



St Luke's Park Newsletter (04) 10/10/2025

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

Brockfield House

We welcomed staff from Brockfield House secure hospital into school on Wednesday evening this week. It has become an annual event which I know both parents and Brockfield staff appreciate. Thank you to those parents who came along and asked questions.

Wraparound

Safari Childcare now have a dedicated email address for their wraparound care offer for after the half term. Please contact runwell@safari-clubs.com for queries or bookings.

Local Area Walk

We have our first local area walk of the year coming up on **Weds 22nd Oct**. Parents are very welcome to attend as we set off at 2pm to explore and look for signs of autumn. More detailed information regarding logistics will come out closer to the time.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival which is for our Little Owls, Squirrels and Hedgehogs classes is on **Friday 25th October at 9am**. Please send in donations for Wickford Food Bank the day before (Thurs 24th) so that we can display these for the assembly. One adult only per child please as we do not have the space to accommodate more than this.

Winter Vouchers

We have been informed that winter vouchers (£50 per free school meal eligible child) will be issued by Evouchers on Monday 3rd November. If there are any queries from parents regarding a voucher they receive they should contact Evouchers directly. All queries can be made by emailing support@evouchers.com

Lost Property

This is now in a box in the waiting room by the office. It is full of uniform, branded and unbranded that must belong to somebody. Please come and check if you have lost something. The box will be EMPTIED at HALF TERM with everything going **in the bin or to be sold** if it is unclaimed. Please also remind children to bring their lunchboxes home – I had 15 left on the trolley on Wednesday night!

Wishing you a lovely weekend, Ms Kendall-Hobbs

Headteacher

Message From Chef Julie

Welcome back SLP families old and new. What a fantastic start to the new school year and its lovely to see so many children, old and new, enjoying their school lunch. I serve 120 meals a day and it is so lovely to see EYFS have settled in to the dinner hall routine and they are certainly enjoying their lunch.

I would just like to introduce our SLP Catering Team. I am Chef Julie, you've probably already heard my name! and Miss Georgia Ewer, my Catering Assistant. I prepare the main meal, vegetarian option and dessert for the day as well as preparing salad cart, which I have got to say in my 16 years' experience SLP children are the best 'salad bar kids' where I replenish the salad bar every day. Georgia helps me set up the hall. she works alongside the LSAs with the children in the hall and clearing the hall ready for afternoon PE and she does a fantastic job when I am not available to cook.

Weekly menus change every Easter Half Term and October Half term I am pleased to announce that I shall be launching a new Autumn/Winter menu with new items. Watch this space. Again, this year, menus have been awarded the Bronze Pro Veg School Plate award whereby the weekly menus are created around a daily healthy balance of nutrition.

Moving in to the winter months it is nice for the children to have a hot meal as this prepares them for their lunchtime play and also for their afternoon session.

I am fully contactable via the office if you need me. If you are in any doubt, however big or small, we can have a conversation and work a way forward. Throughout my serve to the children, I serve them as an individual. There is no right or wrong way of how children eat as long as they are getting the correct nutrients for their individual ages.

Chef Julie

Stars of the Week



This Week's Winners:

Squirrels – Callie for individuality and Ronnie for respect

Hedgehogs – Max & Tommy for Individuality

Badgers – Esme and Nathaniel for creativity

Foxes – Daisy for respect and David for compassion

Woodpeckers – Mark and Isabella for resilience

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

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

Reception class are looking at 'Growing and Changing,' next week and are asking for donations of any out grown or unwanted babies or dolls. We would also love any unwanted bottles so the children can take care of the babies.

Many thanks Little Owls.

Dinners – We are on Week 1

Week commencing Monday 13th October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Margherita Pizza (V)	*NEW* Homemade Crispy Chicken Kiev(GF)	All Day Breakfast (Bacon and Pork Chipolata)	Mild Korma Chicken Curry	*NEW* Bird's Eye Omega 3 Fish Fingers
BBQ Pizza (v)	*NEW* Quorn Crispy Fillet Kiev(GF V)	*NEW* Breakfast Burrito (ve) (wrap filled tomato, beans & cheese)	Creamy Macaroni Cheese (v)	Fishless Fingers (v)
Pasta (ve) Salad Bar (v)	New Potatoes (ve) Green Beans (ve) Salad Bar (v)	Hash Brown (ve) Scrambled Egg (v) Baked Beans (ve)	Crusty Bread (v) Broccoli (ve) Salad Bar (v)	Oven Baked Chips(v) Peas (ve) Sweetcorn (ve)
Cranberry & Coconut Cookie (v)	Jelly (v)	Fruit Platter (ve)	Flapjack (v)	Fruit Platter (v)

Available daily – Salad Cart, Mixed Yoghurt, Fresh Fruit, and Water

OCTOBER

HALF TERM

ST LUKE'S PARK
WEDNESDAY 29TH OCTOBER

9AM - 3PM

£35 PER CHILD

CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

Silent disco



Football



Essex
**Kids
Camp**

Ofsted

To book, head to our website:
www.essexkidscamp.co.uk



PTFA News

Message from your PTFA Committee

Last year we managed to add **£778 to our PTFA fundraising pot with easyfundraising!** Find out more below...

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising free donations for St Luke's Park PTFA - Essex with easyfundraising? There are over 8,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis & Partners, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.

All you need to do is:

1. Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-lukes-park-ptfa/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to St Luke's Park PTFA - Essex at no extra cost to you whatsoever! There are no catches or hidden charges and St Luke's Park PTFA - Essex will be really grateful for your donations. Thank you for your support.

PLUS now it's even easier to use easyfundraising! In-store donations are now available. Shop in person in participating stores like Tesco, John Lewis and more and you can raise free donations. All you need to do is download the easyfundraising app, add your bank card (it's safe and secure and takes only 1 minute!), then shop in person at participating stores using that card (or Apple/Google pay) and you'll raise free donations! It's as simple as that!

PLUS we'll get a bonus £2 for each new user that installs the easyfundraising app and signs up to St Luke's Park PTFA (make sure you sign up through the app) before 31st October 2025 - and we'll unlock even more bonus donations if we get 10+ new supporters!

In the next few weeks we'll share more info on how to purchase tickets for the Kids Xmas Disco! **Save the date - Friday 12th Dec!**

Don't forget you can follow us on Instagram at [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