



Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

We have been absolutely thrilled by the discovery of nesting birds within the gabion baskets on the playground this week. There are cones and tape to alert you to the area, although the birds do not seem bothered by the hustle and bustle of the playground!

Healthy Snacks

Snacks for breacktime must be an item of fruit or vegetable only please. Absolutely no crisps, biscuits etc. We need to do all we can to boost the number of items of fruit and veg that children eat across the day and this is an opportunity to ensure that they are benefitting from lots of lovely healthy food.

Children will be asked to put away items which are not fruit or veg and have these with the rest of their packed lunch in the dinner hall. Please help us to keep your children healthy by sending in items that are appropriate.

Ideas include: Carrot sticks, grapes (halved please to reduce choking risk), apple, banana, strawberries, sliced peppers etc Do name the tiny snack pots or they may be lost.

Pencil Cases and Items from Home – A repeat of last week's message.

Children in Key Stage Two (yr3,4,5) may bring in their own pencil case if they wish. Please ensure that these are not of excessive size and it would be helpful if children's equipment was named.

I know that many schools ban children from bringing in toys or comfort items as these can cause a distraction in class. However, from our experience of the children that we teach at St Luke's Park, we feel that there are some benefits:

- 1) Some children find the presence of an object from home to be comforting and this aids transition into school
- 2) A small object can be a talking point, helping those children who may feel less confident
- 3) Having a conversation while an object is held, or focused on, can help some children to feel less 'in the spotlight' and to speak their mind a little more easily

To ensure that these items are appropriate, we have some guidance below. **If we find that items begin to cause disruption to learning, then we will review this position and may need to stop these from coming in.**

- 1) This is for **Key Stage Two children only** and should not include precious or expensive items
- 2) Only ONE item may come in to school
- 3) The school will not take responsibility for objects which are misplaced or damaged
- 4) Children's item must be **small enough for the palm of their hand.**
- 5) Items must not contain batteries
- 6) Items must be labelled with the child's name
- 7) Item should not be offensive or 'scary'/'spooky' that other children may feel worried by it
- 8) Item must remain on the child's desk or in their pencil case throughout the day.

Uniform – another reminder.

Please ensure children come to school in full, smart uniform. We have noticed many missing ties of late. Contact us if you are struggling to purchase uniform.

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

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 courage, Bobby for resilience & Olivia for individuality

Squirrels – Joshua & Albie for courage & Ronnie for respect

Hedgehogs – Aria & Penelope AB for individuality, Jessica for compassion & Stanley for responsibility

Badgers – Jordan & Ariana for creativity

Foxes – Joe for respect & Mollie for compassion

Woodpeckers – Mila for responsibility & Amelia & Macy 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

Summer Term -

Dates for your diary

Sports Fixture Dates to Follow

4 th May	Bank Holiday
18 th May	Science Week
15 th May	PTFA Kids Summer Disco
20 th May	'Bee Friendly' Day (information to follow) Coin challenge - PTFA
22 nd May	Science Fair 2pm – Parents invited to share in science learning
25 th May – 29 th May	Half Term
1 st June	Return to school
17 th June	Year One Trip to Call of The Wild
Week beginning 22 nd June	KS2 Academy Sports this week
Week beginning 22 nd June	Arts Week
26 th June	PTFA Summer Event
29 th June	3.20pm Art Gallery – Showcase to Parents to view arts week creations
8 th July	EYFS/KY1 sports day 9am start
8 th July	Yr5 to Beauchamps – taster day
9 th July	KS2 Sports Day 9am start
15/16th	Reserve Sports Day for Ks1 15 th and KS2 16th
17 th July	Last Day of Term for Pupils / SPLASH RUN event in the afternoon
20 th July	INSET Day

PTFA News

Update from your PTFA Committee

We are so excited for our first Summer Disco next Friday. If you haven't booked tickets, please do so ASAP so we can plan accordingly.

- 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>

The deadline for booking Legoland tickets for the 2 Oct inset day is also fast approaching. Our discounted tickets are an amazing £22pp - a saving of £12pp vs the current online price. The booking link will be live until midnight on Monday. You can book here: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GA00>

Please remember to save your loose change for our 🐝 bumble bee coin challenge on 20 May. We can't wait to see how long we can make our coin chain and if we can get our bee back to its hive. This event will take place during the school day.

Finally, please save the date for our summer family event on 26 June. More details to follow.

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

Dinners – Week 2 commencing 11th May 2026



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



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	*NEW* Tomato & Quorn Pasta Bake (Quorn pieces in a tomato sauce served with cheese)	Homemade Pork Sausage Rolls	Pulled Pork served in a Yorkshire Pudding	*NEW* Sticky Chicken (Chicken breast in a soy and honey sauce)	*NEW* Fish-wich Fillet of Fish burger (Crispy fish served in a Brioche Bun)
Vegetarian	Cheesy Pasta (Plain pasta topped with grated cheese) (v)	Cheese Whirls (v)	Cheesy Beano (Cheese & Beans served in a Yorkshire Pudding) (v)	Sticky Vegan Quorn Sausage (in a soy and honey sauce) (ve)	Omelette (v)
On the Side	Green Beans (ve) Garlic Bread (v)	Mash Potato (v) Baked Beans (ve)	Roast Potatoes (ve) Yorkshire Pudding (v) Peas & Carrots (ve) Gravy (optional)	Egg Noodles (v) Broccoli (ve)	Chips (v) Baked Beans (ve)
KS2 Baguette	Choice of filling	Choice of filling	Choice of filling	Choice of filling	Choice of filling
Dessert	Cinammon Cookie (v)	Peach and Raspberry Tray Bake (v)	Fresh Fruit (ve)	Chocolate Oatcake (ve)	Mandarins and Ice Cream (v)

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

(v) Vegetarian (ve) Vegan (GF) Gluten Free **Week 2 Menu Dates: 20/4, 11/5, 8/6, 29/6**



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- 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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8TH JANUARY**

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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 29th April
13.00 - 14.30

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

Wednesday 27th May
13.00 - 14.30
Northlands Park Family Hub
Davenants, Pitsea SS13 1QX

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DO YOU KNOW THE SIGNS OF TYPE 1 DIABETES?



We call them the **4Ts**. If you or your child are weeing more often, constantly thirsty, more tired than usual, or losing weight for no reason, it could be a symptom of type 1 diabetes. If left undiagnosed, type 1 diabetes can be fatal. **If you're experiencing any of the 4Ts, ask your doctor for a test immediately.**



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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.

