



Part of the **Eveleigh Link Academy Trust**

LARKRISE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Learning Together - Achieving Excellence



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Dear Families,

I have some news to share with you today. I have allocated teachers to their new classes for September 2025 and the children have been told this afternoon. We will be saying goodbye to some valued members of staff.

Mrs Chapman will be leaving us after a number of years working at Larkrise. We thank her for everything she has done for Larkrise in her time here and wish her the best of luck for the future. She will be missed.

Miss Florey will be moving to St Luke's Park, another school in the Trust, to gain some more experience after having been at Larkrise for 5 years. We wish her the best of luck and we will see her at Trust events in the future, so farewell, not goodbye, but she will be missed.

Miss Scufil will be moving to Maltese Road, another school in the Trust. We wish her the best of luck for her future.

Mrs Isbilen, who has worked as a 1:1 LSA for over 3 years with us, will be moving to Warwick with her family so will be unable to do that long commute to Larkrise. Mrs Isbilen will be sadly missed but we wish her very well for the future.

We have had 3 students working in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 this year. They will leave Larkrise in the coming weeks to start their new teaching careers at various schools in Essex. We wish Miss Hothi, Miss Stiff and Miss Strutt the best of luck in their teaching careers and hope that their time at Larkrise will stand them in good stead for their new roles.

Teachers for 2025-2026

Reception – Miss Phillips

Year 1 – Mrs Hazell and Mrs Lane

Year 2 – Mrs Bacon

Year 3 – Miss Bowers and Ms Hawkins

Year 4 – Miss Horne

Year 5 – Miss Uzzell

Year 6 – Mrs Collins-Duncan

Year 1 and Year 3 will be having 2 teachers each next year as Mrs Hazell nears retirement, and Miss Bowers looks after her little one.

We welcome 2 new teachers to Larkrise – Mrs Lane in Year 1 and Miss Horne in Year 4. Both are experienced teachers and we look forward to welcoming them to the Larkrise family.

Children will be meeting their new teachers next Friday.

Governor Opportunity

We have a vacancy for a parent or family member to join our Governing board. We meet 3 times per year in the evenings and you are asked to attend school during the day on 2 occasions to fulfil some monitoring commitments. Full training on this will be provided.

If you are interested in becoming a Governor, please contact the school office or Dan Hunt, chair of Governors. We are happy to give more information over the phone if required.

Sports Day

We plan to have a whole school Sports Day on Wednesday 9th July.

Assuming the weather is fine, we will take the children out onto the field at 10.30am. Then when Sports Day is finished, around 12.30pm, we invite all families to have a picnic on the school field. We will then have our open classroom, so please come in with your child, they will show you their books and you can meet their new teacher.

Once you have had a look at children's books, you are welcome to take your children home. Please let the class teacher know before you do so, so that we can keep an accurate record of who has left.

We had a wonderful day doing this last year so we hope for something similar this year.

Suncream, sun hats and water bottles






On sunny days, which we have forecast for the next week again, please remember to put some sun cream on your children and send them in with a labelled water bottle and a labelled hat to help with avoiding the sun. Many thanks.

iRock School Holiday Camp

We're thrilled to announce that Camp iRock is coming to **Larkrise Primary School** this summer!

Between the **28th July to 8th August**, Camp iRock offers a 5-day rock and pop band experience for children aged 5 to 12, running daily from **8:30am to 4:30pm**.




Your future rockstar will:

-  Learn new instruments (great if they are considering switching instrument!)
-  Write and record their own songs
-  Star in a professional-style music video
-  Play in a real band
-  Perform live in an end-of-week show!

All the details for Camp iRock can be found on the page below:

<https://campirock.hivelink.co.uk/152/8451>

Book now and save:

-  **Book before 2nd July** for an automatic 5% discount on the Larkrise Camp iRock
-  Use discount code VENUE5OFF for an **extra discount** (no expiry date)
-  Book multiple children and save – receive a whopping **50% off** when you book additional siblings *(yes, you can still apply the 10% discount on top of this amazing saving!)*

Level up their camp vibe with **exclusive** Camp iRock merch - available at booking!



Arbor Updates

Payments for school meals can now be made on Arbor. Some families have accrued large arrears during the change-over so please have a look and make payments to avoid the total amount owed becoming too large. We will be calling families who have not paid to insist on packed lunches going forwards – we cannot afford to pay for school meals for children with our budgets. This eats into our budgets used for educational visits, curriculum resources and the like so please do make an effort to pay the dinner money arrears.

If you haven't already, please download the Arbor app as this will be easier for us to communicate with you.

School lunches

Due to rising costs in every aspect of school, unfortunately we will have to raise the price of our school lunches to £2.50 from September. Thank you for your understanding.

End of school day

At the end of the school day teachers dismiss children to their trusted adults/parents. Once they have done this, it is that adults responsibility to look after the child. We have had a few parents telling us that their children have 'gone missing' after we have handed them over. Please keep eyes on your own children once the teacher has handed them over to you as this can be quite distressing for others. Thank you for your understanding.

