



Message from Mr Loughnane

Dear SLP Families,

National Storytelling Week

This week we celebrated National Storytelling Week in school.

Squirrels and Hedgehogs classes took part in a live Zoom storytelling session with author Annemarie Anang. They had great fun creating sounds to match the characters' feelings in the story *I Am Nefertiti*.

Badgers, Foxes and Woodpeckers joined storyteller and rapper Alim Kamara for an interactive Zoom workshop. The children thoroughly enjoyed creating their own raps and felt very inspired by the experience.

Little Owls also joined in by listening to a range of traditional tales throughout the week. In March, they will be bringing home a *Share Stories With Me* booklet, designed to support parents and carers in sharing books and stories with their children.

TTRockstars

Well done to all of the children who took part in the TTRockstars competition this week. It turned into a very tight race between Year 3 and Year 5 with both classes showing fantastic effort and determination. After a highly competitive week, Year 5 managed to retain the title. A special mention goes to Michelle N, Paige K and Rosie H who were the top three scorers across Key Stage 2. Brilliant work everyone!

The 2 Johns – Online e-safety training

Just a reminder to parents about the upcoming **2 Johns Zoom event** taking place at **8:00pm on 12th February**. The session will highlight some of the key risks around children's online use and offer helpful practical advice for families. We would strongly encourage parents to join the Zoom if possible. It is a really worthwhile session and a great opportunity to gain valuable insight into keeping children safe online. Please see details on the following page.

Have a good weekend.

Ross Loughnane

Senior Leader



eSafetyTraining
'The 2 Johns'

<https://esafetytraining.org/>

Thursday 12th February 2026

We are extremely fortunate that the PTFA have organised online internet safety sessions with 'The 2 Johns' for KS1 & KS2 children, staff and all parents/carers of children that attend St Luke's Park. The KS1 & KS2 children will be attending the sessions during the school day and the parent session will take place at 8pm – 9:30pm **online**. *Please note that children in Reception class will not be attending a school session but their parents/carers are welcome to join the evening parent/carer session as below.*

Parent/Carer online joining instructions:

- The online zoom session will be open from 8:20pm for 8:30pm start. Click / copy this link to attend the session:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89313145921>

- You do **not** need a zoom account to access the session.

We would strongly encourage you to attend this session as it will give you up to date information and recommend resources to keep your children safe online.



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.

Stars of the Week



This Week's Winners:

Little Owls – Thomas for compassion and Rose for individuality

Squirrels – Lorenzo for creativity and Jaxson for individuality

Hedgehogs – Jessica for creativity and Matilda for compassion

Badgers – Pippa and Jordan for resilience and Paige for collaboration

Foxes – Maisie for resilience and Daisy for respect

Woodpeckers – Mark for individuality and Macy 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

Autumn and Spring Term - Dates for your diary

10 th February	Year 3 to Colchester Castle – Romans Topic
12 th 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. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89313145921
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.
6 th March	World Book Day Dress up – Please come in dressed as a character from a book
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
13 th March	Year 5 Trip to The Science Museum
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



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:

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Essex Fire Museum Open Day

2026



17th and 22nd Of February

10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS



Book Now
Free Entry ➔



Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

The museum is free entry (but visits are by appointment only)

If families are interested, could they please make a booking via Eventbrite:

Tuesday 17th February 2026

[Essex Fire Museum Open Day Tickets, Tue 17 Feb 2026 at 10:30 | Eventbrite](#)

Sunday 22nd February 2026

[Essex Fire Museum Open Day Tickets, Sun 22 Feb 2026 at 10:30 | Eventbrite](#)

Suggested last admissions are 2.30pm. This is just so that people have enough time to experience everything on site.

PTFA News

Update from your PTFA Committee

Our annual St Luke's Park Primary sponsored reading challenge is back! Starting on Sunday 1st March - all funds raised go to St Luke's Park Primary PTFA.

The reading challenge will take place between 1-5th March. Children will receive a star for each book or chapter read/listened to during that time. Reading should be recorded in their usual reading diary. There will be individual prizes for the child and runner up who have read the most in each class.

Help them stay motivated by sponsoring them for their reading efforts. There will be a class prize for the class who raises the most!

Last year, hundreds of stories were read - raising more than £2,000 for the PTFA. This year we're hoping to raise £1800 (a target of £300 per class). Please help us to achieve this goal.

In response to feedback we received last year, we have created a separate fundraising link per class to make it easier for you to share with friends and family. No sign up required. Please ask supporters to add your child's name in the comments when donating.

Little owls: <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/fundraising/littleowls-sponsored-readathon-2026>

Squirrels: <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/fundraising/squirrels-sponsored-readathon-2026>

Hedgehogs: <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/fundraising/hedgehogs-sponsored-readathon-2026>

Woodpeckers: <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/fundraising/woodpeckers-sponsored-readathon-2026>

Foxes: <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/fundraising/foxes-sponsored-readathon-2026>

Badgers: <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/fundraising/badgers-sponsored-readathon-2026>

These pages are now live and will be open for donations until the 8th March 2026.

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

Dinners – Week 3 commencing 9th February 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Pizza Whirl (Puff Pastry whirl with tomato and cheese filling) (v)	*NEW* Creamy Carbonara (Pasta in white sauce mixed with chopped ham)	Local Butcher's Roast Chicken	NEW Beef Tortilla Chip Pie (mild Beef chili con carne sprinkled with cheese and tortilla crisps)	Bird's Eye Omega 3 Fish Fingers(GF)
Veg	Cheesy Pasta (Plain pasta topped with grated cheese) (v)	Macaroni Cheese (v)	Herby Quorn Fillet (ve)	Quorn Mince Tortilla Chip Pie (Quorn mince sprinkled with tortilla crisps)(v)	Vegetable Burger (v)
On the Side	½ jacket potato (ve) Baked Beans (ve)	Baguette (ve) Broccoli (ve)	Roast Potatoes (v) Yorkshire pudding Peas (ve) Carrots (ve) Gravy (optional)	Sunshine Rice (ve) Green Beans (ve)	NEW Oven Baked Chips (v) Baked Beans (ve)
Dessert	Yoghurt (v)	Chocolate Crispie Cake (v)	Fruit Platter (v)	Flapjack(v)	Fruit Platter (ve)

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