



## Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

Welcome back, I hope you all had enjoyable Easter holidays. I have to say that everyone has returned looking well rested and energised so I'm sure we are in for a brilliant term.

### **Bees!**

We had a visit from Jamie of 'The Real Bee Boys' today, organised by Miss Feagan. Jamie spoke to all of the children about his bee keeping equipment and brought in an empty hive, bee keeping suits and the resources he needs to keep his bees happy to produce lots of lovely honey!

As our science lead, Miss Feagan is passionate about fostering an appreciation of the natural world and helping children to link their learning to the 'real world'. She is working hard to develop our 'bee friendly' environment this year. With more people using artificial plants, it's important that we develop spaces for pollinators to thrive.

### **Local Area Walk. Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

It feels like we have not managed a local area walk for a long time as the past two have needed to be cancelled due to weather or staff illness. As parents have previously been invited on these walks, rescheduling has been more of a complex issue than it perhaps needs to be – and we are a much, much bigger school than we were when these walks were first begun!

We have discussed this as a staff team and decided to make this event an 'in school' event (as opposed to all parents invited in) so that we are more able to be flexible with timings during the school day and have a higher number of school staff available to help children get to know our local area.

We will team classes up with their buddies (Year R/3 together, Year1/4 together and also Year 2/5 together) so that only two classes are leaving the site at one time, with the support of school adults. We will walk to the meadow area (5 minute walk) to see how things have changed since some of our pupils were involved with tree planting there a few years ago.

My apologies if you had been looking forward to this as a parent event. Please do take the opportunity outside of school times to explore the area with your children and their friends, it really is a lovely estate to walk around at this time of the year with all of the new leaves on the trees.

Kind regards,

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 – Miles for resilience & Noah for individuality

Squirrels – Whole class for collaboration & Saoirse for resilience

Hedgehogs – Penelope P for individuality, Jessica for respect & Rodiat for resilience

Badgers – Rupert for individuality & Jessica for collaboration

Foxes – Poppy E for collaboration & George for resilience

Woodpeckers – Mark for compassion & Amelia 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*

# Summer Term - Dates for your diary

## \*Sports Fixture Dates to Follow\*

20 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>NO BOOK club tonight – Book club starts on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b> All other teacher led clubs start this week. You will have been e-mailed and have received a notification on the Arbor app under clubs if your child was successful.
22 <sup>nd</sup> or 24 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>Local Area walk</b> <b>Please note the changes to this activity this term</b> This will be an ‘in-school’ activity, staffed by school adults and without parents invited. Please see letter to start this newsletter for the reasons behind this.
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Professor Khaos from Science Mania (children only, paid for by ptfa)
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> and Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> April <b>**NOTE change of date**</b>	<b>Year 4 Production to Parents.</b> <b>Year 3 children perform in the chorus of this show.</b> <b>Both shows begin at 9.15am. Ticketed event.</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Science Week
20 <sup>th</sup> May	‘Bee Friendly’ Day (information to follow) Coin challenge - PTFA
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 2 trip to Hyde Hall
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Science Fair 2pm – Parents invited to share in science learning
25 <sup>th</sup> May – 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Return to school
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year One Trip to Call of The Wild
Week beginning 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	KS2 Academy Sports this week
Week beginning 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Arts Week
26 <sup>th</sup> June	PTFA Summer Event
29 <sup>th</sup> June	3.20pm Art Gallery – Showcase to Parents to view arts week creations
8 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS/KY1 sports day 9am start
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr5 to Beauchamps – taster day
9 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Sports Day 9am start
15/16 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Sports Day for Ks1 15 <sup>th</sup> and KS2 16 <sup>th</sup>
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Term for Pupils / SPLASH RUN event in the afternoon
20 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET Day



## A visit from a bee keeper



St Luke's Park were very lucky this week to meet Jamie, a beekeeper, who owns 'The Real Bee Boys' with his brother Mike, and their friend Tim in Wickford. They are very passionate about sustainable beekeeping practices, and preserving the well-being of their beloved bees.

