



St Luke's Park Newsletter (11) 05/12/2025

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

SEN Local Offer

Parents and carers are often the first people to notice their child needs help. This might be about many things, including behaviour, speech and language, eating, toileting. There might be more than one area you're looking for help with. The link below takes you to a platform where services can be accessed in Essex:

<https://send.essex.gov.uk/i-think-my-child-needs-help>

Christmas Productions

You will have received your letters to book tickets for the Christmas performances coming up over the next two weeks. The office team are keeping a list of these requested seats and you will be required to sign in on the day.

Please do not arrive with additional guests as all seats must be pre-booked.

Christmas Pantomime

This is in school on Thursday morning for children. We are really excited for our first visiting Panto and a big thank you goes to the PTFA for funding and organising this treat for the children. (See PTFA update later in this newsletter for other Christmas event details...some of which are secret!)

Christmas Disco

This is coming up on Friday next week (12th). Children in yrR,1 and 2 can bring a change of clothes to school with them in the morning and change in classes at the end of the day. (Nothing too complicated please – remember that the teacher only has one pair of hands!) For details, and timings, see the PTFA update later in this newsletter.

Mrs Tyler's Doodle Club will still run as usual on this evening for those who are not attending the disco.

Parents' Evening Thanks

A big 'Thank You' this week to our fantastic staff team who have been working hard to get reports ready to share with you at parents evening. I know from the lovely conversations with parents that I had on the door that this is really appreciated.

Thank you also for all of your kind comments about our school – I am so glad to know that pupils and parents are feeling happy, safe and supported. Parental support really makes so much of a positive difference to pupils' experiences at school.

Goodbyes

We are very sad to say farewell to Mrs Green today. Mrs Green has worked with us for over two years as a one-to-one LSA and has been such an important part of our team. We wish her all the best for her next role and will miss her very much.

Clubs

Letters have come out today with our teacher-led club offer for spring term. Please return these **asap**, by 16th Dec at the latest.

Wishing you a lovely weekend, Ms Kendall-Hobbs

Stars of the Week



This Week's Winners:

Little Owls – Olivia & Luca for Courage

Squirrels – Jackson & Olivia B for Collaboration

Hedgehogs – Harry & Holland for Courage,
Florence for Collaboration & Penelope P for
Respect

Badgers – Jimmy for Collaboration Paige for
Resilience

Foxes – Carter for Compassion & Connor for
Resilience

Woodpeckers – Oakley & Poppy for Resilience

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 and Spring Term - Dates for your diary

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 15th 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
Monday 5 th January 2026	Teacher-led clubs start
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 .
Wb 19 th Jan	DT week – Mrs Tyler is coordinating this in-school event
2 nd March	World Book Day Dress up – Please come in dressed as a character from a book
Wb 2 nd March	'Readathon Week' Classes compete to see which class can get the most reading stars for the number of times they have read in a week. PTFA supported event.
10 th March	'Wonder woman' Mothers' Day sale for children. Bring in £ to purchase small gifts for the important woman in your life. PTFA event

18 th March	Poetry recital to parents, year 3 and 5 only . Two shows, 9am and 2.30pm in the hall. Ticketed event.
20 th March	KS1 and EYFS poetry recital to parents. Two shows, 9am and 2.30pm in the hall. Ticketed event.
Wb 23rd March	No teacher-led clubs due to parents' evening
23 rd March	Year 4 show to parents 9am in hall
23 rd March	Parents' evening 3.30-6.30
26 th March	Year 4 show to parents 9am in hall
26 th March	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30
27 th March	PTFA Easter egg hunt

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 our last parent tour on the following date:

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 – Jingle Week

Chef Julie has created another wonderful ‘Jingle Week’ again this year – themed around some Christmas classics

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Elf ‘Hold the Syrup’ Pasta Beef Bolognais e	Aladdin’s Magical Flying Pepperoni Pizza	Christmas Lunch Roast Chicken Pork Chipolata	<i>Christmas Party theme</i> Ham/Pepperoni Hot pork sausage roll	The 3 Kings Golden Fish Fingers
Veg	Home Alone – Kevin’s Cheesy Pasta	Widow Twankey’s Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Roasted Quorn Fillet	Cheese slice baguette	Golden Quorn Dippers
On the Side	Grinch Greens (Broccoli) Polar Loaf (Baguette)	Peter Pan’s Favourite Potatoes Magical Baked Beans	Roast Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding Peas & Carrots Gravy (optional)	Tortilla Crisps Salad Cart	Chips Baked Beans
Dessert	Jingle all the Way Chocolate Sponge	Mother Goose’s Fruit Basket	Vanilla Ice Cream Pot	Fresh Fruit Apple Juice	Arctic Roll

PTFA News

Update from your PTFA Committee

It's been a busy few weeks for the PTFA Committee - there's lots coming up! First up, we have the 'in school' Panto on Thursday (11th). We were delighted to be able to fully fund this as the PTFA (oh no we didn't, oh yes we did!). We hope the kids love it and have a fab time!

Next up, we have an extra special surprise visit from Giggles the Elf on Friday morning (12th). Giggles will be visiting each class and bringing gifts for the classroom. Again, this has been fully funded from the PTFA fundraising pot. Sssshhhh this one's a secret for the kids!

Lastly, we have the Kids Xmas Disco on Friday after school (12th). So far 122 kids have grabbed a ticket. There's still time to buy - you have until next Thursday but please be quick to avoid disappointment and to allow our volunteer committee members to organise the final bits with the school.

Disco 1 will be 15:15-16:15 and this is for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 kids ONLY. 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! Tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FLTX>

Doodle club will still run for those not attending or older children not attending the early disco

Disco 2 will be 16:45-17:45 and this is for Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 kids ONLY. Tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FLYO>

There's also a handful of entries left for the chance to win a giant plush elf £1 per entry and a hamper packed with goodies £2 per entry. Find the team in the playground/outside the gates on select days to enter. Prize draw 17th December.

Finally a big thanks to Kirsty, Kayleigh, Sam, Laura, Sarah-Jane, Sophie and Sam who have volunteered their time to help Chef Julie on Wednesday for the Xmas Dinner.

Don't forget to follow us on Instagram

https://www.instagram.com/st_lukes_park_primary_ptfa?igsh=bHBleHZubDJ1ejYw
and Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1DuiEYkUY8/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

Your 25/26 Committee - Liz, Kirsty, Nicola, Claudia, Samantha, 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

Just search for:

St Luke's Park Primary PTFA



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



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Competitions



A warm feeling inside!

Over
£60m
raised for UK good causes

£0
extra cost to anyone

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:



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>