



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

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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 6th March 2026

### LKS2 Football Tournament

A team of year 3 and 4 pupils took part in a football tournament on Wednesday at Shrub End. They represented the school really well and put in lots of effort over the morning. They won one game 3-0, with goals from Elliott, David and Mason. They drew another game 1-1, with a great goal from Alex.

Well done to Hudson, Mason, Carter, June, Noah, Elliott, Oscar, Alex and David. Thank you to Mr Berkeley and Mrs Phillippo for accompanying them.



### KS2 Panathlon

A group of children in LKS2 took part in a Panathlon at Essex University this week. They played Kurling, practised their throwing skills, took part in races and had a fabulous time. They were very pleased with their medals! Well done to Alfie, Alex, Ollie, Poppie, Poppy and Paige, and thank you to Mr Clarke and Miss Latham for accompanying them.



INVESTORS  
IN PEOPLE



### PTFA Wonderful Women Gift Shop

To celebrate Mother's Day, the PTFA is organising a "Wonderful Women" Gift Shop!

If you would like your child/children to take part, **please complete the form which was emailed before half term by Monday 9th March at 9am**. More information can be found on the previously emailed letter.



### KS1 RNLI

As part of our 'Coastline' work we have a volunteer coming to talk to KS1 children, next week, about the important work carried out by the RNLI.

We have been learning about water and the sea and how dangerous it is and how we should be to make sure that we never get into any trouble.

To appreciate the work carried out by the RNLI we would be grateful for any donations you may like to give to this worthwhile cause.

Please send these in on Monday morning in an envelope marked RNLI.

Many thanks for your support,  
KS1 Team



### Pond Plants

We are in desperate need of any plants for our pond area, especially buddleia, lavender and water lilies. If you have any cuttings of these plants and are willing to donate them to school, we would be really grateful.



## WOW Moments

Well done to Charlie M, who has passed stage 5 of swimming this week- we are very proud of you!



Dear Parent/Carer

We are excited to announce that we will be moving our **MIS Pupil Database** to Arbor in on 13th March 2026.

Adopting Arbor will allow us to ensure your data and that for your child is always up to date as you will have the facility to view and update this yourself.

Please note: Initially, parents will only be using it for this purpose and we will **continue to use ScoPay as our main communication and booking system**. As we have done a migration from our current database, it is especially important you log in and check all your details are correct.

We are really looking forward to getting started with Arbor and invite all our parents to familiarise themselves using the link below.

[Getting started - Log into the Parent Portal and the Parent App](#)

Arbor also offers access to many training resources which are completely free for you to make the most of! These can all be found [here](#).

We will send further communication on the parental Arbor app and how to register prior to the 13th March. Please look out for this information and register your child when prompted.

We hope you are looking forward to using this new feature as much as we are!

If you have any queries please contact the school office on the above email or telephone number.

Kind regards

School Office

## Care Plans/Medical Conditions- Review

If you have received an email and a copy of your child's care plan, please can you update and amend accordingly and return to Mrs Lewis ([sarah.lewis@stlukesschool.co.uk](mailto:sarah.lewis@stlukesschool.co.uk)).

\*If there are no changes please can you confirm this in an email also to Mrs Lewis.

## School Council

This week the School Council met and made the prize bags for the Scavenger Hunt, as well as drawing the winners for each class from all of the entries. Thank you to everyone who entered!



## Special Achievement Award

Congratulations to the following children who have received a Special Achievement Award in this week's celebration worship: Daisy, Darcy, Daisy C, Arthur, India, Nicholas, Jake, Harry N, Isiah, Ella, Penelope, Spencer-Lily, Aoibhe, Oliver B, Myles, Spencer, Tommie and Jax.

## 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** 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<br>Conker |                        | KS1 – Years 1 & 2<br>Oak, Sycamore and Silver Birch                        | LKS2 – Year 3 & 4<br>Apple, Plum and Elder | UKS2 – Years 5 & 6<br>Marula, Baobab and Acacia |
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|                            |                        | Event  |  | Parents Invited / Additional                    |
| March                      | 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar   | PTFA Wonderful Women's Gift Shop   |  |   |
|                            | 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar   | PTFA Wonderful Women's Gift Shop   |  |   |
|                            | 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar   | PTFA Beetle Drive  |  | All welcome                                     |
|                            | 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar   | Baobab Class Assembly- 9am   |  | Baobab parent/carers welcome                    |
|                            | 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar   | Year 3 and 4 Easter Service to parents/carers- 2.15pm in St. Luke's Church |  | Year 3 and 4 parent/carers welcome              |
|                            | 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar   | Acacia Class Assembly- 9am   |  | Acacia parent/carers welcome                    |
|                            | 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar   | Marula Class Assembly- 9am   |  | Marula parent/carers welcome                    |
|                            | 27 <sup>th</sup> March | Conker Class Assembly-9am  |  | Conker parents and carers welcome               |
|                            | 27 <sup>th</sup> March | School Council Bake Sale   |  |   |
| April                      | 15 <sup>th</sup> Apr   | UKS2 (Acacia, Marula and Baobab) trip to High Woods Country Park           |  |   |
|                            | 20 <sup>th</sup> April | Apple Whole class Reading Model Lesson- 9am                                |  | Apple parents and carers                        |
|                            | 22 <sup>nd</sup> April | Plum Whole Class Reading Model Lesson-9am                                  |  | Plum parents and carers                         |
|                            | 23 <sup>rd</sup> April | Elder Whole Class Reading Model Lesson-9am                                 |  | Elder parents and carers                        |
|                            | 28 <sup>th</sup> April | Acacia Whole Class Reading Model Lesson-9am                                |  | Acacia parents and carers                       |

