



## Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

I hope you have all been enjoying the funky Friday music on the morning gate since the start of term - Mrs Caldwell has put together a great playlist to boost the energy levels for the end of the week!

### **School Uniform**

Please support us to look our best by checking that your child is in school wearing correct uniform. Details of the SLP uniform are available here: <https://www.stlukesparkprimary.com/school-uniform>.

There are some key aspects to particularly note:

Earrings if worn should be small plain studs, not fashion earrings please. Children must be able to remove these for PE. Children will be asked to remove larger earrings as these are not part of the uniform.

PE kit should include plain, unbranded joggers or leggings and plain trainers please.

Book bags are large enough for a reading book and homework book - please bring items to school in a school book bag and not a back pack. Our cloakroom areas are inside the classroom and backpacks simply do not fit on the row of pegs which causes coats and bags to fall.

Finally, please name everything - a biro on the laundry tag is absolutely fine and will allow items to be returned to their owners.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Ms Kendall-Hobbs

**Headteacher**

# 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.

## Stars of the Week



### This Week's Winners:

Little Owls – Clara and Miles for resilience

Squirrels – Joshua for resilience and Hallie for respect

Hedgehogs – Tommy for resilience and Penelope for courage

Badgers – Erin for compassion and Max for respect

Foxes – Laya for resilience and Joe for respect

Woodpeckers – The whole class 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*

# Autumn and Spring Term -

## Dates for your diary

10 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 to Colchester Castle – Romans Topic
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Online Safety – ‘The 2 Johns’ online training aimed at parents 8pm via a link which we will send out nearer the time. The PTFA have funded this crucial training which will likely absolutely terrify you about what children are exposed to online BUT will give you the knowledge and skills to understand how to help your child be as safe as possible. Please, please, make a note of this date – this is a costly activity but all staff who have had experience of this will attest to how valuable it is.
Wb 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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.
<b>6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>World Book Day Dress up – Please come in dressed as a character from a book</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> March	‘Wonder woman’ Mothers’ Day sale for children. Bring in £ to purchase small gifts for the important woman in your life. PTFA event
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Trip to The Science Museum
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Poetry recital to parents, <b>year 3 and 5 only</b> . Two shows, 9am and 2.30pm in the hall. Ticketed event.
20 <sup>th</sup> March	KS1 and EYFS poetry recital to parents. Two shows, 9am and 2.30pm in the hall. Ticketed event.
<b>Wb 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>No teacher-led clubs due to parents’ evening</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>Year 4 show</b> to parents 9am in hall
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parents’ evening 3.30-6.30
26 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Year 4 show</b> to parents 9am in hall
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents’ Evening 3.30-6.30
27 <sup>th</sup> March	PTFA Easter egg hunt



**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  
8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**£20 PER CHILD  
PER SESSION**

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booking discount  
available.*

*Taught by a qualified teacher.*

Contact Simon on:

**07969 346597**



## **PTFA News**

### **Update from your PTFA Committee**

This week we would like to focus on Easyfundraising. Did you know, it takes just a few minutes to sign up using our link and you will be guided through the process the whole way.

And once you're set up, that's the hard work done because every online transaction you make from there on with an eligible retailer (there are 8,000) can earn free donations for St Luke's Primary PTFA with just a click of a button - and it doesn't cost you a penny!

So far we've raised a whopping £2060!!!! And that is from only 41 active supporters, imagine if you all signed up!

Booking a holiday? Easyfundraising will give us a match on that. One of our supporters recently earned the PTFA £62.82 from Love Holidays and it didn't cost them a penny more or affect any of the discount codes they were using.

Commuter? Easyfundraising will give us a match on that. One of our supporters earns 14p from Trainline on every train ticket, it soon adds up!

Grocery shopping? Sainsburys offer a £5 donation for new home delivery or click & collect customers - and matches on existing customer shops. All of the major supermarkets are eligible retailers so you can earn donations with every food shop.

There are so many every day eligible retailers you'll be surprised how many free donations you can earn.

Heard enough? Sign up now - <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/st-lukes-park-ptfa/5b8hfk/s2s/UZLGDpHZ/CE989/sharetray/96.57%7C3%7C78>

And join our leader board of top supporters:

Claudia B £325.50  
Robert U £310.70  
Kayleigh S £182.68  
Laura H £148.89  
Liz B £131.85

Don't forget to follow us on Instagram

[https://www.instagram.com/st\\_lukes\\_park\\_primary\\_ptfa?igsh=bHBleHZubDJ1ejYw](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

## Dinners – Week 1 commencing 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main</b>	<b>*NEW*</b> Tomato Pasta (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> Omega 3 Bird's Eye Fish Fingers
<b>Vegetarian</b>	Cheesy Pasta (Grated cheese sprinkled over pasta) (v)	<b>*NEW*</b> 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)
<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