



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

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

We have enjoyed a lovely 'Jingle Week' this week with the KS1 and EYFS Christmas shows, themed meals, Christmas jumpers and pantomime fun! Next week we have our KS2 carol concert to really put us all in the Christmas spirit.

If you haven't had a chance yet, please do make a donation for the Christmas performances that took place this week. All contributions will go towards some playground equipment for the children.

To make a donation please go to the school shop on Arbor and click on the Christmas donation button to make a contribution.

Teacher-led Clubs

A reminder that there are no teacher-led clubs next week.

Club spaces for next term will come out to you by the middle of next week.

Christmas Dinner

A huge thank you this week to our amazing kitchen team, Chef Julie and Georgia, who did an incredible job catering the Christmas dinner this year. Thank you also to our brilliant PTFA team who made the hall look so lovely and provided waitress service. As one of the children said to me, 'I could get used to this!' (I'm not going to break that one to our lunchtime team)

Christmas Pantomime

The children had a brilliant time on Thursday enjoying the visiting pantomime. The story was The Wizard of Oz and the hall was filled with laughter and excitement as children enjoyed the show. Thank you to our PTFA for funding this brilliant event.

Goodbyes

Mrs Smith leaves us at the end of next week, following her securing a position closer to home. We will really miss her warmth and kindness and thank her for all of her hard work with us.

Wishing you a lovely weekend, Ms Kendall-Hobbs

Headteacher

Stars of the Week



This Week's Winners:

Little Owls – Oliver and Aria Rose for collaboration and Kaitlyn for resilience

Squirrels – Ronnie for collaboration and Betsy for respect

Hedgehogs – Teddy K and Lily for responsibility

Badgers – Elliot and Jack for compassion

Foxes – Joe for respect and Isaac for resilience

Woodpeckers – Macy and Savannah for courage

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

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 – Week 1

Week commencing 15th December

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	*NEW* Tomato Pasta (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

Please note we will be week 1 for dinners
on the first week of January 2026

PTFA News

Update from your PTFA Committee

It's been a busy week for the children - and the PTFA Committee - we hope everybody is enjoying the festivities.

On Wednesday, the children enjoyed a scrumptious Christmas lunch served by the fabulous Chef Julie! They all looked fantastic in their Christmas jumpers, and the PTFA and parent volunteers enjoyed helping out in the lunch hall.

On Thursday, we welcomed 'panto in a day' for a performance of the Wizard of Oz in our very own school hall. We were delighted to be able to fund this as the PTFA (oh no we didn't, oh yes we did!). We hope all of the kids loved it!

This morning, the children received an extra special surprise visit from Giggles the Elf. Giggles visited each class to give a gift to the classroom from the PTFA fundraising pot. This wouldn't be possible without all of your support.

After school today, we have the Kids Xmas Disco. Please check your emails for important information regarding drop off and pick up. We hope everybody has a great time!

And the festive fun doesn't stop here! There's still time to bag a Christmas jumper in our pre-loved store <https://st-lukes-park-primary-ptfa.sumupstore.com/page/pre-loved-uniform-shop>

We will be announcing the winning 'Elf Name' and Christmas Hamper 'Number' LIVE on Facebook on 17th December. Details to follow!

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=wwXifr>

Your 25/26 Committee - Liz, Kirsty, Nicola, Claudia, Samantha, Elizabeth, Ashlee and Kayleigh

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>