



Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

Poetry Recital

Thank you to those who were able to attend one of our poetry recitals this week. We feel that it is important to give the children opportunities to develop their confidence to speak in front of an audience.

Vaccine Awareness

Earlier in the week I alerted parents to a case of viral meningitis in our school community. As I shared in my email to you, this is not the same as the type of meningitis as in Kent currently and there is no public health action which school need to take in response to a one-off case. However, it is important to be aware of the signs and symptoms so please refer to my email for this guidance or use the NHS website.

I will take this opportunity to ask you to check if your child up to date with their vaccinations. Please check your records, or contact your GP to check. Here is the NHS information regarding vaccination schedules so that you are aware.

Vaccinations offer some protection against certain causes of meningitis. These include the:

- [MenB vaccine](#) – offered to babies aged 8 weeks, followed by a second dose at 12 weeks and a booster at 1 year
- [6-in-1 vaccine](#) – offered to children at 8 weeks, 12 weeks, 16 weeks and 18 months
- [pneumococcal vaccine](#) – 2 doses offered to babies at 16 weeks and 1 year, and a single dose offered to adults aged 65 or over
- [MMRV vaccine](#) – offered to children at 12 months and 18 months
- [MenACWY vaccine](#) – offered to teenagers, sixth formers and "fresher" students going to university for the first time

Coming up

Dentist Visit

We will have a visit from the dentist to children in year 3 on 25th March. You will be contacted to give your permission for this check up.

Bikability and CPR training

Year 5 will have their Bikability training during the week beginning 23rd March. During this week, we will also have CPR dummies in school so that our year 5 children can learn about resuscitation. Mr Loughnane and Mrs Botwright attended training with our academy trust last year and a set of dummies were purchased for training children in upper key stage 2. The training has been delivered really successfully in our other academy schools and I am thrilled that we now have a year group able to access it.

Parents Evening

If you have not already done so, please sign up for a parents evening slot.

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

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 – Oliver for courage & Luca for resilience

Squirrels – Hercules for courage, Betsy for individuality & Joseph for creativity

Hedgehogs – Aria & Penelope A B for individuality & whole class for collaboration

Badgers – Ollie & Faizah for resilience

Foxes – Archie & Carter for resilience

Woodpeckers – Michelle 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

Spring Term - Dates for your diary

Wb 23 rd March	No teacher-led clubs due to parents' evening
23 rd March and 24 th March	Bikeability -Group 1 – Bike and helmet required in school
23rd March **Cancelled** New date below	Year 4 show (with Year 3 in the Chorus) Parents invited 9am in hall
23 rd March	Parents' evening 3.30-6.30
25 th and 26 th March	Bikeability -Group 2 – Bike and helmet required in school
25 th March	Dentist – yr3
26th March **Cancelled** New date below	Year 4 show (with Year 3 in the Chorus) Parents invited – 9am in hall
26 th March	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30
27 th March	PTFA Easter egg hunt 2pm
30 th March – 10 th April	Easter Holidays
13 th April	Return to school
16 th April	Class photographs
Tues 28 th and Thurs 30 th April **NOTE change of date**	Year 4 Production to Parents. Year 3 children perform in the chorus of this show. Both shows begin at 9.15am. Ticketed event.
4 th May	Bank Holiday
25 th May – 29 th May	Half Term
1 st June	Return to school

PTFA News

Update from your PTFA Committee

We're thrilled to be fundraising for the Multipurpose Outdoor Classroom - an exciting project that will make a real difference to the children of St Luke's Park Primary. The majority of funds raised in the coming months will go directly towards completing this project as quickly as possible. We will continue to support lots of fun and educational initiatives throughout the year, ensuring the children continue to benefit in lots of different ways.

We are looking forward to next week's PTFA funded Easter Egg hunt. This will take place on Friday, during the school day.