YOUTUBE CERTIFICATIONS

We have had an increasing number of children talking to staff and class mates about inappropriate things that they seem to be watching on their devices. YouTube clips are being mentioned, which can be a great way to keep children occupied when you are making the dinner, but please check that what your children are watching is appropriate to their age. YouTube kids is much more child friendly and won't have children coming in to tell us about monsters eating children.

Summer Reading Challenge

Have you signed up your children to the Summer Reading Challenge yet? Head down to your local library from 19 July to 6 September to take part in this free activity:

<https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/library-locations-and-opening-times/>

The library will be visiting school to speak to children next Monday.

Larkrise Facebook Page

We try to post daily on our Larkrise Facebook page sharing things that the children, and parents, get up to whilst they are here. Please take a look and like and comment on our posts as this means we have a wider reach. Thank you for your support.

Volunteers – Helping hands

Do you have some free time on your hands and would you like to come and help out at Larkrise?

We are looking for parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles etc. who have some free time who might be able to help us out next year. This could involve;

-reading with the children

-attending educational visits

-cutting and sticking work into books

-helping to make displays around the school

-running small clubs after school or at lunchtimes

-or any other skill you may have that you would like to share with the children.

If you are interested, please get in touch with the school office, or your child's class teacher, and we will give you some more information. Thank you!

Young Carers YMCA



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.

Every Wednesday in term time, 5-8pm at YMCA Chelmsford, Victoria Road CM1 1NZ. Izzy Reed
Lead Youth Worker, YMCA Essex **Switchboard: 01245 355677**

Family Fridays

Every Friday. 8.40am-9am. We welcome you to come into the school to read with your child!

Younger siblings are welcome also as long as you keep them close to you whilst reading. Please

refer to the 'Adult behaviour in school premises' policy concerning your conduct on school

premises during this session. If you have any concerns, please speak to the class teacher, an LSA, the office staff or a senior leader.

The Hive



Mel Pointon, Child & Family Support Worker
Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
07562 111932

Our pre-loved uniform shop in The Hive is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, unless otherwise stated in the timetable below. Items are available for a small fee (cash only) and Mel is happy to help you out. She can also issue food bank vouchers should you need them.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9 -10 am	Mel available for 1:1 conversations	Mel available for 1:1 conversations	Coffee morning with Mel – open to all	Mel available for 1:1 conversations	
10 – 12am	Mel available for 1:1 conversations	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	Mel available for 1:1 conversations	

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

FOLS News

We are very sorry we had to cancel the disco tonight. This was for the safety of the children & adults attending, due to the warm weather. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

As per the message sent out on Tuesday 1 July, if you have purchased tickets you can carry them over for the disco in October or you can request to have a refund.

Please email familiesoflarkrise@hotmail.com if you would like a refund and include the following information -

- Name and class of child/children attending
- Number of tickets purchased
- Was it made by Cash or on Classlist

If we do not hear from you by the evening on Friday 4 July 2025 we will assume you are happy to carry your booking over to October.

Once we have received your email we will check the details with our records and if requested, refunds will be made.

If you do not have an email address please contact FOLS via private message on our Facebook page or Classlist message.

As this is a FOLS event and not organised by the school, please do not message on the school dojo or the main office. Once again we are really sorry.

If anyone has any ideas for events or raising funds for the children and school, please do let us know. We are open to new ideas for events.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help the FOLS team, please get in contact. The more people we have on board the more events we can put on.

Contact details - familiesoflarkrise@hotmail.com
Facebook page - Families and friends of Larkrise Primary School,
Classlist or alternatively, look out for us on the playgrounds.

The FOLS Team

Whole School Diary Dates – Summer 1

Tuesday 8th July	Y1 WOW Day
Wednesday 9th July	SPORTS DAY from 10.30am, family picnic and open afternoon
Monday 14th July	Y2 WOW Day - Tortoises
Thursday 17th July	Y6 leavers party and campout
Friday 18th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 18th July	Last day of term

Attendance News

Children should attend school every day and should only miss school if they are too ill to attend, or if the school has given advance permission. Please ensure that you contact the school office to explain any absence **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. Our current overall figure is 92.5% so I will be sending letters to parents of children who have fallen below the 90% mark .

Reception –	92.0%
Year 1 –	96.3%
Year 2 –	95.3%
Year 3 –	93.5%
Year 4 –	87.9%
Year 5 –	98.9%
Year 6 –	87.6%

Certificates

Class	Stars of the Week	Mathematician of the Week
Reception (EYFS)	Poppy, Skyla	Krishvanth
Year 1	Charlie, Dana	Alfie

Year 2	Natasha, Jason	Fred
Year 3	Matteo, Louie	Sai
Year 4	Tommy H-E, Sophia	Amelia
Year 5	Lilly, Johnson	Dottie
Year 6	Mustaqim, Ruby	Grace H

Most active class on TTRS: Year 3 66%

Philosophy for children (P4C)

‘Would you rather have sports day or have an Art day?’

‘Why?’ Do let us know what you and your children discuss.

Birthdays



A very happy birthday to the following children for this week and last week;

Lacey, Miles, Archie, Kody

Many happy returns!

Have a wonderful half term break!

Ms Allen

Handwritten signature of K. Allen in cursive.

Headteacher

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