As part of our Bumblebee Friendly School Award, Jamie provided a short, interactive show-and-tell session about honey bees and beekeeping. He brought in the equipment that they use including a suit and an old hive. The children were very interested and excited to find out how bees make yummy honey.

If you would like to purchase any honey, please see their website.

<https://www.therealbeeboys.com/>



"One jar of honey can take thousands of bees and millions of flowers."

## PTFA News

### Update from your PTFA Committee

Welcome back! We hope everybody enjoyed the Easter break.

As we start a new term, we wanted to flag some key dates / initiatives for your diaries.

- Friday 17 April - Sunflower seeds pots will be available for children to take home on a first come first serve basis. This is in support of the schools efforts to achieve a Bumblebee School Friendly award. We kindly ask for a £1 donation.

- Friday 17, Monday 20, Tuesday 21 & Wednesday 22 April - we will be collecting bags of clothes for The Little Recyclers. Friday will be at pick up only, Monday and Tuesday will be drop off and pick up, and Wednesday drop off only.

- Friday 24 April - PTFA funded Science visit during the school day.

- Friday 15 May - we will be hosting our very first 'Summer disco' as in previous years this will be split into two sessions.

Disco 1 (3.10-3.55)- Reception, Y1 & 2. <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GGEB>

Disco 2 (4.15-5.15pm) - Y3, 4 & 5.

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GGEA>

- Wednesday 20 May - start saving your loose coins for our bumble bee coin challenge during the school day. More details coming soon.

We have also extended the deadline for booking Legoland tickets for the 2 Oct inset day until the 11 May. You can book here: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GA00>

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=wwXlfr>

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

# Dinners – Week 2 commencing 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026



## St Luke's Park Primary School Autumn Term April 2026-October 2026 Menu – Week Three



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main</b>	Pizza Whirl (Puff Pastry whirl with tomato and cheese filling) (v)	Spaghetti Bolognese (Beef Mince in Tomato Sauce)	All Day Breakfast (Bacon & Pork Chipolata)	<b>*NEW*</b> Beef Burritos	Bird's Eye Omega 3 Fish Fingers(GF)
<b>Vegetarian</b>	Cheesy Pasta (Plain pasta topped with grated cheese) (v)	Mince Quorn Bolognese (v)	Breakfast Burrito (Wrap filled with Beans & Cheese) (ve)	Mince Quorn Burritos (v)	Quorn Dippers (v)
<b>On the Side</b>	Pasta (v) Sweetcorn (ve)	Pasta (v) Baguette (ve) Broccoli (ve)	Hash Brown (ve) Scrambled Egg (v) Baked Beans (ve)	Sunshine Rice (ve) Salad Cart (ve)	<b>NEW</b> Oven Baked Chips (v) Baked Beans (ve)
<b>KS2 Baguette</b>	Choice of filling	Choice of filling	Choice of filling	Choice of filling	Choice of filling
<b>Dessert</b>	Lemon Drizzle Sponge Cake (v)	Fruit Whip (Angel Delight mixed with fruit) (v)	Fruit Platter (v)	Coconut Crumble Cookie (v)	Fruit Platter (ve)

Available daily – Salad Cart, Mixed Yoghurt, Fresh Fruit and Water

(v) Vegetarian

(ve) Vegan(GF) Gluten Free **Week 3 Menu Dates: 27/4, 18/5, 15/6, 6/7**



**ST TUITION**

# THURSDAY AFTERSCHOOL



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## 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

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

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**07969 346597** 



## Tics & Tourette's Talk

Support group for those living with or caring for someone who has tic disorders or Tourette syndrome

Come along for a chat & support, meet others living in similar situation

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April

13.00 - 14.30

The All About Delivery Site  
Lenister Road, Laindon SS15 5NX

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May

13.00 - 14.30

Northlands Park Family Hub  
Davenants, Pitsea SS13 1QX

Any enquiries please contact  
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07947 777839



# 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.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY ITEMS OF CLOTHING LEFT IN LOST PROPERTY AFTER 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL, WILL BE DONATED TO OUR PTFA CLOTHING DRIVE!**

