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*Learning Together - Achieving Excellence*

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Dear Families

We come to the end of what has felt like a very long and tiring half term, both for staff and for children. We also look ahead to the half term leading to Christmas, which is always a busy one, but full of fun, joy and laughter as we have more class assemblies, visits and performances from across the school.

The children have worked very hard this half term, getting back into the swing of school, learning new things and making new friends. This week off, has come at a good time, however, all of the children are tired and the dark mornings and evenings are not helping. This half term, make sure that you all stay safe, look after each other and do things that bring you joy. Have a lovely week's holiday!

**Year 6 to 7 secondary admission round for September 2025 – LAST CALL**

Parents of current Year 6 children need to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2025.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **31 October 2024**.

Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

All of the application information is available on the website above.

**After-school Clubs for after half term**

Autumn term 2 clubs are now open for booking – both cookery (Y2, 3, 4) and football (Y4, 5, 6) are available to book. Others remain in place for those who attend and have paid.

Please remember to pay £6 for the half term or £12 for the full term. The money helps us to be able to offer more after school clubs and buy resources for those we do offer. We are now having to turn children away from clubs where parents have not paid, despite frequent reminders, as this is unfair and is costing the school money.

**Autumn Term 1**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Musical Theatre Club</b> Yrs 1- 6 25 places	<b>School Magazine Club</b> Mrs Hazell Yrs 5 & 6 10 places	<b>Gymnastics Club</b> Miss Uzzell Yrs 4 – 6 14 places	<b>Computing Club</b> Ms Scuffil KS2 only (Yrs 3/4/5/6) 10 places	
		<b>Cookery Club</b> Miss Phillips Yrs 2 /3/4 10 places	<b>Lego Club</b> Mrs Chapman EYFS – Yr 3 20 places	
		<b>Football Club</b>		

		Mr Thomas (Yrs 4, 5, 6) 26 places		
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### Young Carers YMCA

We run a free youth club for young carers aged 7-17. This is a great opportunity for young people to relax, socialise, play games and enjoy a free hot meal.

Sessions run every Wednesday in term time, 5-8pm and are held at YMCA Chelmsford, Victoria Road CM1 1NZ.

Best Wishes, Izzy Reed, Lead Youth Worker, YMCA Essex

Switchboard: 01245 355677

### Parking

We have had an influx of parents using our and Woodcroft's car park over the last few weeks. These car park spaces are for our staff members to enable them to leave their cars to come to work. If you wish to use a space to drop off or collect your child, then you must seek permission from myself or from Ferliene at Woodcroft. Equally, please only use the disabled parking space if you need to, and leave it clear for those people who do need to use it. Thank you.

You will also have seen the community police patrolling their car around the school site. Cars should not be parked on the road outside of the school gate. You will be fined if you are caught stopping or parking there.

### Building works

We have builders attending school over the half term holiday which is why there is no holiday club happening this half term at Larkrise. Sadly, there has been a delay to the works outside of the school due to having to wait for the Gas board to identify a suspect pipe in the trench they have dug. Please be assured that the building team are doing all they can whilst they await the Gas Board. I will hopefully have more positive news after the half term.



Mel Pointon, Child & Family Support Worker, will be available in 'The Hive,' our parent hub which is in the bungalow situated on the school driveway, every **Monday, Wednesday and Thursday** to meet with families.

**Mel Pointon: 07562 111932**

This is also where our pre-loved uniform is available for a small fee. Please feel free to go across on any of these days and Mel will help you out. Mel can also issue food bank vouchers should you need them.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9 -10 am	Pre-loved uniform shop		Pre-loved uniform shop	Pre-loved uniform shop	

	open (Cash only)		open (Cash only)	open (Cash only)	
10 – 12am	Mel available for 1:1 conversations		Mel available for 1:1 conversations	Mel available for 1:1 conversations	
1 – 4pm	Mel available for 1:1 conversations		Mel available for 1:1 conversations	Mel available for 1:1 conversations	

**1:1 conversations** – I am always happy to talk to parents 1:1. Where possible, can you text me for 1:1 conversations so I can ensure my availability, however, if something unexpected has happened and you need to talk about it on the day, please don't hesitate to contact me.

#### All Parents and carers:



Giving just 6 hours of your time could enable the school to access a grant worth up to £10,000!  
**How? - Simply by signing up for the Multiply Math's course.**

**Multiply Maths is a course we will be running until March 2025** - so if you can't make the first dates, there will be others. This course shows you how your children learn maths at school, builds *your* maths confidence and helps you support your children with their learning. **The course comes with a £10 Amazon voucher.**

If 50 parents/carers/extended family sign up, we will secure the grant. By way of thanks **we will give each participant an extra £30 in vouchers** on completion of the course.

