



## 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 5th December 2025

### PTFA Winter Fair

Please come along to the PTFA Winter Fair tonight from 5pm-7pm; there are many outside companies, the Secret Room, games, class crafts, refreshments, food, raffle, a performance by Glee, Santa, class craft and much, much more!



### Christmas Tree

A huge thank you to Wilkins, who gifted us a beautiful Christmas tree for the main reception area. The School Council enjoyed decorating the tree this morning.



### **Conker Class**

Just a polite reminder that all grapes brought into school for snack must be cut in half lengthways for children in EYFS.



### **Paving Slabs**

We are re-doing the EYFS outdoor area and are in need of any spare paving slabs. If anyone has any that they are willing to donate, please contact Mrs Heard.

### **Thank you!**

A huge thank you to Mrs Brewer, who arranged for a donation of a new set of coloured pencils and a sharpener for every child to use. We appreciate this so much!

### **Mary's Story – The joy in connection**

This year's Advent and Christmas focus for the school and the Church of England is the Joy of Christmas. This week we have been focusing on connection and Mary's joy at being called to be the mother of Jesus. Mary herself connected with Elizabeth when she was told this news both in celebration and in the need of support. Christmas will be a time when we can all take joy in the connection that we make with family. We have discussed how we can all reach out to others creating messages, pictures, cards or gifts that bring joy and connection with others as well. Those that are having a hard time, the sick, the poor, the homeless or those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

### **Big Question**

We've started a weekly activity in all classes, exploring a philosophical or moral question. While the question is the same for all the children they will be able to access it at their own level and be able to pull in different experiences and learning into their answers.

This week's big question is:

If you could invent one new rule for the world what would it be?

Maybe take some time for discussion at home remembering that, as unique individuals, we will all have different thoughts on this topic which are formed from our experiences and personal beliefs.

### **School Council**

The School Council met this week and went through their poem which they are performing during the Bell Ringing assembly on the last day of term. They also decorated the tree!



## Special Achievement Award

Congratulations to the following children who have received a Special Achievement Award in this week's celebration worship: Arella, Hugo, Skye P, Ralph, Rosie M, Adam, Evan, Freya, Spencer-Lily, Alexander, Holly Co, Isla D, Hayden, Harper-Lily, Nola, Daniel, Skye F and Archie K.

## 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 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
Dec	10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Christmas Dinner		
	11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 1-6 trip to the pantomime £22.10 per child		
	12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Farleigh Hospice Reindeer Run (more information to follow)		
	12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Deadline for ordering EYFS and KS1 Nativity Photos 9am (more information to follow)		
	16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS and KS1 Nativity Play- 9.30am		Parent/Carers welcome
	16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christingle Service		
	17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS and KS1 Nativity Play- 9.30am		Parent/Carers welcome
	18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS and KS1 Nativity Play- 9.30am		Parent/Carers welcome
	18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Party		
	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Bell Ringing Assembly 9.30am		
	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carols Around the Tree- 2.45pm on the school playground		Parent/carers welcome
Jan	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Conker Class Reptile Visit (more information to follow)		
	14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 6 Parent/Carer SATs meeting 3.30pm		Year 6 parents only

	22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	KS2 WOW Day- VR Head Set	
	26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 1 Maths Model lesson-9am (more information to follow)	Year 1 parent/carers welcome
	27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 2 Maths Model lesson- 9am (more information to follow)	Year 2 parent/carers welcome
	28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 6 Model Maths lesson-9am (more information to follow)	Year 6 parents/carers welcome
	29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	EYFS Model Maths Lesson- 9am	EYFS parent/carers
	30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	PTFA School Disco (more information to follow)	All welcome
	30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 5 Maths Model lesson-9am (more information to follow)	Year 5 parents/carers welcome
Feb	4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 4 Maths Model lesson-9am (more information to follow)	Year 4 parents/carers welcome
	5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 3 Model Maths lesson-9am (more information to follow)	Year 3 parents/carers welcome
	10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 1 and 2 Beach Hut Design and Technology morning- 9am	Year 1 and 2 parent/Carers welcome
	12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Wear it Red for Fred (more information to follow)	
	13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	INSET DAY	
	25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 1 and 2 Trip to Mersea Outdoor	
	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	PTFA Family Beetle Drive (more information to follow)	All welcome
March	12 <sup>th</sup> March	PTFA Wonderful Women's Gift Shop (more information to follow)	
	13 <sup>th</sup> March	PTFA Wonderful Women's Gift Shop (more information to follow)	
	20 <sup>th</sup> March	PTFA Music Bingo (more information to follow)	All welcome
	24 <sup>th</sup> March	Baobab Class Assembly- 9am	Baobab parent/carers welcome
	25 <sup>th</sup> March	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> March	Acacia Class Assembly- 9am	Acacia parent/carers welcome
	26 <sup>th</sup> March	Marula Class Assembly- 9am	Marula parent/carers welcome
April	18 <sup>th</sup> April	PTFA Inflatable Assault Course event (more information to follow)	All welcome
May	1 <sup>st</sup> May	PTFA Party Disco (more information to follow)	All welcome
	13 <sup>th</sup> May	KS1 Tudor trip to Layer Marney Tower	

	17 <sup>th</sup> May	PTFA Car Boot Sale (more information to follow)	All welcome
	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Carnival Games Day (more information to follow)	
June	16 <sup>th</sup> June	PTFA Marvellous Men Gift Shop (more information to follow)	All welcome
	17 <sup>th</sup> June	PTFA Marvellous Men Gift Shop (more information to follow)	All welcome
	20 <sup>th</sup> June	PTFA Summer Fun Day (more information to follow)	All welcome
July	10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production at the Headgate Theatre (more information to follow)	Year 6 parents/carers
	16 <sup>th</sup> July	PTFA Summer disco (more information to follow)	



**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	
<b>Christian Values</b>	Thankfulness	Responsibility	Compassion	Faith	Forgiveness	Hope



**JOY**

## Join us for our Christmas Services

at St Luke's Church, Tiptree CO5 0SU  
Everyone welcome, all people of all ages



### Christingle Service, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 4 pm

*Come and make your own Christingle to take home. Collection in aid of the Children's Society*

### Carol Service, Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 4 pm

*join us afterwards for refreshments in the hall*



### Crib Service, on Christmas Eve at 4 pm

*Our popular family service, come dressed as a shepherd, angel, wise man or animal (we have costumes you can borrow). See the crib and get into the real spirit of Christmas - collection for Little Havens Hospice*

### Midnight Communion, on Christmas Eve at 11.30 pm

*Join us for our Midnight Communion with carols, as we share the bread and wine and wait for Jesus' birth*



### Family Communion, Christmas Day at 9.30 am

*Join us on Christmas Morning, bring family and friends and one of your favourite presents to show us! Everyone welcome.*



***We wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas***

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