



# St Luke's Park Newsletter (09) 21/11/2025

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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

It's very cold all of a sudden. I am enjoying the rather snazzy hats, scarves and gloves on show!

### School Trip

Year 4 had a brilliant time on their trip this week to learn about the Vikings. To see everyone coming back with such big smiles (despite the cold!) was lovely.

### Parents Evening

Please remember to book your parents' evening slot for 1<sup>st</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> December via the Arbor App.

The book fair will be open during these evenings as usual, with payments taken online only. School Wi-fi code will be displayed so that you can do this.

### INSET dates

The dates for INSET next year will be approved at the local governing body meeting on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November. After this point, I will share these with you.

### Attendance (and INSET days)

Please be aware that if there are term time holidays taken either side of INSET days, these days can be considered as part of that holiday and the penalty fine applied. For example, if a family chooses to take Mon/Tues/Weds as an unauthorised holiday in term time immediately followed by Thurs/Fri INSET sessions then this would be submitted as five consecutive days missed and a penalty applied (or steps towards a prosecution if penalties have been issued in the past).

Please do not book holidays in term time.

### Reading at Home

## Are you reading at home with your child on a daily basis?

Those pupils who practise at home regularly out-perform those who do not when they are in school.

We do our very best with the children for the six hours that we have them within our school. For the other 18 hours, it's over to you.

Positive routines around sleep, healthy eating, exercise and skills practise at home all contribute to wellbeing and positive mental health which impacts on children's abilities to focus and their resilience within school.

If you need support, then please speak to us and we can signpost agencies to support you.

### Online Safety

The 2 Johns will be back on **Thursday 11 December, 8.00pm** with one of their popular online sessions open to parents in Essex. This is your chance to hear the latest insights, tips, and must-know updates to help keep children safe online — just in time for the holiday season. Save the date and register now by scanning the QR code via [this link](#)

Further information and links available on [ESCB - Online Safety](#)

Have a lovely weekend and please remember to dig out those warm coats and hats for next week as playtime can be rather chilly at this time of year.

Ms Kendall-Hobbs

## Stars of the Week



### This Week's Winners:

Little Owls – Latham for creativity & Nate for resilience

Squirrels – Aurora for collaboration & Aaliyah for respect

Hedgehogs – Roman for respect & Isabella for individuality

Badgers – Faizah for creativity & the whole class for resilience

Foxes – Whole class for respect on their trip

Woodpeckers – Mia & Iyla for respect

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](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

Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	6pm Parents evening system goes live on ARBOR
Nov 27 <sup>th</sup> November	EYFS 2026 intake tour 9.30am
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Parents' Evening and first report page 3.30-6.30
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS 2026 intake tour 9.30am Parents' Evening and first report page 3.30-6.30
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> December	9am KS1 Nativity to Parents 2.30pm EYFS Christmas show to parents
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	9am KS1 Nativity to Parents 2.30pm EYFS Christmas show to parents
Weds 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	10am Visiting Pantomime in Hall for Children kindly funded by the PTFA 8pm The 2 Johns online parent safety session register now by scanning the QR code via <a href="#">this link</a>
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	PTFA Disco 3.15-4.15 EYFS and KS1 4.45-5.45 for KS2
WB 15 <sup>th</sup> December	No Teacher-led clubs
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol concert to parents 4-5pm (KS2 children remain after school for this event)
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	EYFS 2026 intake tour 9.30am
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 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).

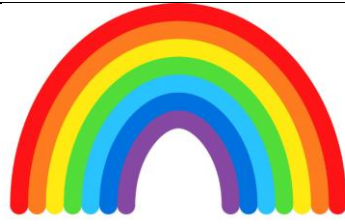
All of the application information is available on the website above.

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  
raise money for Children in Need 2025.**

**We raised a huge £142.50!!**



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.

