



Part of the **Eveleigh Link Academy Trust**

LARKRISE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Learning Together - Achieving Excellence



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Dear Families,

Children have spent some of the morning with their new teachers today; getting to know them, finding out what is in their classroom, learning about the other adults in their classroom and sharing information about themselves with the teacher. I walked around and popped into the classes and it looked like everyone was having a wonderful time. Please do ask your children about it when they come home today.

We had our Year 6 SATS results this week too. Well done to all involved. Results will be published on the website once the final checks have been completed.

Sports Day was a huge success again this year with Rashford winning the trophy this time. Thank you to the staff who organised it for making it such a lovely event. Thank you to all parents and other family members for coming to watch and cheer on the children. We hope you had as enjoyable a day as the children did.

We have one week left at school before the summer holidays begins. Please use this week to find any lost property, collect belongings from classrooms and return any school equipment (reading books etc.) that you have at home so that we can get organised for a smooth start in September.

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.

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 VENU5OFF 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/>

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.

Free Family-Friendly Events

Looking for free things to do with the kids this summer? The *Free Family-Friendly Events in Mid Essex* guide is packed with activities across Braintree, Chelmsford, and Maldon. You can explore the full list of events and updates online.

📖 Digital booklet: [Mid Essex Summer Events Booklet](#)

🌐 Full guide: [Mid Essex Summer Events Online Guide](#)

Social Media (Facebook/Instagram)

🎉 Free summer fun for families in Mid Essex!

Explore local events in Braintree, Chelmsford & Maldon.

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FOLS News

If you requested a refund from the disco last week via email, these will be processed this coming week.

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

Summer Issue 25

Summer is here - and so is our jam-packed issue full of sunshine, smiles, and inspiration for every member of the family.

Whether you are planning fun-filled days out, looking for creative ways to keep the kids entertained, or just want to make the most of those long summer evenings, we've got you covered.



Click this link to read: <https://anyflip.com/btwyj/gdmd/>

Free Summer Holiday Clubs with Essex Activate

Clubs are now live to book with Essex Activate, and free spaces are filling fast! Over 200 holiday clubs will offer young people fun activities, exciting friendships and a free, nutritious meal. Parents can also benefit from safe, engaging, and reliable childcare, alleviating pressure on families.

To book free spaces at an Essex Activate Summer Club, parents of eligible children will receive a Holiday Activities voucher code from their school via email or text, which includes a unique booking link, to book onto free activities.

Whole School Diary Dates – Summer 1

Monday 14 th July	Y2 WOW Day - Tortoises
Thursday 17 th July	Y6 leavers party and campout
Friday 18 th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly at 2pm
Friday 18 th 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 –	88.7%
Year 1 –	96.3%
Year 2 –	93.0%
Year 3 –	92.3%
Year 4 –	85.4%
Year 5 –	97.2%
Year 6 –	93.8%

Certificates

Class	Stars of the Week	Mathematician of the Week
Reception (EYFS)	Miss Hothi, Kobe, Lenny	Indiana
Year 1	Adam, Alfie	Charlie M
Year 2	Mrs Isbilen, Ana, Rafat	Fletcher
Year 3	Sahil, Ryan	Molly
Year 4	Roseanne, Kai M	Sonny
Year 5	Olivia, Efe	Ralph
Year 6	The whole class	

Most active class on TTRS: Year 5, 41%

Philosophy for children (P4C)

‘Would you rather have your old teacher or your new teacher?’

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

Birthdays



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

Paityn, Paris, Tyler, Albie, Tommy A, Sophia D-Z, Louie and Rayan

Many happy returns!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Ms Allen



Headteacher

Larkrise Primary School