



St Luke's News

A Christian school that serves a diverse community and works in partnership with parents to develop the whole child.



29th April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Family is the most important thing in our lives. However, as we grow up, family life can also be challenging with disputes flaring up between children and parents, especially when needing their children to get ready for different deadlines such as the beginning of the school day.



Our School and Church/worship 'family' is also very important. With a school family it is so important for the overall development of the child that we work together. Within a school of 225 children there will always be some children who have additional/extra needs and this can be stressful for families. We all want to have the 'perfect' child and it can be difficult to acknowledge that your child just needs a little bit of extra help. Myself and my wife have two boys that both had additional needs, one with health issues and one with educational needs. They are both wonderful boys who have benefitted from the partnership between schools and family. When we work together *amazing* is possible and the best possible outlook/result is something we wish for all our children at St. Luke's. We always try our best with the children and wish for them what we wish for our own.

Are you a rapid reader?

This term, you are all invited to join our St Luke's reading challenge.

Which class reads the most books?

As soon as you have finished reading your book, bring it to school, show your teacher and answer 2 questions to show your understanding. Your book will then be added to a class tally.

For every ten books your class reads you will receive a special book token to stick onto the bar chart in the KS1 corridor. The display will show who is in the lead and which class are the rapid readers!

Totals will be counted at the end of May and the class who have read the most books will receive a very special prize! And so will the adults in their class!

So what are you waiting for?

Are you ready?

Then pick up your book!!!



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Online safety 7-10 year olds

There was a disturbing report this week about children being targeted by people grooming them online and the most frightening part was that the most vulnerable group which used to be 11-14 year olds is now the 7-10 year old group. The report talked about the need to train children and use schools to do this but there is only one way to be sure that your child is safe online and that is for them to only have access when a parent is in the room! I know this can be a drain on parents (they will complain) but it can be done and they will thank you for it when they are older.

Y3 trip to the countryside

On Wednesday our Y3s visited their partner class at *Colne Engaine Primary School* in Essex (near Colchester). We had a fantastic welcome from the Y3/4 Rowan class and Julie (HT) and Ellie their teacher.

It did not take long for the chats and the fun to begin, followed by a walk through the fields and visits to a war memorial and a church dating from the 11th Century. However the biggest treat of the day was just how nicely the children got on with each other – they were a massive credit to their families and their schools. We can't wait for them to come to us at the end of June!



"Lets go through the fields!"



Visiting the War Memorial



St. Andrew's Church



Everyone loves a soldier!

Down on the Farm

On Thursday YN visited **Mudchute Farm** on the Isle of Dogs and had a great time seeing the animals and eating a packed lunch! For their first trip they were magnificent and had great fun. Thanks to those parents who helped Ms. Yeter and team on the trip.



Celebrations & Stars of the Week



YN Stars
& Infant class of the week



YR Stars



Y1 Stars and Birthday Girl



Y2 Stars



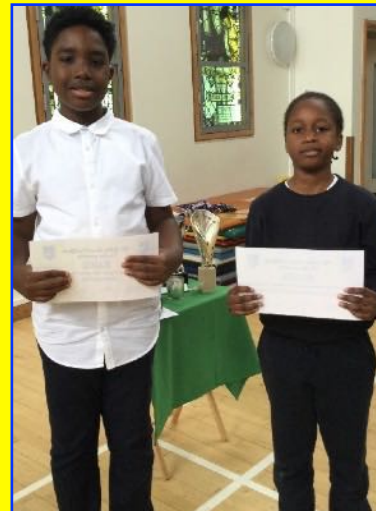
Y3 Class of the Week in KS2



Y4 Stars & Maths champs



Y5 Reading Champs



Y5 Stars



Y6 Stars

Please check the diary dates for the summer term below.

Have a peaceful bank-holiday weekend.

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher

Summer Term Dates

May

2nd SCHOOL CLOSED – Bank Holiday

4th Education 4 Change visit to meet our Justice Committee

5th Y4 Public Speaking Competition at UEA Chelmsford

5th Nursery Closed - Local Election – rest of school stays open

5th Year 1&2 Football tournament

9th Y6 EGPS & Spelling SAT test AM

10th Y6 Reading SAT test AM

11th Y6 Arithmetic & Reasoning paper 1 SATs tests AM

11th Y1/2 Handball Competition

12th Y6 Reasoning paper 2 SAT test AM

17th Class Photos

18th Y5/6 Boys Handball Tournament & Y6 Commonwealth Games event

23-27th KS1 SATs all week

25th Y5/6 Handball competition for girls

27th Whole school celebration of Queen's Platinum Jubilee including street party in the playground

30th May – 3rd June School Closed for Half-Term

June – Fundraising month for Standbyme

6th Coding week led by Y6

6-10 Phonics tests for Y1&2

13th-17th Y3,4& =5 practice SATs and Y4 Multiplication tests

14th Y3 relationships workshop and Y5/6 Quads sports tournament

15th Y5&6 mixed Tennis Tournament @ Langdon Primary

17th St. Luke's Talent Competition

20th-22nd Y6 Residential trip to Stubbers Adventure Camp in Upminster

22nd Windrush Day Assembly

24th Y2,3&4 Digital storytelling workshops in school

28th Colne Engaine Primary Y3 visit St. Luke's

29th Y1/2 mixed handball @ Dersingham Primary

July

1st International Celebration for all 4-6pm

5th Y6 SATs Results!

6th Y5/6 ABC Team Festival @ Langdon Primary

7th Y6 to visit Ben Kinsella Workshop

8th Y6 to visit Adventure Island, Southend

11th AM EYFS Sports Day & PM KS1 Sports Day

12th AM Y3/4 Sports Day & PM Y5/6 Sports Day

13th Y3/4 mixed ABC sports tournament

18th Y6 Leavers assembly 9am

20th Y5/6 Girls Netball tournament

21st Y6 Leavers Assembly AM

22nd School closes for the Summer at 1pm