



St Luke's Park Newsletter (10) 28/11/2025

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

We are very nearly into December so I know a lot of you will be putting up Christmas trees this weekend. Our lovely PTFA team are helping us to 'Christmas-ify' this afternoon so we will have trees up and we will be getting into the Christmas spirit.

Children have been practising for their Christmas shows which are coming up over the next few weeks. Letters will come out for you to sign up for tickets for your preferred performances. As we did last year, we will be asking for donations as we seek to raise funds to boost our indoor and outdoor play equipment for children to enjoy at break and lunch times.

Well Done Year 5

I think I was the proudest person on the planet on Thursday this week as our year five pupils did an amazing job guiding groups of prospective parents around our school. Not only did lots of the parents on the tour come over to tell me how impressed they were at the children's confidence and pride in their school, I also had support staff comment on how amazingly well that children communicated our values of compassion and respect through what they said. Well done year 5!

INSETS 2026-27 (Note this is NEXT academic year)

Pending approval from the Trust board it is anticipated that we will align with the term dates set by Essex for 2025-6.

The following INSET dates were agreed by the local governing body last week:

1st and 2nd September 2026

2nd October 2026

4th January 2027

25th March 2027

Clubs

A letter about clubs for the spring term will come out to you next week. This will be on paper so please check book bags.

Uniform

As the layers go on and off the number of lost gloves, hats, jumpers and coats is on the rise again. If your child's items are not yet named then please do this so that we can re-unite items with their owners.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Ms Kendall-Hobbs

Headteacher

Stars of the Week



This Week's Winners:

Little Owls – Thomas & Noah for Responsibility & Ella for Respect

Squirrels – Arkie for individuality & Aaliyah for Collaboration

Hedgehogs – Courtney & Ivy S for Collaboration

Badgers – Jordan for Individuality & Charlie for Creativity

Foxes – Emmanuel & Isabella for Creativity

Woodpeckers – Freya for Resilience & Amelie for Individuality

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

Mon 1 st December	Parents' Evening and first report page 3.30-6.30
Thurs 4 th December	EYFS 2026 intake tour 9.30am Parents' Evening and first report page 3.30-6.30
Mon 8 th December	9am KS1 Nativity to Parents 2.30pm EYFS Christmas show to parents
Tuesday 9 th December	9am KS1 Nativity to Parents 2.30pm EYFS Christmas show to parents
Weds 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 11 th 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 this link
Friday 12 th December	PTFA Disco 3.15-4.15 EYFS and KS1 4.45-5.45 for KS2
WB 15 th December	No Teacher-led clubs
Weds 17 th December	KS2 Carol concert to parents 4-5pm (KS2 children remain after school for this event)
Fri 19 th December	Last day of term
Thursday 8 th January 2026	EYFS 2026 intake tour 9.30am
Thursday 15 th January 2026	DEADLINE for applying for a school Reception place at St Lukes Primary School for September 2026. www.essex.gov.uk/admissions .

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 27th November 2025

Thursday 4th December 2025

Thursday 8th 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.

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

The website 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.

Dinners – We are on Week 2

Week commencing Monday 1st December 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Margherita Pizza (v)	*NEW* Homemade Chicken Fajita (Chicken in mild tomato sauce with onion and peppers served in a wrap)	Local Butcher's Roast Gammon	Pasta Beef Bolognese	Bird's Eye Omega 3 Fish Fingers
Veg	BBQ Pizza (v)	Quorn Fajita (Quorn pieces in mild tomato sauce with onion and peppers served in a wrap)(v)	Herby Quorn Fillet (ve)	Cheese & Leek Pasta (v)	Crispy Quorn Dippers (v)
On the Side	Pasta (ve) Sweetcorn (ve)	Basmati rice (v) Broccoli (ve)	Roast Potatoes (ve) Yorkshire Pudding (v) Peas & Carrots (ve) Gravy(GF) (optional)	Pasta (v) Sweetcorn & Peppers (ve) Garlic bread (ve)	Chips (v) Baked Beans (ve)
Dessert	Homemade Apple Crumble and Custard (v)	Shortbread (v)	Fresh Fruit (ve)	Homemade Sponge (v)	Fruit Platter (ve)

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

PTFA News

Update from your PTFA Committee

It's the **Black Friday** sales period - please use **easyfundraising** when making any online purchases. Sign up at [easyfundraising.co.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.co.uk) and search for St Luke's Park Primary PTFA under causes. This month alone we've raised **£189** for the PTFA pot from users who have signed up (and it didn't cost them a single penny extra!!).

Some PTFA Committee news! We've welcomed **Samantha Stanbridge** (Mum to Olivia in Squirrels) to the Committee as **Communications Officer**. We're now a team of 8 which really helps with our fundraising efforts as there's a lot going on behind the scenes. Welcome to the team Samantha!

HUGE thanks to those who have already taken part in our **Win The Hamper & Guess The Name Of The Elf** competitions. We're already sold over 50% of the entries and have raised over **£120 for the PTFA pot**. There's still a chance to take part, we'll be taking entries outside the school playground Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays - and a few ad-hoc days inbetween! **£2 per hamper entry, £1 for the elf competition**. We'll take card if we're able to (mobile signal dependant), so bring cash if you can! Winner announced 17th December.

Last chance for Disco tickets! A reminder for those that still need to buy 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/FLTXX>
- **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!

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, Samantha, Elizabeth, Ashlee and Kayleigh

Give Back ~~Black~~ Friday...

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St Luke's Park Primary PTFA



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Essex Fire Museum Open Days



2025



Sunday 14th Of December
10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS



Book Now >



Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk



Sunday 14th December 2025:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/essex-fire-museum-open-day-tickets-1555501469769?aff=oddtcreator>

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:



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-  **on the SPACE website** – find helpful info and guidance anytime



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

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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



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