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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.

Thursday 22nd October

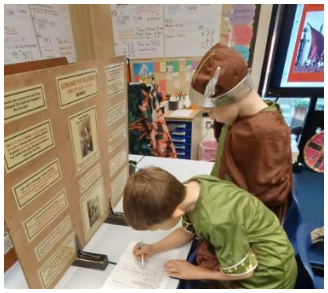
LKS2 WOW

LKS2 had an Anglo-Saxon battle on Wednesday and it was great fun! Children studied weapons and made their own to use against their enemies. They also took part in a Portals to Past WOW day today which involved hands-on-experience with artefacts, playing games and learning about life in those times.









Harvest
All of the children in year 5 led the Harvest Festival to the school and their families this year. The service enabled us to remember what we are thankful for, as well as how we can help those less fortunate than ourselves. A huge thank you to all of the families who made donations to Tiptree Food Bank; they are extremely grateful.





Staffing Update

Today has been Miss Bailey's last teaching day with Hazel Class. She is hoping to be back for a few days after half term to help with nativity plans, but baby may have other ideas! We cannot wait to hear the pitter patter of tiny feet!

Also, Miss Boreham will be continuing to work in year 1 until the end of March 2027.

Flu Catch-Up Clinics

Respiratory illnesses and flu cases are currently on the rise. We encourage you to ensure your child receives their flu vaccination. You can choose between the quick and painless nasal spray vaccination or the injectable vaccine, which is porcine and gelatine-free. Vaccination not only helps protect your child from becoming seriously unwell but also helps protect vulnerable family members and the wider community. We currently have several community catch-up clinics available. Please use the link below to book an appointment. If you previously declined consent when we visited your child's school, you can still change your decision and book an appointment. Alternatively, please contact our office on **01245 984145**, and a member of our team will be happy to arrange a clinic appointment for you.
https://www.essexchildrensimmunisations.co.uk/Book-a-clinic-vaccination

Please note that GP practices are not routinely providing flu vaccinations for healthy children in **Reception through to Year 11**.
Thank you for your support in helping us protect children and communities against the flu.

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 2026/2027 are published on our website.

EYFS – Reception Conker and Acorn	**KS1** – Years 1 & 2 Willow and Hazel	**LKS2** – Year 3 & 4 Cherry, Pear and Mulberry	**UKS2** – Years 5 & 6 Fig, Sahabi and Cedar

	Event	Parents Invited / Additional

Oct	23rd October	INSET DAY	
Nov	1st Nov	PTFA Party in the Playground (Quiet Firework and Laser Show)	All welcome
	2nd Nov	INSET DAY	
	12th Nov	EYFS Parents Meeting- Read, Write, Inc (phonics) 8.50-9.10am	EYFS families welcome
	13th Nov	Children in Need 2026- Break the Rules!	
	20th Nov	PTFA Non-Uniform Day (donations for Winter Fair hampers)	
	19th Nov	Parents Evening- late (more information to follow)	All welcome
	23rd Nov	Year 6 Residential Journey to Hilltop	
	23rd Nov	Pear Class Assembly- 2.40pm	Pear Class families
	24th Nov	Mulberry Class Assembly- 2.40pm	Mulberry Class families
Nov	27th Nov	Cherry Class Assembly- 2.40pm	Cherry Class families
Dec	1st Dec	Parents Evening- early (more information to follow)	All welcome
	4th Dec	Year 6 Residential Celebration Assembly- 9am in the hall	Year 6 families welcome
	4th Dec	PTFA Winter Fair- evening event	All welcome
	7th Dec	Flu Vaccine Day- catch up session	
	9th Dec	School Christmas Dinner	
	14th Dec	Reindeer Run (more information to follow)	
	11th Dec	Year 1-6 Pantomime School (more information to follow)	
	15th Dec	EYFS and KS1 Nativity 9.30am (more information to follow)	Ticket only
	16th Dec	EYFS and KS1 Nativity 9.30am (more information to follow)	Ticket only
	17th Dec	EYFS and KS1 Nativity 9.30am (more information to follow)	Ticket only
Jan	4th Jan	EYFS WOW Day Reptile Visit (more information to follow)	
	22nd Jan	02 Young Voices- Glee Club only	
	28th Jan	UKS2 Barleylands Trip	
Feb	22nd and 23rd Feb	Bikeability Group 1 (more information to follow)	
	24th and 25th Feb	Bikeability Group 2 (more information to follow)	
	26th Feb	Bikeability Group 3 (more information to follow)	
March	25th Mar	Year 3 and 4 trip to Abberton Nature Reserve (more information to follow)	

	27th Mar	Year 6 Height and Weight Checks	
June	22nd June	LKS2 Trip to Colchester Castle (more information to follow)	
July	9th July	Headgate Theatre Year 6 production- more information to follow	Year 6 families

Learning Characteristics

Taking Risk	Being Inquisitive	Making Links	Co-operation	Resilience	Reflecting



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For More information call **CAROL** on 01376518256 or email withamtwirlettes@hotmail.com