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know, love, serve; God, Ourselves & Others

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

Friday 5th September 2025

The end of a super first week back! The school is back to being full of smiles, chatter and lots of learning. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead with trips, WOW moments and opportunities for all of the children. We also welcomed our 30 new EYFS children into Conker Class!



Homework

Thank you to all of the families who have supported their children to complete topic homework over the summer. The classes are full of models, art work, recipes, timelines, fact sheets and posters. This really helps the children to begin to understand their new topic and the vocabulary that they may come across.



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.

KS2 Spellings

The KS2 spelling rule and a list of example words will be on the spelling tab on the school website from now on rather than on individual class pages, and this will be updated each week. There are also hyperlinked documents to the yearly coverage and a document that gives examples of words for each of the rules that will be covered this year.

Crossing Patrol

We are pleased to announce that we will have a crossing patrol on the zebra crossing outside of school from the 13th October. We hope you warmly welcome Tracey to her new role.



Emails

All class teachers have an email for parents/carers to use, however, please remember that teaching staff will aim to reply within 3 working days. If the matter is urgent for that day, please email admin@stlukesschool.co.uk or speak to the member of staff on the gate in the morning. Emails for new teachers are as follows:

rebecca.rowe@stlukesschool.co.uk

nicola.courtier@stlukesschool.co.uk

emma.polley@stlukesschool.co.uk

Starlight Dancing

Starlight Dancing group are running children's dance classes every weekend in the Community Centre next door to school. They are having a taster class on the 20th September that is open to all the children at St. Luke's. They focus on ballroom and latin dancing.

Change in photograph consent

The legal basis for taking photographs can be legitimate interest, and is no longer by consent.

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) has issued advice specifically for schools, to say that asking consent for taking photographs is no longer necessary. They say that taking photographs for promotional purposes (this could include promoting your school activities via local media, newspapers, social media, newsletters etc), can be done via legitimate interests, rather than using consent. No full names will be used for any children. An opt out option needs to be made available to parents/carers, so please contact the school office if you would like to discuss opting out.

Fundraising

Harry and George F's parents are walking 35 miles on the South Coast Challenge to raise money for Alexander, who attended St. Luke's in reception before moving to Southview School (his younger sister has just started in Conker Class). They are raising money to enable them to purchase much needed equipment for Alex's ever changing needs. They would appreciate any donations using the link below.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Walk-for-Alex2025?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

SEND Courses for Parents/Carers

As part of the school SEND survey completed in June 2025, the feedback highlighted the need for additional advice for parents/carers at home. Please find below some highly recommended courses aimed at families who have children with additional needs. I have attended many courses led by these practitioners, and they are very beneficial. Please contact Jaci Smith or Nikki Duhig at allthingsautism ltd@gmail.com or 01896 649211 to book your place/s.

- 1- Autism and Girls Exploring differences and diagnosis. Understanding how autism impacts on girls and strategies and ideas to support them Thursday 13th November 2025 10 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person
- 2- All things behaviour - supporting positive behaviours for autistic children Tuesday 7th October 2025 9.30am - 12 Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person.
- 3- ADHD Understanding ADHD in young children and practical ideas to support them Tuesday 25th November 2025 10-11.30am Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person.
- 4- Promoting positive mental health in young children Examining causes of mental health difficulties, learning about anxiety and trauma Tuesday 11th November 2025 9.30 am - 12 Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person.
- 5- All Things Mealtimes Looking at the challenges around food and eating for autistic children and practical strategies to support Tuesday 4th December 2025 10 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person.



Special Achievement Award

Congratulations to the following children who have received a Special Achievement Award in this week's celebration worship: Florence, Max C, Nieve, Cillian, Marnie, Oscar, Zak, Poppy C, Lily H, Maxwell, Freddie W, Emily B, William, Oliver Ch, Lilly V and Felix W.

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 2025/2026 are published on our website.

EYFS – Reception Conker	KSI – Years 1 & 2 Oak, Sycamore and Silver Birch	LKS2 – Year 3 & 4 Apple, Plum and Elder	UKS2 – Years 5 & 6 Marula, Baobab and Acacia
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	Event	Parents Invited / Additional

Sep	10 th Sep	Year 6 Residential Parent/Carer meeting 3.05pm	Year 6 parents/carers welcome
	11 th Sep	School Council Voting (yr 1-6)	
	16 th September	Parent/carers meeting to introduce Read, Write, Inc (School Reading/Phonics approach) 8.45am in the school hall	Conker Class parents/carers
	17 th September	Individual School Photos	
	19 th Sep	PTFA AGM- 7.30pm in school	All welcome
	25 th Sep	Year 1 and 2 Trip to The Jam Factory	
	26 th Sep	Flu Vaccine Day (more information to follow)	
	26 th Sep	PTFA Family Bingo Evening	All welcome
Oct/Nov	3 rd October	School Council McMillan Bake Sale	All welcome
	8 th Oct	Year 5 Harvest Festival to parents/carers- 2.15pm in St. Luke's Church	Year 5 parent/carers
	10 th Oct	PTFA Autumn disco (more information to follow)	All children welcome
	24 th Oct	INSET DAY	
	3 rd Nov	INSET Day	
	24 th -28 th Nov	Year 6 Residential	
Dec	10 th Dec	School Christmas Dinner	
	11 th Dec	Year 1-6 trip to the pantomime (more information to follow)	
	16 th Dec	EYFS and KS1 Nativity Play- 9.30am (more information to follow)	Parent/Carers welcome
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	17 th Dec	EYFS and KS1 Nativity Play- 9.30am (more information to follow)	Parent/Carers welcome
	18 th Dec	EYFS and KS1 Nativity Play- 9.30am (more information to follow)	Parent/Carers welcome
	19 th Dec	Christmas Bell Ringing Assembly 9.30am	
Jan	5 th Jan	Conker Class Reptile Visit (more information to follow)	
Feb	25 th Feb	Year 1 and 2 Trip to Mersea Outdoor	
May	13 th May	KS1 Tudor trip to Layer Marney Tower	
July	10 th July	Year 6 Production at the Headgate Theatre (more information to follow)	Year 6 parents/carers



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



Top 5 online safety tips for kids

- 1 Set up your device to protect your information.
- 2 Explore safely and tell an adult if you see anything online that makes you feel yuck.
- 3 Limit who can contact you when you're playing games.
- 4 Stop all contact with anyone online who asks you to do anything you don't want to do. Report and block them.
- 5 Ask for help if anything online is bothering you.

AGM

Annual general meeting

FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2025

IN THE SCHOOL HALL
TEA AND CAKES PROVIDED

Come and show your support **7:30PM** Everybody is welcome

ST LUNES PTTA

St Luke's PFA Presents

BINGO

Adults only Bring your dabbers

FRIDAY | 26TH SEPTEMBER

DOORS OPEN AT 7PM FOR 7:30PM START

St Luke's church school hall COS OSU

£10.50 per person for a book of 6 games

Come and try your luck at our cash bingo night, bring your friends and family for an evening of fun and laughter while raising money for the children of st luke's school!

Scan the Qr code to book your space. Limited spaces available book now

More Info visit www.st-lukes-pfa.co.uk





You're invited

MALDON RFC

MINI & MIDI
BRING A FRIEND TO RUGBY
21ST SEPTEMBER 2025
10am - 11am
Age 5+

JOIN US?
First 3 sessions
FREE

Maldon Rugby Club
Drapers Farm
CM9 4QT



