



# St Luke's Park Newsletter (05) 17/10/2025

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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

I think we are all very much looking forward to the half term break! Only one week to go and a couple of events planned that we would love to see you at.

### Local Area Walk

We will set off at 2pm for our local area walk. If you would like to walk with us then please wait on the playground in the place that you usually collect your child at the end of the school day and we will lead out class by class to have a look for signs of autumn.

### Harvest Festival

Please send in donations for the food bank (non-perishable items please) on Thursday and then if you are a parent of a child in Yr. R, 1 or 2 we would love to see you on Friday for the Harvest Festival. We will aim for a 9am start.

### Safari Wraparound

You will have received an email today to update you on the change across from Little Nipperz to Safari Childcare for our wraparound offer. Please read this carefully so that you are aware of what you need to do if you are interested in a place at Breakfast or Afterschool Club.

### Community Information

I passed on information to our school community two weeks' ago that there had been a person sighted on the estate behaving in a manner that was seen as unusual. Several people have approached the school to suggest that they know who this person might be and different people have been described to me by parents, who held no concerns about the people they described.

It is quite usual practice to pass on messages of this nature to a school community, especially if these come from a source such as NHS employees. It is for your information only. Behaving in a way that others may consider unusual (and does not harm others) is not a crime.

### Online Safety

Thinking about the above point this week made me reflect on how quickly parents react to a perceived risk out in the community (I say perceived risk for exactly the points above) and yet children are online in their own homes every single day and the way that this risk is perceived seems totally different.

There is a link on 'The Two Johns' Website to an Internet Watch Foundation report on how **children under 6 years old are manipulated online while on phones or devices within the family home**. Do take the time to visit the parent and carer area of the Two Johns website ([esafetytraining.org](https://esafetytraining.org)) and have a look at some of the reports there as the information is truly terrifying and highlights a very real everyday risk to your children. <https://esafetytraining.org/resources/parents-carers-area/>

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend (after you undoubtedly triple check your online security and practices following reading the above report!)

Ms Kendall-Hobbs

**Headteacher**

## Stars of the Week



### This Week's Winners:

Squirrels – Harriet for collaboration and Zack for Creativity

Hedgehogs – Teddy for responsibility and Parker for compassion

Badgers – Esme for resilience and Whitney for responsibility.

Foxes – Mollie for compassion and Archie for responsibility

Woodpeckers – Emmy and Savannah for Creativity

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](mailto: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 -

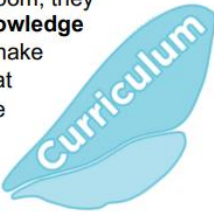



## Dates for your diary

Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Local Area Walk – Parents invited. 2pm start.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	EYFS/KS1 Harvest Festival <b>to Parents</b> 9am in hall.
WB 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	HALF TERM
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Bring in your carved Halloween pumpkins – leave on the outside benches for display. Certificates for super effort.
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	‘Around the World Week’
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need - £1 online donation and optional ‘crazy hair’ for the day.
Nov 27 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS 2026 intake tour 9.30am
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Parents’ Evening and first report page 3.30-6.30
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS 2026 intake tour 9.30am Parents’ Evening and first report page 3.30-6.30
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9am KS1 Nativity to Parents 2.30pm EYFS Christmas show to parents
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9am KS1 Nativity to Parents 2.30pm EYFS Christmas show to parents
Weds 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10am Visiting Pantomime in Hall for Children
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	PTFA Disco 3.15-4.15 KS1 and 4.30-5.30 for KS2
WB 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	No Teacher-led clubs
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Carol concert to parents 4-5pm (KS2 children remain after school for this event)
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of term



At St Luke's Park Primary School, we were very excited at the end of our academic year to have won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Schools in bloom competition run by Meadow Croft Garden Centre. Our school councillors worked incredibly hard, not only to plant all the flowers but to look after and water them regularly.

