



## Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

### **The 2 Johns – Online e-safety training**

So, hands up if you felt 'the fear' after listening to 'The 2 Johns' online safety training on Thursday? I know that I did. It is so important to face the modern world and be aware of the risks to our children so that we are in a good place to protect them. Online devices are a way for people to target your children so it's really important that you have the information that you need to protect them.

For anyone who missed the live session, we will be sent a recording which we will share with you when we have it.

### **Sporting achievements**

We are incredibly proud of every child who represented St Luke's Park Primary at the KS2 Wickford Cross Country event. They all showed great resilience throughout the entire event. They really did the school proud. Although not having a Year 6 cohort puts us at a disadvantage when it comes to overall scoring, the experience was fantastic preparation for the Summer Academy Trust Games and future sporting events. Well done to everyone who took part. The official results will be shared in early March.

### **Colchester Castle Trip**

I was so pleased to hear from Miss Florey that year 3 had represented the school so beautifully on their school trip. I know they all had a brilliant time learning more about the Romans and bringing this topic to life.

### **Prefects**

Our brand new Year 5 Prefects were announced in assembly today where they received their prefect badges. These children all applied by writing me a letter to outline what they could bring to the role. I was so impressed with their wonderful letters and I am excited to meet with them after half term as we discuss their new responsibilities.

### **TT Rockstars Dress Up**

As winners of the Times Tables Rockstars competition in KS2, year 5 won the 'prize' of dressing as rockstars for the day! They really did look fantastic and enjoyed doing something different. Well done year 5 😊

### **DT Week**

Mrs Tyler coordinated a great DT week this week with each year group focusing on a different mechanism. They showed off their finished projects in assembly on Friday – I think we have some budding product designers and engineers in the school. Thank you to Mrs Tyler for this great opportunity.

### **Attendance**

Attendance letters will be coming out to you today outlining your child's attendance level. Children with below 90% are considered by the government to be 'persistently absent'. We monitor carefully those at, or near to this level in order to ensure we do all we can to improve their access to education. Unfortunately, lots of our 'persistently absent' children are at this level due to unauthorised holidays. Please book your holidays outside of term time.

Finally, thank you so much to those of you who have wished me well this week after my spell off with 'flu. I sincerely hope that the bugs clear off over the half term so that we can all come back fit, healthy and full of energy for the new half term! The staff team, with the support of our deputy CEO Mr Figg, ensured that everything ran smoothly in my absence – and I feel extremely fortunate to have such a brilliant team.

Wishing you a lovely weekend, and half term.

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 – Henry & Lairah for Resilience & Lexie for Compassion

Squirrels – Saoirse for Compassion, Coby for Individuality & Sofia for Collaboration

Hedgehogs – Aria for Resilience & Florence for Individuality

Badgers – Whole Class for Creativity

Foxes – Aria for Collaboration & Connor for Creativity

Woodpeckers – Penelope for Resilience & Amber for Individuality

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

16 <sup>th</sup> February – 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Return to school
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.
6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day Dress up – Please come in dressed as a character from a book
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
30 <sup>th</sup> March – 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
13 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
25 <sup>th</sup> May – 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Return to school



**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**  
*Sibling and multiple  
booking discount  
available.*

*Taught by a qualified teacher.*

Contact Simon on:  
**07969 346597**



# 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 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

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We've a new Committee Member! **Sophie**, Mum to Latham in Little Owls and Holland in Hedgehogs is re-joining the Committee as **Volunteer Co-Ordinator**. Welcome back Sophie!

We hope that you and the children found the **2Johns e-safety training** insightful. For those that couldn't make the Parent/Carer session last night, we'll share the recording with you shortly.

Our special offer **Legoland** tickets for inset day **2nd October** will go on-sale in a few weeks! A reminder, we've secured a special rate for **£22pp** for anyone over 90cm. The offer will be available to all friends and family too. We must sell a minimum of 50 tickets for the event to go ahead. More info to follow shortly. This will help boost the PTFA pot and will be a great day out! (Transport isn't provided).

On the **10th March** (in school time), we'll be back with our **PTFA Wonderful Women gift stall**. Please see the poster attached - we'll send reminders nearer to the event.

\*Reminder\*

Our annual **reading challenge** will take place between **1-5th March**. Please get sponsoring to help the children stay motivated.

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.

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](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, Sam, Bessie, Kayleigh and Sophie

# Message From Chef Julie

Dear SLP Families

Well where did that half term go.

Some of the children have asked me to publish my recipe I use to make Cinnamon Cookies, so here goes:

This makes 24 cookies depending on the size you make them.

160 degrees fan oven for 10 minutes or until cooked

## **Ingredients**

125g Butter

100g Light Brown Sugar

125g Caster Sugar

1x Egg

1tsp Vanilla Essence

220g Self Raising flour

1tsp Cinnamon (or any ingredient of your choice)

Cream butter, sugar and egg together then fold in rest of the ingredients.

Roll out like a sausage on a floured surface. Cut into size you wish your cookies.

Lay on a tray with grease proof paper.

Cook and enjoy!

## Dinners – Week 1 commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> February 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