



St Luke's News

Aspiring to be just and kind. Walking humbly with God.
Growing with every opportunity



4th July, 2025

Carnival Time!

What a day Friday was. We started with the Social Justice Committee (ably assisted by Madame Mbick) leading us



through the history, challenges and joy that has come from the arrival of the trail blazers from the Caribbean after the war, who came to help rebuild this country. This conversation was enhanced by two special visitors, Paul and Zida, who gave us their recollections of arriving in England: in Essex in Zida's case - and in Paul's, growing up in London. The benefits were two way as we learnt so much from them but they were blown away by how thoughtful and articulate our children were. And then...



The Celebration!



Carnival was hot but luckily not too hot and we want to thank all the parents who made such delicious food, who helped us clear up, and especially to the PTA for providing a bouncy castle, popcorn and candy floss and supporting our school in general. Thank you everyone - and like the 'real' Carnival, it's time to start planning for next year!

A Message from the Diocese of Chelmsford Education team about the everyday

In the hustle and bustle of our busy lives, we often find ourselves waiting for grand events — celebrations, holidays, or milestones — to experience happiness. But the Bible reminds us that joy doesn't only come from big celebrations; it's also in the everyday moments God blesses us with. Philippians 4:4 encourages us to "Rejoice in the Lord always," showing that happiness can be found in the simple, daily things if we take a moment to notice. A great cup of coffee, a sunny day, the gentle buzz of birds outside the window, a kind word from a colleague, or a smile from a loved one—all these are tiny treasures that can brighten our day.

By shifting our perspective to appreciate the present, we open ourselves to a continuous source of happiness and a greater sense of optimism. It's about being mindful and fully present, savouring that which makes us smile. These small joys accumulate over time, creating a sense of contentment and gratitude that outweighs the fleeting nature of big events.

Ultimately, finding joy in everyday moments teaches us to have 'life in all its fullness' to live more fully, embrace the here and now and realise that happiness isn't reserved for special occasions—it's woven into the fabric of everyday life. So, let's remember that it is within our reach, take a moment to notice it and may our cups always overflow with joy.

World of Work – WoW in June

Earlier this half-term we undertook a week-long set of activities around the world of work that awaits the children in the future. It was sponsored by the EXCEL Centre and included 'Dragons Den' style activities around tech for Y6 and ethical business products in Y5. Y4 learned about the theatre as an industry, Y3 focused on engineering, Y2 on construction, Y1 on the emergency services and EYFS on animal care and postal work.



Y3.



Y6 making their 'pitch' to the Dragon panel



Y6 Tech Masters



Theatre designers & producers



Y1 Life savers

Swimming



During the last two weeks of June our Y4, 5 & 6s took part in 10 days intensive swimming lessons at the Olympic Pool to help them develop what are incredibly important skills. I can report that even the children who were initially reluctant made good progress and it would be great if they were able to practice at a pool during the holidays.



Sports Day

Below are some images from KS2 Sports Day this week – it was lovely to see the children showing off their multitude of skills and with a smile on their faces. Big thanks goes to Ms Adams and all of the staff for both the KS1 and KS2 days this week.



Much Loved 'lollipop man' Peter Redwood

We are sad to announce the passing of Peter Redwood, our lollipop man at St Luke's for 19 years ending in the 2010s. His son Mark called to let us know he passed away on Thursday 26th June 2025 at 97 years old.

His funeral will be on Monday 7th July 2025 and will be marked at the school at 2.40pm as a guard of honour will be outside the school as the funeral cars pass the school

RIP to a much loved man!



Dates for the Diary

July

8th Y6 SATs results released by DfE

8th 5pm Y5 Secondary transfer meeting Part 1 – school choices

9th Theatre group visit in school for Y5&6

10th Y4 visit to Brockwell Park Bee Centre

11th 9am End of Year Music Celebration Parents Invited

11th PM Careers Fair Y5&6 Parents Invited

11th Nursery closes for the year to allow home visits for Nursery children in September

12th Saturday - Church Summer Party to celebrate 150th Anniversary

14th 2pm Y6/UCL Film viewing for Y6 Parents

16th Y6 End of Year Performance for Y6 Parents

17th 9am Y6 Leavers Service for Y6 Parents

18th 9am End of Year Awards – Parents Invited

18th School closes for the Summer holiday at 1pm

Thursday 18th July School closes for Summer Holidays at 1pm – School reopens for children on Weds. 3rd September 2025 for Y1-Y6 with Breakfast Club & After School clubs open. YR & YN start times will vary, parents will get individual letters

And Don't Miss...!

Have a Great Week

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Head Teacher