**The next course is running in November.** It is for parents who have children in the following year groups: Reception, year 1 and year 2. Please see the leaflet at the end of the newsletter for dates and the QR code to sign up. We hope to see you there!

Any problems please contact me: Melanie Pointon 07562 111 932

#### FOLS NEWS

**Committee meeting** - Thank you to everyone who attended our meeting this week.

Since the relaunch of FOLS in March 2023 the following donations have been provided to the school for the children over this 16 month period -

A donation to each class from year 1 to year 6 to contribute towards school trips

Prizes for the EYFS bake sale

Special treat of chicks and caterpillars in EYFS (all children in the school get to come and visit the chicks once they are hatched)

New parent packs in September 2023 & September 2024

Xmas crackers for every child on Xmas lunch day in school 2023 & we have purchased already for 2024

Every child was given a book at Xmas 2023

Hot chocolate and biscuits for all the children at the end of cosy reading week

Buckets and sponges for splash the teacher

A donation towards year 6 leavers party July 2024, we will carry this on for every year 6 group

We have purchased items for the nurture room including a large peanut ball, tool kit, road signs, forest animals and chalks

Sand and therapy putty for EYFS

A hammock, bug pots, wooden disks, pens, magnifying glasses, string, craft items for Forest School.

**All the above came to nearly £1200**

This week we will be ordering items for the sensory room and SEN department.

We are in talks with the school on details for our next purchases that are needed.

A big thank you to everyone for supporting FOLS and helping us to provide all this for the children.

With us all coming together as a community we can really make a difference.

We will be sending home a questionnaire with the children after half term asking for your thoughts & ideas on the events and any new ideas for fundraising, if anyone has any contacts that might be useful for our events. Please do let us know, fill this in and hand back to one of the FOLS team or into school for us to collect.

**Non uniform day** - Friday 25 October

Thank you to everyone for the rainbow donations we received today.

These will be made into hampers to raffle at the Christmas Community Cafe.



**Halloween temporary tattoos** - Thank you to everyone who purchased Halloween temporary tattoos. The children really do enjoy getting these done. We do advise the children have these on their arms rather than their hands as they will come off when washed, but if they insist they go on their hands this is where the tattoos will be. The children have been so polite today whilst we had some new parents doing the tattoos. Please pass on our thanks to your children.

**The money raised from the Tattoos today will be going towards a treat for all the children at Christmas.**



**In house panto** - Tickets are available to purchase on Classlist.

Please see the link for Classlist if you are not signed up yet. All our events are advertised on here and you can purchase tickets here too.

<https://classlist.page.link/CmMMdA6uNwwuEtR56>

**Posters for our events** - if there are any children who would like to get involved with designing posters for one of our upcoming events please do let us know.

#### **CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS - ASDA**

 Thank you to everyone who has signed up so far. We as a school have raised **£132.69**  
**Even if you don't shop at Asda, they'll give FOLS £1 for everyone that chooses our school, so please download the app and pick our school!** 

**\*\*\*\*\*Just a reminder we have our easy fundraising page. Please do click on the link as there are so many companies online who donate a % to our easy fundraising account\*\*\*\*\***

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/families-and-friends-of-larkrise-primary-school>

Click on the link and you can either use it on your web browser or download the app. Every time you make a purchase online go to easyfundraising and search for the retailer you're going to purchase from. Once the purchase is complete the company will donate a percentage to our fundraising page. So far, we have 15 supporters and have raised £81.99.

I have also attached the link to the retailers who give a donation every time you purchase something online, these include Amazon, Supermarkets, Argos, Boots, holiday companies, Groupon. The full list is in the link below.

[A-Z of Brands | UK retailers | Easyfundraising](#)

Please do let us know if you need any help setting it up.

**Christmas Jumper Sale** - We Will be holding a Christmas jumper sale at the beginning of December after school - date to be confirmed.

We are kindly asking for any donations of Children's or adults Christmas T-shirts, jumpers and even Pj's that no longer fit and are in good condition that you would be willing to donate to FOLS for the sale. We will need the donations in by Friday 29 November. Please hand to a member of the FOLS team or kindly drop to reception / office where we will leave a bag there for any donations. We still have the items that were donated to us last year, so we will be use these for the sale too.

Poster to follow soon.

Thank you everyone for all of your support. We really appreciate it.