We would also like to remind you that our special offer on Legoland tickets for the inset day on 2 October, finishes on 30 April. A small amount from each sale will go towards topping up the PTFA fundraising pot so please book using our link: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GA00>

Last chance: The 2-Johns online safety session, is still available for a limited time. You can watch it here: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/6k2tHKB7ivEtLORn6v-izdyZA_fp2_JpBalhG1ZtSNe19BJy41XsDR7ojg0QvUd8.LmElJmTVpnO8BKol

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=wwXlfr>

Your 25/26 Committee - Liz, Kirsty, Nicola, Claudia, Sam, Bessie, Kayleigh and Sophie

Liz (Chair), Kirsty (Secretary), Nicola (Treasurer), Claudia (Partnerships Officer), Sam (Communications Officer), Elizabeth (Pre-Loved Co-Ordinator), Sophie (Volunteer Co-Ordinator) and Kayleigh (Purchasing Co-Ordinator)

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Dinners – Week 2 commencing 23rd March 2026



St Luke's Park Primary School Autumn Term October 2025-April 2026 Week Two



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Margherita Pizza (v)	*NEW* Homemade Chicken Fajita (Chicken in mild tomato sauce with onion and peppers served in a wrap)	Local Butcher's Roast Gammon	Pasta Beef Bolognese	Bird's Eye Omega 3 Fish Fingers
Vegetarian	BBQ Pizza (v)	Quorn Fajita (Quorn pieces in mild tomato sauce with onion and peppers served in a wrap)(v)	Herby Quorn Fillet (ve)	Cheese & Leek Pasta (v)	Crispy Quorn Dippers (v)
On the Side	Pasta (ve) Sweetcorn (ve)	Basmati rice (v) Broccoli (ve)	Roast Potatoes (ve) Yorkshire Pudding (v) Peas & Carrots (ve) Gravy(GF) (optional)	Pasta (v) Sweetcorn & Peppers (ve) Garlic bread (ve)	Chips (v) Baked Beans (ve)
Dessert	Homemade Apple Crumble and Custard (v)	Shortbread (v)	Fresh Fruit (ve)	Homemade Sponge (v)	Fruit Platter (ve)

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



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- Maths - Year 5
5:25pm - 6:25pm

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SCHOOL CLUBS AT ST. LUKE'S PARK



FOOTBALL - YEARS 1 - 5

TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL

DANCE - YEARS 1 - 5

WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL



DANCE WILL START FROM THE 11TH MARCH THIS HALF TERM.



MULTISKILLS - YEARS 1 - 5

THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL



For half termly costs and start/finish times, please visit our website.

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Email: info@essexkidscamp.co.uk





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HOLIDAY ACTIVITY CLUBS



Easter Half Term



Abacus School, Tresco Way, Wickford, SS12 9GJ

For children from reception to year 6

Week 1



Monday 30th March - Pic n Mix Monday
Easter themed crafts and activities, including brick building and a themed movie afternoon with popcorn. Children can bring scooters for some outside fun.



Tuesday 31st March - Bunny Bounce Day - Gymnastics
Lets get bouncing with coach Nina on the Gymnastics equipment and then on our fun Easter equipment, lots of bunny themed crafts and activities.



Wednesday 1st April - Fun on the Farm - Real farm animals
Once again we are joined by the brilliant Gemmas Farm who will be bringing a range of spring animals for children to hold and interact with. An amazing themed day with crafts and activities that will book up fast! Hope to see you there.



Thursday 2nd April - Easter Fun Day - Bunny visit
All things Easter! Make chocolate treats, lots of Crafting and a visit from the Easter Bunny to lead our Fun annual Egg Hunt!



Week 2



Tuesday 7th April - Under the Sea
Under the Sea - Always a favourite theme with sand art, under water 3D scenes and bubble fun.



Wednesday 8th April - Inflatable Fun day
Join us for a day of inflatable fun. Whatever the weather we will have a fun day jumping around and crafting too, a firm favourite that gets booked up!



Thursday 9th April - Spring Fairy Gardens and Netball
A day long project of creating a beautiful spring fairy garden to take home with gardening tips and outside fun with Netball coach Jo.



Friday 10th April - Pic n Mix Easter
Last session of the Easter Holidays where we will have a great choice of crafts and activities on offer as we wrap up the Easter sessions, Movie afternoon and Children can bring scooters for some outside fun too.



9am to 3pm - £24. 8.30am to 4pm - £30. Hot lunch option available each day for £3.50. Details on the booking form.

To book text or email 07929 044959
craftykatie10@gmail.com to request a booking link.
Ofsted registration number 2852869 Payment options include tax free childcare account



LOST PROPERTY!

We have a number of items in lost property which have remained unclaimed. We will be including photographs of some of these in our weekly newsletters. If you recognise any of these items, or you wish to look in our lost property box for any missing belongings, please speak to the school office.

Thank you.

