



St Luke's Park Newsletter (03) 26/09/2025

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

Clubs

Teacher clubs got off to a great start this week and it was wonderful to see super attendance. It's lovely to see children participating in interest groups, please encourage them to continue to attend so that the teacher really gets to know the children in their club.

Phonics

Thank you to those who attended our information sharing meeting about phonics on Monday 22nd September. Our year one parents are invited in on Tuesday next week (30th Sept) to see Mrs Botwright teach a phonics session to the class so that you can better understand the way this is delivered in school. Please do not bring pushchairs as space is tight and no hot drinks please.

Brockfield House

Brockfield House is a secure NHS hospital on the estate. Each year we invite staff to come and speak with parents in order to reassure our community and answer any questions you may have. This will be on **Wednesday 8th October at 5pm** in the school hall.

Whatsapp

Please be aware that Whatsapp is not an official communication channel used by the school. We understand that many parents will be members of Whatsapp groups and have a few points to share about how these are used. Please see the attached pdf that Mr Loughnane has put together.

Online Safety Week

Mr Loughnane is co-ordinating our online safety week next week. The theme of the learning is 'Too Good to Be True?' Unfortunately, online scams are becoming more frequent and much harder to spot. There is a worrying trend of scammers targeting younger and younger children due to their perceived lack of online awareness.

Chef Julie is even getting onboard with the Online Safety theme with a special themed lunch featuring brownie 'bytes'!

Wishing you a lovely weekend, Ms Kendall-Hobbs

Headteacher

Stars of the Week



This Week's Winners:

Squirrels – Aria for individuality and Olivia L for creativity

Hedgehogs – Lily for resilience and Ivy for individuality

Badgers – Arianna for collaboration and Ethan for responsibility

Foxes – Aria and Henry for respect

Woodpeckers – Raphael for respect and Mark for creativity

Well done for setting such a good example with your kind and positive choices 😊

Certificates are awarded in line with our school values for:

Individuality

I am unique and special: nobody is exactly like me

Respect

I accept that people's thoughts, feelings and rights are important

Resilience

I recover quickly from difficulties because I believe in myself

Responsibility

I know I must make good choices and do my job

Courage

I am brave enough to do the right thing

Compassion

I care about those who are suffering

Collaboration

I work as part of a team to achieve the best results

Creativity

I use my imagination and have original ideas

Reminder:

All absences need to be reported each day before 9am by phoning the main school number or emailing admin@stlukespark.essex.sch.uk

If you have arranged for somebody else to collect your child, please ensure that you tell your class teacher or inform the main office who will pass the message on.

Good attendance and punctuality are key to ensuring children access the best education they deserve. **Please be aware that as a school we are obliged to follow rules on monitoring and reporting on attendance from government.**

We use a letter format from Essex County Council in order to meet our obligations in this area.

Please get in touch if we can do anything to support you in improving your child's attendance. If we invite you in for a meeting, please see this as an opportunity to access help and support from us if you need it.

Autumn Term - Dates for your diary

Mon 29th Sept	Online safety themed week in school
Weds 30th Sept	'Live' Phonics lesson - year one parents are invited to watch Mrs Botwright teach a phonics session from 9-9.20am in the classroom with the children. Please avoid bringing buggies or hot drinks with you.
2nd and 3rd Oct	INSET session - school closed to pupils.
Weds 8 th October	Brockfield House Information Meeting – 5pm Hall Come and find out about the work of NHS Brockfield House and ask any questions you may have.
Thurs 9 th Oct	Individual and family photos from 8am
Weds 22 nd Oct	Local Area Walk – Parents invited. 2pm start.
Friday 24 th Oct	EYFS/KS1 Harvest Festival to Parents 9am in hall.
WB 27 th Oct	HALF TERM
Mon 3 rd Nov	Bring in your carved Halloween pumpkins – leave on the outside benches for display. Certificates for super effort.
Mon 10 th Nov	'Around the World Week'
Fri 14 th Nov	Children in Need - £1 online donation and optional 'crazy hair' for the day.
Nov 27 th	EYFS 2026 intake tour 9.30am
Mon 1 st Dec	Parents' Evening and first report page 3.30-6.30
Thurs 4 th Dec	EYFS 2026 intake tour 9.30am Parents' Evening and first report page 3.30-6.30
Mon 8 th Dec	9am KS1 Nativity to Parents 2.30pm EYFS Christmas show to parents
Tuesday 9 th Dec	9am KS1 Nativity to Parents 2.30pm EYFS Christmas show to parents
Weds 10 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 11 th Dec	10am Visiting Pantomime in Hall for Children
Friday 12 th Dec	PTFA Disco 3.15-4.15 KS1 and 4.30-5.30 for KS2

