



St Luke's Park Newsletter (13) 19/12/2025

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

Teacher-led Clubs

Apologies for the delay in returning reply slips for teacher-led clubs. We have had a high level of staff illness this week and not been able to complete this. We will let you know in the first week back and begin teacher-led clubs in the second week of term beginning January 12th. Apologies again for this.

External Clubs

Please continue to book external clubs directly with the providers. Details available on our website as always.

In addition to the regular clubs we have on offer, ST Tuition will be offering small group tutoring in the school from January to KS2 children. If this is of interest, please make contact with Simon, via the number on their flier.

Elf Visit and Christmas Disco Last week

The children enjoyed a magical visit from a life-sized elf last week, courtesy of the PTFA. The elf distributed PTFA-funded gifts to each class such as reading books, craft kits and toys and games. We were so impressed with our character visit and all of the children enjoyed interacting with the elf, who managed to convey such a lot without saying a word. A magical, and highly accessible, Christmas treat. Thank you PTFA!

We had our very first 'children's only' disco this year and I have to say, it was probably the nicest children's disco I've ever been a part of! A big 'Thank You' to the PTFA team for organising, Mrs Tyler for being our PTFA liaison and ensuring the logistics worked and all the staff who gave their time to support (and dance!).

The DJ commented as he left that children at St Luke's Park are always very polite and it was great to see the way that all children were encouraged to join in throughout each age group's session.

School Lunches

Chef Julie does know her customers well and has made couple of adjustments to the menu for January. *Please see her message at the back of the newsletter for details.* As always, children will choose their lunches in the morning at registration.

Lost Property

For safeguarding and security reasons, please **do not attempt to enter the school building at the end of the day**. Staff are ensuring that pupils are dismissed safely and it is important that we know who is on site at all times. When children have gone home, teachers are marking or prepping for their lessons the next day – or running a club for the children. **Please do not send children back in or ask staff to assist with finding drinks bottles etc which are fine to leave until the next day and can be refilled at school.**

If you are looking for lost property, this is in the waiting room area by the front office. Unnamed items will be disposed of at the end of the term. Please check if you are missing anything.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Ms Kendall-Hobbs

Headteacher

Stars of the Week



This Week's Winners:

Little Owls – Millie for perseverance Walter for Creativity

Squirrels – Chase and Olivia L for Collaboration

Hedgehogs – Whole Class for Resilience

Badgers – Whole class for Collaboration

Foxes – Whole class for Courage

Woodpeckers – Whole class 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

Thursday 8 th January 2026	EYFS 2026 intake tour 9.30am
Monday 12 th January 2026	Teacher-led clubs start (one week later than advertised)
Thursday 15 th January 2026	DEADLINE for applying for a school Reception place at St Luke's Park Primary School for September 2026. You MUST apply on time – please remember to do this if your child has a sibling due to start reception in Sept 2026. Late applications are unlikely to get a place. www.essex.gov.uk/admissions .
Wb 19 th Jan	DT week – Mrs Tyler is coordinating this in-school event 20 th Jan special assembly linked to DT week (children only)
10 th February	Year 3 to Colchester Castle – Romans Topic
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.

A message from Chef Julie.

Phew! Where did this term go! Lots has been going on in the school community, Jingle Week menu, a **big thank you** to all the Parent Helpers who gave up their own time to come in and not only decorate the hall, serve and clear, Panto visits and of course Giggles the Elf who I must say made my Friday.

I have made a few adjustments to the menu starting January 2026 as follows:

Week One

Monday – Main now tomato pasta

Tuesday – Vegetarian now Quorn pieces in a tomato based sauce with Chinese five spice

Friday – Main now Omega 3 Bird's Eye Fish Fingers

Week Two

No change

Week Three

Friday – Vegetarian now vegetable burger

On the side – McCain Chips

Please can I remind you all should your child be out of school at an appointment at morning registration and misses the dinner register can you please call in or email and advise their dinner option should they be choosing school dinners.

If after 10:00am, this will be too late to add to that day's meal numbers and you will need to send your child in with a packed lunch.

Have a fabulous Christmas and New Year.

Chef Julie Willis

Julie Willis

Dinners – Week 1

Week commencing 5th January 2026

	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* Omega 3 Bird's Eye Fish Fingers
Vegetarian	Cheesy Pasta (Grated cheese sprinkled over pasta) (v)	*NEW* Vegetarian now Quorn pieces in a tomato based sauce with Chinese five spice) (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



ST TUITION



THURSDAY AFTERSCHOOL

Get ahead for SATs and build confidence and enjoyment with ST Tuition. Small group sessions with personalised learning.

SESSIONS AVAILABLE

- English - Years 3 and 4
3:15pm - 4:15pm
- English - Year 5
4:20pm - 5:20pm
- Maths - Year 5
5:25pm - 6:25pm

**STARTING
8TH JANUARY**

**£20 PER CHILD
PER SESSION**

*Sibling and multiple
booking discount
available.*

Taught by a qualified teacher.

Contact Simon on:

07969 346597



Crafty Katie

St Lukes Primary School

CRAFT CLUB

Fun weekly themed crafts and activities often to include Sand art, wooden crafts, foam crafts, sequins, modelling, brick build, and more
Club runs straight from class and finishes at 4.15pm. Collection is from the main school entrance

Tuesdays for all year groups

Tuesday 6th January to Tuesday 10th February
6 week half term

Cost is £36 for the half term

You can join mid term if spaces are available.

To book: Text or call Katie on 07929 044959



Wood, fabric, sand and more!

Crafty
Katie

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PTFA News

Update from your PTFA Committee

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



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>