#### **Year 4 Trip to St Osyth Viking Education Centre Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

“On Thursday, Year 4 went on a school trip to St Osyth Priory. Firstly we went on an hour coach journey. Then we went on a little walk to put our bags down and have a snack. After we ate, we went on a scavenger hunt to make a picture of a white deer. Then we went into a cool forest with vines to get to the next destination to do a letter hunt, then made a bookmark with our names in Viking letters. After we did that, we went on a tractor with binoculars and we saw deer and a bull. It was very fun. After we went on the tractor ride, we went back to our bags and ate our lunch. Then we learnt about the Vikings, then took a picture. Lastly, we rolled down a hill, then left!”

By Henry, Foxes Class.

Photos of our Year 4 children on their school trip



## Dinners – We are on Week 1

Week commencing Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main</b>	<b>*NEW*</b> Cheesy Bean Pasta Bake (Pasta with a baked bean tomato sauce) (V)	<b>*NEW*</b> Magic Garden Chicken (Breast of chicken in a vegetable soy sauce)(GF)	Baked Pork Sausage Toad ( pork chipolata served in yorkshire pudding)	<b>*NEW*</b> Beef Mince and Vegetable in gravy suet pastry topped pie	<b>*NEW*</b> Baked Fishcake
<b>Vegetarian</b>	Cheesy Pasta (Grated cheese sprinkled over pasta) (v)	<b>*NEW*</b> 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)
<b>On the Side</b>	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)
<b>Dessert</b>	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

# PTFA News

## Update from your PTFA Committee

To help boost the PTFA fundraising pot - we've got two competitions starting next week....

For the grown-ups we have - **win a hamper for just £2 per entry**. It's packed full of goodies including a **£50 Felix Seafood Grill Billericay voucher**, a **£50 Smyths Toys Voucher**, **£40 worth of vouchers for Young & Co's Brewery**, 1 x bottle of prosecco, red and white Wine + loads of smaller treats including candles, a Christmas pudding, some Scentsy treats and more! **There's only 100 entries available so don't miss out**. Huge thanks to **Bond Lovis Insurance Brokers** for the Felix and Smyths vouchers! The PTFA Committee will be at the playground gate Mondays, Tuesdays + Friday school drop off (08:30) and Monday, Wednesday and Friday pick up (15:00) starting Tuesday 25th November. Please bring cash - exact change please (£2 per entry)

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**. For this one, we have 100 names to choose from - please see attached poster (first come, first served basis!) The PTFA Committee will be at the playground gate Mondays, Tuesdays + Friday school drop off (08:30) and Monday, Wednesday and Friday pick up (15:00) starting Tuesday 25th November. Please bring cash - exact change please (£1 per entry)

These smaller fundraising initiatives **really make a difference** - we'd love to add more money to the PTFA pot. THANK YOU in advance for your support :) **Prize draw will be on the 17th December**.

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>
- 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!

Don't forget if you're online shopping over the **Black Friday** sales period - **please use easyfundraising!**

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

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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



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A warm feeling inside!

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

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# Essex Fire Museum Open Days

2025



Sunday 23rd Of November

10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays  
RM17 5QS



**Book Now** ➤



Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

The museum is free entry (but visits are by appointment only as we are on the site of an operational fire station). Suggested last admissions are 2.30pm  
If families are interested, could they please make a booking via Eventbrite:

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/essex-fire-museum-open-day-tickets-1555497497889?aff=oddtcreator>

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# SPACE

## **SPACE offers free support to families of children and young people with SEND.**

Delivered by peer educators – all parents and carers with lived experience.

### **Get support your way:**

-  **in person** – meet us at Local Offer roadshows, coffee mornings, and community events
-  **by phone** – talk one-to-one with a peer educator
-  **online** – join webinars on key topics, led by peer educators
-  **on the SPACE website** – find helpful info and guidance anytime



Book your place for an online session, or a phone call today!

[parent-send-support.essex.gov.uk](http://parent-send-support.essex.gov.uk)



# 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>