WB 15 th Dec	No Teacher-led clubs
Weds 17 th Dec	KS2 Carol concert to parents 4-5pm (KS2 children remain after school for this event)
Fri 19 th Dec	Last day of term

PE DAYS		
Please can children come into school wearing their PE kit on the below days:		
EYFS	Friday	
YEAR 1	Tuesday	Thursday
YEAR 2	Tuesday	Thursday
YEAR 3	Monday	Thursday
YEAR 4	Wednesday	Thursday
YEAR 5	Monday	Thursday

Mid Essex Start Well Roadshows – (Autumn 2025)

Parents and carers of under 5s – come along to the Start Well Roadshows this October across Mid Essex! These free, drop-in events offer expert advice, peer support, and fun activities for little ones. Whether you're preparing for preschool or just need a bit of support, there's something for everyone.

 Locations include Chelmsford, Braintree, Maldon, Dengie and Witham.

 [Click here for dates and details](#)

Dinners – We are on Week 2

Week commencing Monday 29th September

	Monday	Tuesday
Main	Pizza Whirl (Puff Pastry Cheese & Tomato) (v)	Beef Lasagna
Vegetarian	Cheesy Pasta (v) (Plain Pasta topped with grated Cheese (v))	Vegetable Lasagna (v)
On the Side	New Potato Salad (v) Pasta (ve) Sweetcorn (ve)	Homemade Crusty Bread (v) Broccoli (ve)
Dessert	Homemade Cookie (v)	Chocolate Oat Cake (v)



Wednesday 01 October 2025
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Online Safety Week – Special Dinner

Main

'Tablet' Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza

Vegetarian

'Ipad' Cheese & Tomato Pizza

On the Side

'Google' Pasta

Sweetcorn

Dessert

Chocolate Brownie 'byte'



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PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Connect, Share and Support

Are you looking for support, advice or just a place to connect with other SEND Parent/Carers? Join our friendly support group where we share experiences, offer guidance and find encouragement from others who understand.

Whether you're facing specific challenges or just looking for a supportive SEND community, we'd love you to join us!

When

Last Monday of
the month
10.30am to 12.30pm



Where

Christ Church
164 New London Road
Chelmsford
CM2 0AW

PTFA News

Update from your PTFA Committee

Huge thanks to those that attended our PTFA AGM. We just about had enough people to attend to be able to elect a new committee for the 25/26 school year.

Your new PTFA Committee is:

Chair: Liz Bennet, Secretary: Kirsty Brett, Treasurer; Nicola Tye, Partnerships Officer: Claudia Baker, Pre-Loved Co-Ordinator Elizabeth Bailey, Volunteer Co-Ordinator: Ashlee Doyle, Purchasing Co-Ordinator Kayleigh Sweetman. See the attached info for pics and who is who! We can't wait to get stuck in and share our plans for this school year.

We were unable to fill the role of **Communications Officer**, so if you're interested in finding out more - please get in touch at stlukesparkptfa@gmail.com

Huge thanks to Laura Hart who decided to step down this year after forming the PTFA at the start - we really appreciate everything you've done to get it to where it is now.

At the AGM we shared lots of info about our efforts from last year and some of our initial plans for next year. **We also shared how much we managed to raise in 24/25 and it was a whopping £3,482.** Thanks for all of your support! The AGM meeting minutes and presentation are attached.

Don't forget you can follow us on Instagram at [st_lukes_park_ptfa](https://www.instagram.com/st_lukes_park_ptfa) and we're also on Facebook St Luke's Park PTFA

Your 25/26 Committee - Liz, Kirsty, Nicola, Claudia, Elizabeth, Ashlee and Kayleigh