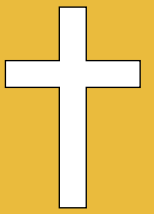




26th September  
2025

# Lockerley Church of England Primary School



Love in our hearts, Courage in our learning  
and Respect for each other

## Collective Worship

**In our school Collective Worship we read the Bible story of Zacchaeus and thought about the importance of showing courage to follow your beliefs.**

## Thought for the Week

This week we thought about friends and heard a story about Leah who had no friends. You can read the story in the Bible of the woman at the well. It is in the book (Gospel) of John in Chapter 4. We prayed: Dear God, thank you that Jesus became the friend that Leah was looking for. Help us to look out for people like Leah who need a friend. Please help us to be good friends.

Amen



**Weekly Certificates awarded**

**for Courage to:**

Danny-Dean

Aurora-Bella

Evelyn

Jasper



Gracie 8



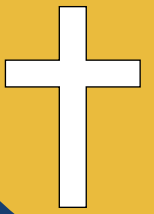
Let's get moving this  
**Walktober!**

Get moving for our wellbeing, our community and our planet

We are taking part in Walktober this Autumn term! By travelling actively throughout October, we can all get moving for our wellbeing, our community and enjoy the outdoors. We hope as many of our pupils and families as possible can get involved by walking, wheeling, cycling, scooting or using Park and Stride to and from school.



**Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe on the school site by dismounting scooters and bicycles before entering the school gates.**



### **Church Service Dates**

**2025/26**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - Harvest/Emperors**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Service**

**4<sup>th</sup> February - Swallowtails**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Service**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May - Skippers & Admirals**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Leavers' Service**

### **Inset Days 2025/26**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

**Visit the School Website [Calendar](#) to keep up to date with all that is happening**

### **Safeguarding—Keeping Children Safe**

If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact school and ask for one of our Designated Safeguarding Leaders:

Mrs Kwiatek is our Lead DSL, Mrs Clark is our deputy DSL.

All of our staff have had their refresher training and updates at the beginning of term and we will continue to ensure that they are updated throughout the year. Our newly revised safeguarding and child protection policies can be found on our website at the following link.

<https://www.lockerleyprimary.co.uk/child-protection-procedures/>

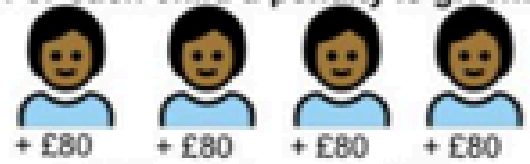
There are new rules for unauthorised absences, whether this is due to holiday, irregular attendance, or otherwise.

**1** I'm a parent and I want to take my child out of school for a half or full day.

Any absence must be recorded on an absence request form. Holiday requests will not be authorised. If your child will miss 5 school days, there will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £80 per parent, per child, if you pay it in 21 days, otherwise it is £160.



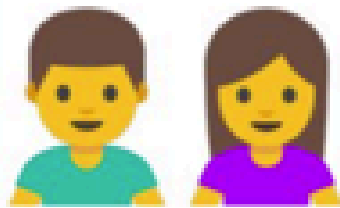
For each child a penalty is given...



4 children & 1 parent = £320

Doubled to £640 if not paid in 21 days

For a family of 2 parents & 2 children



+£80 +£80

£160 x2 = £320

Doubled to £640 if not paid in 21 days

What happens if school suspects children are actually on holiday?



Please don't be offended if we ask for evidence or mention these questions to you. We're required to do this to ensure a fair system!

**2** What about subsequent absences? Is it still the same penalty amount?

**No, not anymore.** If in any period of not more than **3 years**, your child has a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> leave of absence OR pattern of irregular attendance, which is unauthorised then...

**2<sup>nd</sup> TIME**  
2 parents and...  
1 child = £320  
2 children = £640  
**NO DISCOUNT FOR EARLY PAYMENT**

**3<sup>rd</sup> TIME**  
A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case may be taken forward for prosecution. A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child.

1 parent & 2 children = £5,000  
2 parents and 2 children = £10,000

**3** What about irregular attendance? Could I get a penalty notice?

**YES**

If your child is absent (or late after registers) for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks, and their absences are unauthorised, then the school is required to issue penalty notices / prosecution.



So, half a day here and day there could all add up to 10 sessions in 10 weeks (across years or terms). If unauthorised, then it would be a penalty notice. Remember, 1 day is 2 sessions (morning and afternoon).

**4** What are typical reasons given that won't be authorised?

Examples of unauthorised absences:

A family member or child's birthday  
Shopping for uniforms  
Inadequate clothing for school  
Child being used as a carer  
Problems with transport  
Visiting relatives abroad  
Sickness of parent or sibling

Sibling's school closed  
Refusing to attend, but able to  
Poor family organisation  
Family holidays  
No absence request completed  
Non-essential appointments

Where attendance is irregular, or historically poor, sickness absences may be unauthorised unless medical confirmation is given by a medical professional.



**EVERY DAY COUNTS – ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW**

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Tuesday 30th September

8.30am ~ 11.00am

in the  
School Hall  
at  
Lockerley Primary School



Please come and join us  
Donations for  
Refreshments  
Supporting Macmillan Cancer Care

# Harvest List

- Tinned Meat
- English Breakfast TeaBags
- Tinned Sweetcorn & Carrots
- Cereal (no porridge please!)
- Rice
- Custard & Rice Pudding
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Sweets & Chocolate
- Squash
- Baked Beans





Friends of Lockerley School present



THE WINTER

# TABLE TOP SALE

Jewellery ♦ Crafts ♦ Clothes ♦ Toys ♦ Home Baking ♦ And more!



SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER, 2PM-4PM

Lockerley Primary School, Butts Green, S051 0JG

£5 PER TABLE / FREE ENTRY

To reserve a table, please email us at

[friendsoflockerleyschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoflockerleyschool@gmail.com)

Raffle & Refreshments available to buy

♦ EVERYONE WELCOME! ♦