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"Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their life." Proverbs 22:6

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

Friday 3rd July

Sports Day

On Thursday 3rd July, we held our annual Sports Day- 3rd time lucky! The morning consisted of a carousel of activities in mixed ability ages, with children competing to earn points for their team. After a lovely picnic lunch, the more formal races took place. Overall, the winning teams were foxes and hedgehogs with 516 points each! A huge thank you to Mrs Heard for organising this event, and to the staff and volunteers for their support. We would like to give a huge 'shout out' to the PTFA for running such a great café!



Library Summer Challenge

Read to the Beat is coming to a library near you this summer!

This year's Summer Reading Challenge will inspire children to explore the connection between stories and songs, discovering how reading and music both ignite imagination and creativity. This year's Challenge is brought to life with illustrations by award-winning author and illustrator Harry Woodgate.

The challenge runs from Saturday 18 July to Saturday 5 September in all Essex libraries and mobile libraries.

We have won the trophy for our area for having the highest percentage of children completing the challenge in previous years- let's see if we can do that again!



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PTFA Summer Disco

The PTFA are pleased to announce the summer school disco for all of the children at St. Luke's. **The PTFA disco will be on Thursday 16th July 2026.** Tickets are available to book and pay for via the PTFA website, www.st-lukes-ptfa.co.uk.

The last day for booking a ticket is Monday 13th July at 3pm and tickets are £3 each. No bookings will be accepted after this date.

Please remember it will be a strictly no entry policy if a ticket has not been booked. If you are dropping a KS2 child off, please wait until they have been signed in on our registers.



Uniform

We have recently updated our school uniform expectations to help restore consistency across the school and ensure children arrive ready for learning. These changes have been discussed and agreed with our Governing Body, and full details were shared in the email correspondence sent to all families earlier this week. The updated guidance clarifies our stance on newer clothing trends that have become common in primary schools, sets out clearer expectations for cuts and styles, and begins the gradual phase-in of charcoal and dark grey items. As always, preloved uniform is available through the school office, and we appreciate your support in helping every child feel proud of belonging to St Luke's.

www.stlukesschool.co.uk/uniform



Big Question

Each week we have a big question to focus on linked to RE and spirituality. The purpose of this is to create respectful, critical thinkers who are religiously literate, curious and excited about RE. This week the big question is: *How do we show hope?*

It would be wonderful for families to discuss this question and share their thoughts.



School Reports - Feedback

This year's reports were significantly different in format and content to those of previous years. This change had to be made as a result of our previous assessment system being migrated to a new platform. When these were published, we sought feedback in two areas:

- Comments for the teacher
- The report format, information provided, and parents' evenings

At present we have had a total of 3 responses which makes it difficult to make informed choices for the future. We would be very grateful if you could find no more than 10 minutes to let us know your thoughts.

[Annual Report to Parents – Fill in form](#)



Special Achievement Award

Congratulations to all of the children who received a certificate in the celebration worship today: Riley, Aoibhe, Adam, Rosie Mc, Harley, Thomas K, Molly, Evan, Zak, Lottie, Zarco, Maisie, Daisy R, David, Daisy G, Harper and Isla Mc.

School Council

It was the last meeting for the 2025-2026 School Council- they have been amazing! The children have raised money for the pond renovation, support Cancer Research, made wreaths for Remembrance Day, helped selected the meals for school dinners, completed safety surveys in school and purchased new equipment for playtimes. The final meeting was treat time!



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** in the school car park.

School Dates: The new academic year dates and INSET days for 2025/2026 are published on our website.

EYFS – Reception Conker		KS1 – Years 1 & 2 Oak, Sycamore and Silver Birch	LKS2 – Year 3 & 4 Apple, Plum and Elder	UKS2 – Years 5 & 6 Marula, Baobab and Acacia
Event				Parents Invited / Additional
	8 th July	Year 5 Taster Morning at Thurstable (9.45-12.45)		

	9 th July	Conker Class trip to Danbury Park	
	10 th Jul	Year 6 Production at the Headgate Theatre	Year 6 parents/carers
	10 th July	Year 1 and 2 Outdoor Adventurous Day	
	13 th July	Meet The Teacher 3.30pm KS1 4pm LKS2 4.30pm UKS2	All welcome
	15 th July	Year 6 Leavers Service- 6pm in the church	Year 6 parents/carers
	16 th Jul	PTFA Summer disco	
	17 th July	Final Award Assembly (invite only) 9.15am	Invite only
	17 th July	Year 6 Final Procession- school gates at 3.10pm	All welcome
Sep	2 nd Sep	First day of the new autumn term	
	21 st Sep	Individual School Photos and Siblings (more information to follow)	
	24 th Sep	Flu Vaccine Day	
Oct	6 th Oct	Year 1 and 2 trip to Ipswich Museum (more information to follow)	
	15 th Oct	KS2 VR WOW Day (more information to follow)	
Dec	7 th Dec	Flu Vaccine Day (more information to follow)	

Learning Characteristics

Taking Risk	Being Inquisitive	Making Links	Co-operation	Resilience	Reflecting
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Thurstable Primary Events

 **School Tours**
29 June to 10 July 2026

See the school in action. Observe lessons and see how the site feels on a normal school day. To book these please see our website.

 **Enrichment Club Evening**
9 July | 5:30pm - 7:30pm

An opportunity to witness amazing clubs and activities that are on offer at Thurstable. We are immensely proud that every member of staff is involved in a club which enhances the characters of our students. Sample food from our canteen will also be available so you can experience all the extras we have to offer. Please come as a family to witness and participate.

 **Open Evening**
Wednesday 23 September 2026

Discover how our dedicated staff, excellent facilities, and inspiring learning environment help every student thrive. Meet our team, explore the school, and see why so many families choose to be part of our community.

 **School Tours**
September and October 2026

To book these please see our website.

Experience student life at Thurstable!

  



