



St Luke's Park Newsletter (29) 15.05.2026

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

I hope the presence of an ambulance on the field on Monday did not worry anybody! A big 'Thank you' to Poppy and Isabella's mum for organising this visit for us so that children in the EYFS could learn about people in their community. These exciting visits are great to share so all of the children had the opportunity throughout the morning to come down and meet the crew and learn about their roles.

Healthy Snacks

Snacks for breaktime 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.

Uniform – another reminder.

Please ensure children come to school in full, smart uniform. PE trousers or hoodies should be plain black with no logo. Contact us if you are struggling to purchase uniform. Our uniform policy is available here:

<https://www.stlukesparkprimary.com/policies>

Bookmark Competition

Please see the information further in this newsletter regarding a competition run by Essex Community Libraries – we have a number of super artists at SLP and we would love to see lots of you entering. Details later in this newsletter.

School Council Elections

We will be choosing our new school councillors soon, who will take up their posts after the half term and into their next school years. All of the children have an opportunity to vote as they get to experience democracy in action! them in a similar way this year.

Bee Day!

Next Wednesday the winner of the Bee Friendly School logo will be announced – I have been so impressed with the qualities of the entries, well done everyone! Children are welcome to wear something bee 'inspired' next Wednesday 20th May if they wish alongside their usual uniform. Yellow or stripy hair clips/socks badges etc, the choice is yours!

Disco

There is growing excitement for tonight's disco, thank you to our lovely PTFA for organising this for the children.

Have a lovely weekend, everyone!

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 – Whole class for respect

Squirrels – Saoirse & Cali-Mae for individuality & Aurora for creativity

Hedgehogs – Brayan for individuality, Oliver for responsibility & Nellie for courage

Badgers – Jack & Belle for respect

Foxes – Avia for collaboration & Emmanuel for courage

Woodpeckers – Amelie S for individuality, Olivia for creativity & Amber 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

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| 18 th May | Science Week |
| 20 th May | 'Bee Friendly' Day Children invited to wear a bee themed (ie yellow or stripy!) accessory alongside their uniform if they wish. 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 |
| 10 th June | Little Owls EYFS Sports Day – Meadgate Primary School |
| 17 th June | Year One Trip to Call of The Wild |
| 17 th June | Year 2 Mini Olympics – Wickford Town Football Club |
| 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 |
| 3 rd July | Year 5 visit to Bromfords – taster day |
| 8 th July | EYFS/KY1 sports day 9am start |
| 8 th July | Year 3 Festival – Wickford Primary School |
| 8 th July | Year 5 visit to Beauchamps – taster day |
| 9 th July | KS2 Sports Day 9am start |
| 9 th July | QMAT Athletics Great Baddow High School – PM – KS2 selected pupils |
| 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

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We hope all of the children attending tonight's summer disco have the best time! Please check your emails for information on collection, and drop off for the second disco.

Buzz buzz...We are excited for next weeks 🐝 bumble bee coin challenge in honour of World Bee Day on Wednesday. Will we have enough coins to get our bee back to its hive? Please make sure only coins are sent in and ideally these should be in an envelope or purse. This event will take place during the school day.

Don't forget the children are permitted to come to school wearing a white/black/yellow or orange accessory with their school uniform on this day. This could be a hair clip, socks or a badge.

Booking for our summer family event on 26 June is now open! <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GLDR>

All proceeds from our coin challenge and summer family event will go straight into the pot for our Multipurpose Outdoor Classroom fundraiser. The PTFA are delighted to have been able to transfer £3640 to this pot from money already raised this year to give us a great head start towards our £10k fundraising target 🎯 A couple of parents have asked about setting up one off or regular donations. You can do that here: <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/donation/outdoor-classroom>

Don't forget many employers offer matched funding, so it's always a good idea to check if you can leverage this to top up donations!

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>

Our pre-loved uniform store can be accessed here:

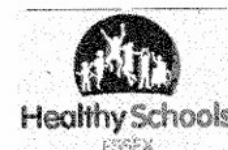
<https://st-lukes-park-primary-ptfa.sumupstore.com/page/pre-loved-uniform-shop>

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

Dinners – Census Week: 18th – 22nd May 2026



St Luke's Park Primary School Menu – Census Week 18-22 May 2026



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

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

Community Libraries Design a Bookmark Competition

We are delighted to announce the launch of a new competition aimed at younger residents of the Chelmsford district.

We're inviting Chelmsford's young people to design our next official bookmark as part of our **2026 Bookmark Design Competition**.

The competition is in celebration of the recent Community Book Boxes, which will continue to grow across Chelmsford's Parks, and in the lead up to this year's [Essex Book Festival](#).

There are currently book boxes at Central Park and John Shennan Field LNR, with more coming to Oaklands Park, Saltcoats Park and Tower Gardens later this year.

The competition has three age categories:

- Under 7 years
- 7–11 years
- 12 years and over

Prizes include book tokens and sketch pads, and the overall winner will have design printed and shared across our community book box network.

The competition opens Monday 11 May till Midnight Monday 15 June. More information and the entry form can be found here: [Design a Bookmark for Our Community Libraries! - Love Your Chelmsford](#)

Entrants can submit their forms to corporate.marketing@chelmsford.gov.uk or collect/drop off paper copies at Central Library Chelmsford (Essex Libraries).



Celebrate World Bee Day at St Luke's Park
Primary on Wednesday 20th May 2026

Come to school wearing a white/black/yellow or orange accessory with your school uniform. This could be a hair clips, socks, or a badge.

We have been learning about bumblebees and honey bees, and this day raises awareness of the vital role bees and other pollinators play in the ecosystem.

In the afternoon, the PTFA will be organising our bumblebee-friendly coin challenge.

Remember your loose change.





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:

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 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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