



## LARKRISE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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14<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Families

I have been meeting with subject leaders this week to find out what has been going well and even better in each area of our curriculum. There are some fantastic lessons happening that are really engaging the children and helping them to remember their learning. Staff have been working hard to update the corridors with new displays as well – be sure to have a look next time you're in for Family Friday!

Please let anyone who is looking for a school for their little one know that we are holding tours of the school in the next few months.

Tours are available on;

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30am

Please spread the word!

### **KEY PRIORITIES FOR THIS YEAR**

Every year the school senior leadership team, in partnership with the Executive leadership team of the Trust, work together to formulate a school development plan that focuses the school priorities for the year ahead. I thought you might like to know what we are working on as a school this year:

#### **Key Priorities for 2025 -2026**

To enhance pupil engagement and pupil outcomes by making learning more experiential and relevant to real life.

To ensure all teachers consistently challenge poor-quality work and raise expectations of pupils' outcomes.

To embed high-quality assessment practices led by subject leaders to evaluate pupil progress.

To strengthen the strategic role of subject leaders in driving curriculum intent, implementation, and impact.

To strengthen assessment for learning to accurately identify next steps and accelerate progress in EYFS.

To improve standards of reading and writing in EYFS.

To build and establish a KS2 nurture cabin.

If you have any questions about any of these, or any ideas, please do let us know.

### **RECEPTION ADMISSIONS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR STARTING IN SEPTEMBER 2026**

As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 10 November 2025**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2026.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2026**.

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.

Even if a parent already has a sibling at the school, they need to apply if they have a child due to start Reception next September.

The website [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions) also has a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2026-27 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories contain details of all admission policies.

### **UNIFORM CONSULTATION**

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their views about the proposed uniform changes. I now need to speak to Governors and will be sending an information letter out about the uniform in the next week or so.

### **DOJO/PHONECALLS FOR TEACHERS**

Just a reminder that dojos and phone calls to parents from and to class teachers can only happen when the teacher is NOT TEACHING. We are happy for you to send messages via dojo at any time, but please do not expect immediate answers or phone calls back when teachers are teaching the children. If you have an emergency, then please leave a message with the office staff and they will find an adult who can respond more immediately if it is needed. Thank you for your understanding.

### **COLLECTION OF CHILDREN FROM THE PLAYGROUND**

For parents of year 2 – 6 who collect their children from the top playground, please can you stand back and away from the pathway leading up to the playground. We do need access to allow the classes to get to their circles so that the teachers can easily dismiss the children to you. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **FACEBOOK**

Please have a look at our Facebook page where we try to upload photos from each of the classes across the school weekly to share what we have all been up to. Please like and comment too!

### **BIKES AND SCOOTERS**

Bikes and scooters MUST NOT be used on the playground at the end of the school day or in the old KS1 playground at the front of school before school starts. Please ensure when you are collecting bikes and scooters that they are not used until you leave the school premises, and if your child is arriving to school on a bike or a scooter, they dismount and hold their bike until it is time to enter the premises. This is to avoid collisions and injuries. Many thanks.

### **PARKING**

Can parents please be mindful of where they are parking to drop off and collect children at the start and end of the school day. We have residents and resident only parking in several places around the school and we have already received several complaints. Our neighbours have not been able to access their parking spots or their cars, and parents have been particularly rude to them. Please show some kindness and responsibility and park your car in a sensible place if you do indeed need to bring your car. Thank you for your understanding.

### **DIARY DATES**

Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Y3 WOW Day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	EYFS WOW Day – Rainbow Robin's Birthday!
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Y5 WOW Day – Wildlife Conservation Day
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1 WOW Day Y2 WOW Day
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Y6 Class Assembly at 2.45pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	FOLS Christmas Community Café from 3.30pm

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	IRock concert to parents of children who do IRock at 2.30pm
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Y4 WOW Day
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Y6 to see Shrek the Musical
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Performance 2pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Performance 9.30am
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Performance 2pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Performance 9.30am
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec – Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Christmas Holidays
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>INSET Day – School closed to children</b>

### IROCK

We have a new band coach, Ben, and he will be coaching on a Monday afternoon. If you are interested in your child joining IRock to play the drums, the keyboard, the guitar, or sing, please do let us know or contact IRock at [info@irockschool.com](mailto:info@irockschool.com) or phone 0330 1742655. Their website is [www.irockschool.com](http://www.irockschool.com) if you would like to find out more.

### 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 in the coming months. 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 Trish Hill in the office, or your child's class teacher, and we will give you some more information. Thank you!



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9 -10 am	Pre-loved uniform shop open (Cash only)		Coffee morning Pre-loved uniform shop open (Cash only)	TPP for Families course (application 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	
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**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.

Mel Pointon, Child and 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 parents and carers. 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. Mel can also be contacted on 079562111932.

### **FOLS NEWS**

#### **Christmas Community Cafe**

**Thursday 11 December 2025**

**in the hall after school.**

Fun Games, Xmas Crafts, Biscuit Decorating, Tattoos, Guess the name, Hot & Cold Drinks, Doughnuts and Xmas Goodies for sale.

As in previous years we sell tokens for £1 in advance which can be exchanged for a go on all FOLS stalls.

The event will be set up on Classlist over the weekend. If you would like to pay cash in advance for these please let us know, our contact details are below. You will be given your tokens on the day of the event.

Please do get in contact with Elaine if you can volunteer to help set up the event and or help to run a stall or help clear away after the event.

See the poster attached for full details.

We will also have our Rainbow Raffle tickets available to purchase online or at the event. If you would like to pay cash before the event, please let us know.

See picture attached of the 7 rainbow boxes available to win. Lots of fab goodies in these. £1 a ticket.



## **PHILOSOPHY FOR CHILDREN**

Our 'P4C question of the week' that we'd like you and your children to discuss is this:  
'Would you rather go to the moon or under the sea?'

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.

## **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 –	66.3%
Year 1 –	91.8%
Year 2 –	95.0%
Year 3 –	95.2%
Year 4 –	93.6%
Year 5 –	88.5%
Year 6 –	95.2%

## **CERTIFICATES**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Stars of the Week</b>	<b>Mathematician of the Week</b>
<b>Reception (EYFS)</b>	Rosanna, Enoch	Eliana
<b>Year 1</b>	Macie ,Indiana	Rafaella
<b>Year 2</b>	Alfie, Imogen	Demi
<b>Year 3</b>	Oscar, Olivia	Kody
<b>Year 4</b>	Ryan, Harley	Jax
<b>Year 5</b>	Kai M, Corey	Kathryn
<b>Year 6</b>	Maisie, Anabel	Filippos

**Most active of TTRS – Year 4 61%**

## **BIRTHDAYS**

A very happy birthday to the following children for this week:

Riley, Leo W, Indiana, Sophie W, Edward, Elizabeth, Ms Winstanley

Many happy returns!

Have a lovely, restful weekend.

Ms Allen

*K. Allen*

Headteacher

Larkrise Primary School



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IN THE HALL AFTER SCHOOL



HOT & COLD  
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CHRISTMAS  
TATTOOS



FUN  
GAMES

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CRAFT STALLS  
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LIVE MUSIC

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November  
2025



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