<b>SAVE THE DATE</b>	<b>EVENTS - All details coming soon</b>
Friday 25 October	FOLS Non uniform day - Rainbow donations.
Friday 25 October	Halloween Temporary Tattoos
Wednesday 11 December	In-house Panto

Date TBC in December	Christmas Jumper Sale
Date TBC in December	Christmas Community Cafe
Date TBC in February	EYFS Bake Sale & Games
Friday 14 February	FOLS - Non uniform day
Friday 28 March	Someone Special Gift Shop for the ladies
Friday 4 April	Easter Egg competition & Easter Egg Trial round the school
Friday 13 June	Someone Special Gift Shop for the Gentlemen

If anyone has any fundraising ideas for the children/school, would like to join FOLS or you have any questions, we are more than happy to help. Please do get in contact on the following email - [familiesoflarkrise@hotmail.com](mailto:familiesoflarkrise@hotmail.com) or message us on our Facebook page - Families and friends of Larkrise Primary School or alternatively, look out for us on the playgrounds.

All of this is not possible without everyone coming together as a community.

Many Thanks  
The FOLS Team

### Stay and Play



We are thinking of running a 'Stay and Play' for families with young children in our Hive living room on a Thursday morning. Please contact Mel Pointon, or the school office, if this is something that you'd be interested in attending and what you would like from a Stay and Play session.

### Visits to the school for New Entrants

We have Open Dates for our prospective new families coming up –Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 1.30pm, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 9.30am. If you know of any upcoming Reception age children that will be starting school in September 2025, please alert them to our open days.

### Philosophy for children

Our 'P4C question of the week' that we'd like you and your children to discuss is this: 'Would you rather be a superhero or an astronaut?'

The important thing to ask is 'why?' Do let us know what you and your children discuss.

### Family Fridays

Parents and carers are welcome to come into school at 8.40am **every Friday**, alongside their child, to read in their classroom. We will do this **EVERY Friday** so please do come along and join in. If children see us working together, they will do so much better in their learning! Please do come in, if only for 10 minutes! Younger siblings are welcome to come too as long as you keep them close to you whilst reading. We ask you all to have left the classroom by 9am so the children can then proceed with their class learning.



## Diary Dates

<b>HALF TERM</b>	
<b>31<sup>st</sup> October – Last day for secondary school applications</b>	
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Return to school</b>
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 1.30pm</b>	<b>Open Day for prospective parents</b>
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 2.45pm</b>	<b>Y3 Class Assembly to parents</b>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am</b>	<b>Open Day for prospective parents</b>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 2.45pm</b>	<b>Y2 Class Assembly to parents</b>
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 2.45pm</b>	<b>Y5 Class Assembly to parents</b>
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Parents Evenings</b>
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Parents Evenings</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 9.30am</b>	<b>Open Day for prospective parents</b>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Panto in school</b>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 9.45am</b>	<b>KS2 Christmas Performance</b>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm</b>	<b>KS1 Christmas Performance</b>
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9.45am</b>	<b>KS1 Christmas Performance</b>
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm</b>	<b>KS2 Christmas Performance</b>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Last day of term</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>	
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Return to school for children</b>

## Attendance News

Attendance was a reason that Larkrise did not reach the 'outstanding' grade from Ofsted last year. There are too many families who fall under the 90% attendance bracket and are so deemed to be 'persistently absent'. Children should be attending school every day. Your child can only miss school if they are too ill to attend or school have given advance permission. Can you please ensure you contact the school office to explain any absence from your child on the day they are going to be absent before 9am. The national attendance target is 95% and we would really like to achieve that this year.

Reception –	91.0%
Year 1 –	90.8%
Year 2 –	94.0%
Year 3 –	90.8%
Year 4 –	90.0%
Year 5 –	93.1%
Year 6 –	99.3%

<b>Class</b>	<b>Stars of the Week</b>	<b>Mathematician of the Week</b>
<b>Reception (EYFS)</b>	The whole class	Lyla
<b>Year 1</b>	Penny, Bowie	Alfie
<b>Year 2</b>	Dominic, Ruhi	Alyssa
<b>Year 3</b>	Layla, Harry and whole class	Logan
<b>Year 4</b>	Savannah, Amy	Grace
<b>Year 5</b>	The whole class	Libby
<b>Year 6</b>	Grace W, James	Alyssa

**Most active class on TTRS: Year 5, 48%**

## **Birthdays**

A very happy birthday to the following children for this week and over the half term holiday;

Isla, Dotty, Eva, Aria, Alfie W

Many happy returns!

Have a wonderful half term break!

Ms Allen



Headteacher

Larkrise Primary School



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**For parents of children 0 to 7 years (Reception and Key Stage 1)**

**Want to support your child with their maths homework and increase your confidence in maths?**



Learn how to quickly and easily help your child with their maths homework. Increase your confidence in maths. Lots of tips, activity ideas and resources!

**Claim a £10 celebration voucher on completion of the course!**

**Larkrise Primary School, The Hive, Dorset Avenue, Great Baddow, CM2 9UB**

The course consists of three sessions:  
4th, 11th and 18th November - 9.30am to 11.30am

**Book your FREE place today! [Click here](#) to book online**  
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