



St Luke's Park Newsletter (01) 12/09/2025

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

Welcome Back

It was lovely to see so many of you popping in for our open classrooms afternoon yesterday after school. Teachers really do appreciate you taking the time to come and speak with them and I know that children LOVE to show off their new classrooms. The weather was rather interesting, I am keeping my fingers crossed for a dry pick up tonight!

Schools in Bloom

I shared prior to the holiday that we had had a judges visit and am proud to tell you that we WON the competition for Schools in Bloom with our upcycling themed display. An enormous thank you to Miss Feagan for making this happen – she already has plans in mind for next year too! Thank you to Chef Julie, the school council and our friends at Safari for their care of our lovely display too.

Clubs

It has been great to hear how well football club was received this week – as many of you know we have worked on putting together the right offer for football for some time so it's lovely to have got this started. With so many talented and aspiring footballers in our school it was really important to get the right staff and Kids Camp have arranged a team of coaches to do this for us. We continue with karate, crafty Katie, dance and multiskills to give an strong clubs offer.

Teacher clubs will move back to an after-school slot, and start the week beginning 22nd Sept. Please return your reply slips asap for any club your child is interested in joining.

Attendance

After a disappointing level of overall attendance for our first three days in school, this has picked up significantly this week and it is so lovely to see our school so busy and full of excited energy.

Please remember that as a school we are obliged to follow government rules on recording and reporting attendance. When we communicate with you, there are particular pieces of information which must be shared in order that we meet our obligations:

The current law does not give any entitlement to parents to take their child out of school during term time. The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 prohibits Head Teachers granting leave of absence to a pupil except where an application has been made in advance and the Head Teacher considers that there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

If a holiday is not authorised, and is taken without permission, the Local Authority may issue a penalty notice to each parent of £60 for each child to be paid within 21 days. If the penalty is not paid within the time scale the penalty will increase to £120. If the higher penalty is not paid within 28 days, the Local Authority will then institute legal proceedings against you in the magistrate's court under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996 for failing to ensure your child attends school regularly.

Please note: If you have previously received a Penalty Notice for an offence of failing to ensure regular school attendance or been the subject of a prosecution for any child in relation to irregular school attendance, you may not be given the opportunity to pay a further Penalty Notice; your case may proceed directly to court.

Please do not book holidays in term time.

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From September 1st the governing bodies of Meadgate Primary and St Luke's Park Primary will be joining forces to create 1 governing body. This is becoming a popular model within multi-academy trusts as it brings together a stronger skillset of governors in order to challenge and support each school. Both schools will have parents, staff and the local community on this new governing board. In order to contact the governing body parents should still speak to their school's headteacher and/or school office.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Ms Kendall-Hobbs

Stars of the Week



This Week's Winners:

Little Owls – Everyone for settling in so well!

Squirrels – Brittany for Individuality. Everyone for Collaboration

Hedgehogs – Harper, Aria, Edison and Harmony for Individuality

Badgers – Piper for Respect

Foxes – Elliott for Courage. Maisie for Resilience

Woodpecker – Elizabeth for Compassion. Mia for courage

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

Monday 22nd Sept	Teacher-led clubs begin Flu vaccinations 5.30-6pm Phonics and early reading meeting for parents of yrR/1/2 children (in hall) 6-6.15pm Multiplication Check meeting for parents of yr3/4 children (in yr 4 classroom)
Weds 24th Sept	PTFA AGM in school hall at 2.30pm - Please come along just before pick up and get involved with our amazing fundraising team who do so much to support fun activities in the school.
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.
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

Little Owls

In reception we have a 'wishlist' of resources for the academic year. If you or anyone you know is getting rid of the following items please could you consider donating it to the reception class.

Working till
 Wooden blocks
 Wooden train tracks
 Marble run
 Magnetic construction set (eg magnatiles/ connetix)
 Wooden dolls house

Many thanks

Mrs Balloch and Miss O'Reilly

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

Dinners – We are on Week 3

Week commencing Monday 15th September

Crafty Katie

St Lukes Primary School

CRAFT CLUB

Fun weekly themed crafts and activities often to include Sand art, wooden crafts, foam crafts, sequins, modelling, brick build, and more
Club runs straight from class and finishes at 4.15pm. Collection is from the main school entrance

Tuesdays for all year groups

Tuesday 9th September to Tuesday 21st October

7 week half term

Cost is £42 for the full half term

You can join mid term if spaces are available.

To book: Text or call Katie on 07929 044959



Wood, fabric, sand and more!



SCHOOL CLUBS AT ST. LUKE'S PARK



FOOTBALL - YEARS 1 - 5

TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL

DANCE - YEARS 1 - 5

WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL



MULTISKILLS - YEARS 1 - 5

THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL



For half termly costs and start/finish times, please visit our website.

Book online: www.essexkidscamp.co.uk/activities

Email: info@essexkidscamp.co.uk



PTFA News

We hope you had a nice break and the kids have had a great few first days back.

We've our **PTFA AGM 24th September 14:30-15:00 in the school** - just before pick up, younger siblings not in school welcome. Please come along as we'll be sharing what we got up to last year and elect the new committee for the 25/26 school year.

PTFA stands for Parents Teachers and Friends Association. It's an organisation with a mission to make the school a better place for children to learn. St Luke's Park PTFA brings together parents, children and teachers to raise funds and strengthen the school community. Money raised is usually spent on things that the school budget does not cover - adding fun along the way! If you have a child that attends St Luke's Park Primary, you're already a member of St Luke's Park PTFA.

The 24/25 PTFA committee - Laura, Nicola, Liz, Claudia, Ashlee, Kayleigh and Kirsty - will step down from their roles and at the AGM the 25/26 committee will be elected.

Attached you'll find all the info on our PTFA, the roles, and how you can nominate yourself to be a committee member.

If you'd like to be a committee member, you'll need to complete a nomination form (attached) and hand this to the school office, or email a copy to stlukesparkptfa@gmail.com by the 18th September. You can also use this link to apply too <https://forms.gle/5Tuq5XSTQuUfSSrb9>

We look forward to seeing lots of you at the AGM!

PTFA events - Dates for your diaries:

24 Sept AGM 14:30-15:00 (school hall)

11 Dec Panto school visit (in school)

11 Dec Special festive visitor (in school)

12 Dec School disco (after school) info to follow

If you've any questions or suggestions for the PTFA team, get in touch at stlukesparkptfa@gmail.com.

We're also on Facebook - St Luke's Park PTFA and Instagram [st_lukes_park_ptfa](#)

Thanks, Laura, Nicola, Liz, Claudia, Ashlee, Kayleigh and Kirsty