



# St Luke's Park Newsletter (07) 14/11/2025

Liberty Way, Runwell, Essex, SS11 7LH

Tel: 01268 436 050

Headteacher: Ms J. Kendall-Hobbs BA (Hons) PGCE MA (Ed)

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

### **Children In Need**

It has been fantastic to see the amazing hairstyles on show today as we raised money for Children in Need. What creativity we have had on show and all for such a brilliant cause.

### **School Trip**

Year 4 are off on their school trip next week. They will be visiting St Osyth on 20<sup>th</sup> November as part of their Vikings topic.

### **Parents Evening**

Letters will come our next week about booking Parents' Evening slots for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Book Fair**

We will have Traveling Books with us as usual during the parents' evenings for anyone looking for some new reads. We always get a lot of interest in this on the run up to Christmas so do come and have a look at what's available, there are often really good offers on books. Purchasing will be online as usual as cash will not be taken.

### **Class Dojo**

Please use the messenger on Class Dojo for brief messages only and not for passing on information about medical need/pick ups etc which should go to this office. Teachers are busy teaching the children during the day and may not pick up or respond to messages during teaching hours.

Do remember that the person reading your message is likely to be preparing to teach thirty children. Please consider if your message is really necessary before sending.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Ms Kendall-Hobbs

**Headteacher**

## Stars of the Week



### This Week's Winners:

Little Owls – Aria for compassion and Lexi for Responsibility

Squirrels – Zack for individuality and Albie for compassion

Hedgehogs – Nellie and Courtney for Responsibility

Badgers – Ella for Responsibility and Hugo for compassion

Foxes – Avia for respect and Sofia for Responsibility

Woodpeckers – Alyssa for Respect and Jackson for Courage

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

Nov 20th	Yr 4 to St Osyth Viking topic trip
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 EYFS and KS1 4.45-5.45 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
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2026	DEADLINE for applying for a school Reception place at St Lukes Primary School for September 2026. <a href="http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions">www.essex.gov.uk/admissions</a> .

### **Parent Tours – Reception Class September 2026**

Please contact the office to book a tour if your child starts school in September 2026.

**Please note that we are running parent tours on the following dates:**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Please read the following information regarding applying for a place through Essex County Council at St Luke's Park.

### **Reception admissions for academic year starting in September 2026**

Primary school (Reception class) admission opened on **Monday 10 November 2025**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2026.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2026**.

**PLEASE APPLY BY THIS DATE EVEN IF YOU ALREADY HAVE A CHILD AT THE SCHOOL**

Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

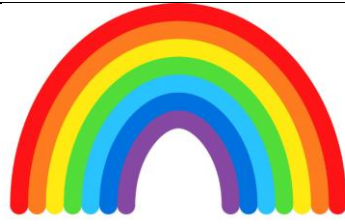
All of the application information is available on the website above.

The website [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions) also has a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2026-27 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories contain details of all admission policies.



**Thank you so much to everyone who helped support the Poppy Appeal 2025.**

**We will let you know how much we have raised when we hear back from the Poppy Appeal collectors.**



We are looking for some kind donations for our Rainbow Room. If you have any of the following toys / items that you no longer need please consider donating them:

- Light up toys
- Fine motor skill / Cause and effect toys
- Magnetic tiles
- Duplo
- Shape Sorting Toys
- Play Dough and tools
- Kinetic Sand
- Puzzles

We would be extremely grateful. Thank you.

## Dinners – We are on Week 3

Week commencing Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main</b>	Pizza Whirl (Puff Pastry whirl with tomato and cheese filling) (v)	<b>*NEW*</b> Creamy Carbonara (Pasta in white sauce mixed with chopped ham)	Local Butcher's Roast Chicken	<b>NEW</b> Beef Tortilla Chip Pie (mild Beef chili con carne sprinkled with cheese and tortilla crisps)	Bird's Eye Omega 3 Fish Fingers(GF)
<b>Vegetarian</b>	Cheesy Pasta (Plain pasta topped with grated cheese) (v)	Macaroni Cheese (v)	Herby Quorn Fillet (ve)	Quorn Mince Tortilla Chip Pie (Quorn mince sprinkled with tortilla crisps)(v)	Boston Bean Burger (v)
<b>On the Side</b>	½ jacket potato (ve) Baked Beans (ve)	Baguette (ve) Broccoli (ve)	Roast Potatoes (v) Yorkshire pudding Peas (ve) Carrots (ve) Gravy (optional)	Sunshine Rice (ve) Green Beans (ve)	<b>NEW</b> Sweet Potato Fries (v) Baked Beans (ve)
<b>Dessert</b>	Yoghurt (v)	Chocolate Crispie Cake (v)	Fruit Platter (v)	Flapjack(v)	Fruit Platter (ve)