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|                       | 29 <sup>th</sup> April                     | Marula Whole Class Reading Model Lesson-9am                                      | Marula parents and carers                  |
|                       | 29 <sup>th</sup> April                     | LKS2 Local area walk- art focus (more information to follow)                     |  |
|                       | 30 <sup>th</sup> April                     | Baobab Whole Class Reading Model Lesson-9am                                      | Baobab parents and carers                  |
| May                   | 1 <sup>st</sup> May                        | PTFA Party Disco (more information to follow)                                    | All welcome                                |
|                       | 11 <sup>th</sup> May- 14 <sup>th</sup> May | Relaxed SATs breakfast for all Year 6 children- 8.15am in the hall               |  |
|                       | 13 <sup>th</sup> May                       | KS1 Tudor trip to Layer Marney Tower   |  |
|                       | 14 <sup>th</sup> May                       | EYFS, Year 1 and year 2 Model Reading and Phonics lesson 2.20-3pm                | EYFS, year 1 and year 2 parents and carers |
|                       | 17 <sup>th</sup> May                       | PTFA Car Boot Sale (more information to follow)                                  | All welcome                                |
|                       | 18 <sup>th</sup> May                       | Class Photos and Year 6 Photos   |  |
|                       | 19 <sup>th</sup> May                       | Sports Day 9-3pm (letter to follow)  | All welcome                                |
|                       | 22 <sup>nd</sup> May                       | Carnival Games Day (more information to follow)                                  |  |
|                       | 22 <sup>nd</sup> May                       | EYFS Superhero Dress-Up Day  |  |
|                       | June                                       | 8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> June   | Book Fair in School (after school)         |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> June  |  | Year 1 Phonics Screening Check   |  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> June  |  | Parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm (more information to follow)                         | All welcome                                |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> June |  | Year 1 Phonics Screening Check   |  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> June |  | Year 6 School Trip to Crucial Crew- 8.15am start                                 |  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> June |  | Parents Evening 5.30pm-8.30pm (more information to follow)                       | All welcome                                |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> June |  | Non-Uniform Day in aid of PTFA Family Fun Day (letter to follow)                 |  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> June |  | Year 6 Community Challenge Team Building Day (specific pupils, letter to follow) |  |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Jun  |  | PTFA Marvellous Men Gift Shop (more information to follow)                       | All welcome                                |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Jun  |  | KS2 Consortium Sports Afternoon (invite only)                                    |  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> Jun  |  | PTFA Marvellous Men Gift Shop (more information to follow)                       | All welcome                                |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Jun  |  | PTFA Summer Fun Day (more information to follow)                                 | All welcome                                |
| July                  | 9 <sup>th</sup> July                       | Conker Class trip to Danbury Park  |  |
|                       | 10 <sup>th</sup> Jul                       | Year 6 Production at the Headgate Theatre (more information to follow)           | Year 6 parents/carers                      |
|                       | 13 <sup>th</sup> July                      | Meet The Teacher 3.30pm KS1 4pm LKS2 4.30pm UKS2 (letter to follow)              | All welcome                                |
|                       | 15 <sup>th</sup> July                      | Year 6 Leavers Service- 6pm in the church  | Year 6 parents/carers                      |
|                       | 16 <sup>th</sup> Jul                       | PTFA Summer disco (more information to follow)                                   |  |

### Learning Characteristics

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| Taking Risk | Being Inquisitive | Making Links | Co-operation | Resilience | Reflecting |
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## **Children and Phone Safety - NSPCC**

The NSPCC's guidance on children, mobile phones and online safety is a useful resource for DSLs to draw on when communicating with parents. It addresses one of the most common questions schools are asked: when is a child ready for a phone, and how can families manage the risks?

The guide offers balanced, practical advice on readiness, boundary-setting, parental controls, and ongoing conversations about safe and responsible use. Including or signposting this resource in a parent newsletter can help reinforce consistent messages between home and school, reduce anxiety, and support a shared approach to online safety.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/children-phones-online-safety/>



St Luke's PTFA Presents

# Family Beetle Drive



**EVERYONE WELCOME**

**FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup>  
MARCH 2026**

5pm for a 5.30pm start

Bring your own drinks  
and snacks

**FUN PRIZES  
TO BE WON!**



**£5 ADULT**

**£3 CHILD**

**£12 FAMILY  
OF 4**

Book your tickets now at [www.st-lukes-ptfa.co.uk](http://www.st-lukes-ptfa.co.uk)