We noticed how much the flowers attracted the bees, so this year, we are pleased to announce that we have registered with the Bumblebee Conservation Trust to work towards a Bumblebee-friendly Schools award. In order to achieve this award, we have to complete four different criterias, called wings, and we will complete three levels - bronze, silver and gold. We will be creating a new bumblebee friendly garden behind our fabulous oak tree, so watch this space! Miss Feagan

<p><b>Curriculum</b></p> <p>When students learn the <b>value of bumblebees</b> and other pollinators through discussions in the classroom, they <b>gain the knowledge</b> required to make decisions that have positive impacts.</p> 	<p><b>Habitat</b></p> <p>Flowers are a bumblebee's only source of food, but the UK has lost <b>97%</b> of its wildflower meadows in the last century. By planting <b>bumblebee-friendly flowers</b> at your school, you are helping to replace lost habitat.</p> 
<p><b>Monitoring</b></p> <p>Monitoring is a vital part of conservation. If we don't <b>survey bumblebees</b>, it's impossible to know if populations are improving, worsening or staying the same. This wing focuses on <b>gathering more data</b>.</p> 	<p><b>Community</b></p> <p>The actions you take to make your school bumblebee-friendly can apply to your <b>local community</b>. This wing focuses on larger involvement, supporting bumblebees on a wider scale.</p> 

Please look at their website for more information about why bumblebees are in crisis and how we can help. <https://www.bumblebeeconservation.org/>



## Dinners – We are on Week 2

### Week commencing Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pizza Whirl (Puff Pastry Cheese & Tomato) (v)	Beef Lasagna	Local Butcher's Roast Chicken	Homemade Pork Sausage Roll (ve)	Bird's Eye Omega 3 Fish Fingers
Cheesy Pasta (v) (Plain Pasta topped with grated Cheese (v))	Vegetable Lasagna (v)	Herby Quorn Fillet (v)	Pastry Cheese Roll (v)	Fluffy Omelette (v)
New Potato Salad (v) Pasta (ve) Sweetcorn (ve)	Homemade Crusty Bread (v) Broccoli (ve)	Roast Potatoes (ve) Yorkshire Pudding (v) Peas & Carrots (ve) Gravy(GF) (optional)	Mashed Potato (v) Steamed Mixed Veg (ve)	Chips (v) Baked Beans (ve)
Homemade Cookie (v)	Chocolate Oat Cake (v)	Fruit Platter (ve)	Angel Delight (v)	Fruit Platter (ve)

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

(v) Vegetarian

(ve) Vegan

(GF) Gluten Free



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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!

**20th  
October  
2025**



**Where**  
Christ Church  
164 New London Road  
Chelmsford  
CM2 0AW

# OCTOBER

## HALF TERM

ST LUKE'S PARK  
WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://www.essexkidscamp.co.uk)



# PTFA News

## Message from your PTFA Committee

We're super excited to announce our **Christmas Kids Disco on Friday 12th December - are on sale NOW!**

We've got 2 x discos this year and as our school is growing - they will now be kids only. Some of the teaching team will be on hand to supervise along with the PTFA committee.

Tickets are £4 per child and include DJ, music, dancing, games and squash/water! (We'll refill their water bottles). There's an additional ticket fee of .35p per ticket for our ticket platform. There's also an optional donation that you can choose to add if you'd like.

**Disco 1 will be 15:15-16:15 and this is for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 kids ONLY (Little Owls, Squirrels and Hedgehogs).** The children can take a change of clothes to school if they wish! Pick up will be your normal pick up arrangements. Use this link to buy tickets <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FLTX>

**Disco 2 will be 16:45-17:45 and this is for Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 kids ONLY (Badgers, Foxes, Woodpeckers).** Pick up will be your normal pick up arrangements. Use this link to buy tickets <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FLYO>

Huge thanks to **WRAY-TECH SUPPLIES LTD** and **NATIONAL INSULATION SUPPLIERS** for their donation to sponsor this event!

**Ticket sales will close Thursday 11th December**, but we'd appreciate where possible that you purchase as soon as you're able to so that we avoid any last minute admin for us!

At our recent AGM, we were unable to fill our **Communications Officer** role on the PTFA Committee. You'll find more info attached, please reach out if you're interested to find out more.

Thanks as always for your continued support.

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