



St Luke's Park Newsletter (06) 24/10/2025

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

Local Area Walk

Thank you for your understanding this week when we needed to cancel our seasonal walk in the local area. We have been working hard to minimise disruption to children despite having quite a few poorly staff. We will make contact with you if we can find an alternative walk date, and of course give you as much notice as possible.

Harvest Festival

It was wonderful to see so many of you in school supporting the children in EYFS and KS1 for their harvest assembly, and giving so generously to Wickford food bank. Chris and Barbara, who spoke during the assembly, were extremely complimentary about the children's assembly and noted what a lot of support there was in the local area for the work that they do.

Many people need a little extra help at times and the foodbank staff are welcoming and very willing to help.

The Churches of Wickford work together to run this Foodbank; it is based at the Salvation Army providing help to members of our community who live within the SS11 and SS12 postcode areas.

If you are looking to use the Foodbank you will receive a friendly welcome from our team.

Come along to the Salvation Army, Jersey Gardens, Wickford (SS11 7AE) between 10am and 11.30am on a Thursday morning.

Please bring a form of ID containing proof of address to register, if possible.

Further information is here: <https://www.wickfordchurch.org.uk/foodbank>

Wraparound Offer

As I shared last week, we are awaiting confirmation of Safari's Ofsted registration to operate within our building for before and after school club. I hope that those of you who have need of wraparound care have been able to make contact with Safari – please let us know if you have any issues with this.

Attendance

We monitor attendance closely and there are already several children whose attendance is within the 'persistently absent' category. You may be invited in for a meeting to discuss this after the half term, especially in cases where attendance last year was also lower than expected. These meetings are to look for ways to support you so that children can regularly attend and make the most of learning opportunities.

Half Term – Reading Challenge

I do hope you have a wonderful, restful half term. Please, please, please continue to hear your children read so that they continue to consolidate their skills and return ready and raring to go after half term. Please support your local library by calling in to borrow some books – if you snap a picture of your child at the library then please send it in to the admin email address and we will celebrate this in assembly after half term.

Ms Kendall-Hobbs

Headteacher

Stars of the Week



This Week's Winners:

Squirrels – The whole class for collaboration for the wonderful Harvest Festival. Jaxson for Individuality and Zack for respect.

Hedgehogs – The whole class for a wonderful Harvest Festival.

Badgers – George for responsibility and the whole class for individuality

Foxes – Arthur for individuality and Thea for creativity.

Woodpeckers – The whole class for respect.

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

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| 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 EYFS and KS1 4.45-5.45 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 |

Dinners – We are on Week 1

Week commencing Monday 3rd November 2025

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Main | *NEW* Cheesy Bean Pasta Bake (Pasta with a baked bean tomato sauce) (V) | *NEW* Magic Garden Chicken (Breast of chicken in a vegetable soy sauce)(GF) | Baked Pork Sausage Toad (pork chipolata served in yorkshire pudding) | *NEW* Beef Mince and Vegetable in gravy suet pastry topped pie | *NEW* Baked Fishcake |
| Vegetarian | Cheesy Pasta (Grated cheese sprinkled over pasta) (v) | *NEW* Magic Garden Quorn Fillet (Quorn fillet in a vegetable soy sauce) (GF V) | Quorn Sausage Toad (quorn vegan sausage served in Yorkshire pudding)(v) | Quorn Mince and Vegetable in gravy suet pastry topped pie (v) | Vegetable nuggets (v) |
| On the Side | Baguette (v) Diced carrots (ve) Sweetcorn (ve) | Basmati rice (ve) Green Beans (ve) | Roast Potatoes (ve) Mixed vegetables (ve) Gravy (optional) | Mashed Potato (v) Broccoli (ve) | Oven Baked Chips(v) Baked Beans (ve) |
| Dessert | Jam Crumble Slice (v) | Pear & Chocolate sponge with chocolate sauce (v) | Fresh Fruit (ve) | Angel Delight (v) | Fresh Fruit (v) |

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

(v) Vegetarian

(ve) Vegan

(GF) Gluten Free

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



🦷 **Half-Term Reminder for Parents!** 🦷

School holidays are the perfect time to book your child's dental check-up.

Avoid missing school and beat the rush, appointments are filling fast!
Get your free NHS checkup — plus a goody bag

☎️ Call us at 01268 520555 and let us know your school name we will book your appointment



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DENTAL CENTRE

NHS

438 Whitmore Way,
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PTFA News

Message from your PTFA Committee

There's a theme to our update this week!

Our **St Luke's Park Primary PTFA online store** is back and up and running! You can make donations to our PTFA as well as buy items from **our pre-loved clothing shop**. Huge thanks to our member Glenys who works hard behind the scenes organising and washing the clothing for us. Access to our online shop is here st-lukes-park-primary-ptfa.sumupstore.com

We've lots of logo uniform items, with cardigans, jumpers, fleeces, ties, P.E tops and jackets available to buy. But hurry, stock goes quickly! We sell logo items only (exception is yellow summer dresses), so if you have any that are no longer needed - please drop to the school office so we can sell and top up the PTFA pot. Coming soon - pre-loved Christmas jumpers!

We've also organised another **clothing drive** where you can donate clothing items you no longer need and we'll get these collected from the Little Recyclers who pay us **an amount per kilo collected**. Last year we raised £111 so we'd love to beat that. The date of our collection is **Wednesday 5th November**. This time we've made it even easier. Simply fill your bags with unwanted clothing and paired shoes and then **drop off at the playground main gate between 08:15-09:00 on the 3rd/4th/5th November** where a PTFA Committee member will be waiting and will take them to the collection point for you! Or if you email us at stlukesparkptfa@gmail.com - we'll even come to your house (if it's on St Luke's Park) and collect at a more convenient time. Please see the attached for the list of accepted items.

A quick re-cap: **Logo uniform items ONLY drop to the school office** for our pre-loved clothing store, **anything else is for the clothing drive and must be dropped at the playground main gate on the dates and times above.**

Thanks for your continued support!

Dates for your diary:

- 5th November Clothing Drive
- 7th November Bingo at Runwell Sports and Social Club (we top up the PTFA pot with every bingo dabber sold)
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- 12th December Kids Christmas Disco - tickets on sale now!

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