrell) - Christmas tree green
- Pear class (Mr. McGeachy) - gingerbread brown
- Cherry class (Mr. Baker /Mrs. Hunt) - golden rings yellow
- Cedar class (Mrs. Moores) - frosty blue
- Sahabi class (Mr. Berkeley) - holly berry red

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.



Reception 2025

As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 4 November 2024**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2025**.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

All of the application information is available on the website above.

Basketball Club

We were lucky to have a KS2 basketball Club assembly on Tuesday this week. Basketball Club is held every Friday straight from school, and it is run by Premier Sports. If your child is interested in this club, please contact the school office.

Staff Update

A huge thank you to Miss Boreham who has stepped in to temporarily support two children in year 5 as an LSA.

Also, thank you to the members of the PTFA who have spent time building shelving and organising the storage container- we are very grateful.

School Council

The School Council met and continued to make the star and angel themed decorations for the St. Luke's Christmas Tree Festival in St. Luke's Church.



Special Achievement Award

Congratulations to the following children who have received a Special Achievement Award in this week's celebration worship: Skyler, Ronnie L, Camilla, Rosie M, Spencer-Lily, Jacob H, Myles, Olivia, Bo, Daniella, Max F, Harriet, Leo, Rosie D, Zarco, Felix, Toby and Michelle.

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	
		Event				Parents Invited / Additional	
Nov	28 th Nov	PTFA Non-Uniform Day (Cosy Wear)					
	29 th Nov	INSET DAY					
Dec	6 th Dec	PTFA Winter Market 5pm				All welcome	
	12 th Dec	Year 1- 6 Pantomime trip					
	13 th Dec	Whole School Reindeer Run- more information to follow					
	17 th Dec	EYFS and KSI Christmas Play to parents/carers @9.30am				Parent/carers welcome	
	17 th Dec	School Christingle Service					
	18 th Dec	EYFS and KSI Christmas Play to parents/carers @9.30am				Parent/carers welcome	
	19 th Dec	EYFS and KSI Christmas Play to parents/carers @9.30am				Parent/carers welcome	
	19 th Dec	Christmas Dinner					
	20 th Dec	Wear festive clothes and/or accessories					
	20 th Dec	Carols Around the Tree- 2.45pm on the school playground				Parent/carers welcome	
Jan	6 th Jan	EYFS Reptile Visit (more information to follow)					
	13 th Jan	Bikeability- individual information to follow					
	14 th Jan	Bikeability- individual information to follow					
	15 th Jan	Bikeability- individual information to follow					
Feb	13 th Feb	PTFA Disco- more information to follow					
March	5 th March	Great Fire of London Experience (year 1 and 2)					
	10 th March	UKS2 School trip to Barleylands					
	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)					
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	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	
	26 th June	Year 6 Induction Day at Thurstable	
July	2 nd 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

Christian Values

Thankfulness Responsibility Compassion Faith Forgiveness Hope

Appointment of Learning Support Assistant (Task Related, Temporary contract until 18th July 2025)

Clare Walker, SENCO, on 01621 815456 clare.walker@stlukesschool.co.uk if you have any queries.

Closing date: Midnight on 1st December 2024

Interview date: Wednesday 4th December

5 days per week, term time only, 11.15am-3pm (could be a job share for the right person depending on candidates).

This role will be split to support two children in our year 5 co-hort. The role includes reading and handwriting interventions, emotional well-being support, supporting in lessons and providing a quiet space during the lunch hour.

Qualifications not essential, as training will be provided throughout the role.





ST LUKE'S PTFA

winter fair



FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER
5PM TO 7PM

ST LUKE'S CHURCH SCHOOL
CHURCH ROAD

Free entry

Local stalls Toast your own
Marshmallows

Crafts

Santa's
grotto

Drinks

Stocking
fillers

Hot food Games

Only £5 to visit Santa in his grotto
No booking required
pay on the day



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