Available daily – Salad Cart, Mixed Yoghurt, Fresh Fruit and Water  
(v) Vegetarian (ve) Vegan, (GF) Gluten Free

# PTFA News

## Message from your PTFA Committee

On Thursday it was **Donation Day for easyfundraising** - they pay our donations quarterly, and we received **£100.61!** Huge thanks to everyone that uses easyfundraising - we have 69 people signed up. we'd love more to join as it really is a free way to help boost funds to our PTFA pot. So far since we started to use easyfundraising - we've raised **£1812.32** and it's been used over **1300** times by our supporters! So if you're going to be shopping over this Black Friday sales period, please sign up and use easyfundraising - we really appreciate it. **It doesn't cost you any more** than your usual online shop and there's over **8,000 brands** that it's available on.

We're right in the final mix of organising all of our **Christmas activity**. Coming up we have the **in-school Panto visit** on Thursday 11th December which was **funded by the PTFA**, the **Xmas Disco** (almost 100 tickets sold!) on Friday 12th December and we also have an extra **surprise** visitor for the kids - **Giggles the elf** - on the 12th December in the morning! We're trying to keep this is a surprise but we want our adult community to know what's been arranged. There's lots of fun in store and it's the fundraising efforts that help to add these extra special touches throughout the year - **thank you for your support**.

To help boost the PTFA fundraising pot - we've also got a chance to **win a hamper for just £2 per entry** - it currently has over **£150 worth of goodies** in it! And for the kids we have **'guess the name of the elf' for just £1 per entry** for a chance to win a **GIANT plush elf standing at a cuddly 1.2m!** These will be available from Monday 24th November and we'll share how you can enter shortly.

A reminder for those that still need to buy their **Kids Xmas Disco tickets for Friday 12th December**.

- **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)**. No grown-ups this year. The children will go straight from class, so no need to pick up until the disco has ended. The children can take a change of clothes to school if they wish! 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)**. No grown-ups this year. 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!

We managed to add **£10 to the pot** last week at the **Runwell Sports and Social Club Bingo evening** from pen sales - come and join the fun next month! Date TBC but we'll share it in advance!

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

# Give Back ~~Black~~ Friday...

## Raise funds for us for FREE

with  easyfundraising

Join as our supporter today at:

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause)

Just search for:

St Luke's Park Primary PTFA



8,000+ retailers will donate to us whenever you shop with them



TESCO

JOHN  
LEWIS

ebay

 JUST EAT



Plus, you'll get...



Exclusive retailer offers



Competitions



A warm feeling inside!

Over  
**£60m**  
raised for UK good causes

**£0**  
extra cost to anyone



# HILLTOP JUNIOR SCHOOL WICKFORD CHRISTMAS CLUB



**MON 22ND DEC**  
Football  
  
Table Tennis  
  
Dance/Acting Games

**TUES 23RD DEC**  
Christmas Party  
  
Christmas Crafts  
  
GAMING BUS

**MON 29TH DEC**  
NERF Wars  
  
Zorb Battles  
  
Gymnastics

**TUES 30TH DEC**  
Apparatus  
Football  
  
Party Games  
  
FUN BUS



TO BOOK: <https://parallel-sports-coaching.class4kids.co.uk>



## FREE Warm Winter Clothes for Families



Come along to our FREE event giving clothing a new life and **reducing carbon footprint.**

### Northlands Park Family Hub

Davenants, Basildon, Essex  
SS13 1QX



**Saturday 15th November  
11:00- 13:00**

For more information or support please call us on  
**0300 247 0013**

**Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service**

Service commissioned by:

