



St Luke's Park Newsletter (36) 10.07.2026

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

As we approach the last week of term, I would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to the children, staff and families for making this another successful year. Next year we will be officially full and are really excited about having every year group in place. Our year 6 class will be named the Jays, completing our animal-themed class set.

Next Week

Next week is a full school week and will end with our 'Splash Run' event for children which was such fun last year. Please bear in mind that children are likely to come out of school rather wet following this so bring a change of clothes when you collect on Friday if you are heading straight on to something else. (If the weather forecast is for storms at the end of the week we will change our plans if necessary).

Sports Days

Thank you to staff and children for their hard work in putting together this years' sports day events. Everyone did really well, especially considering a few last-minute changes which were made to reduce the running time as temperatures soared! We hope that you enjoyed coming along to watch, it was lovely to see so many of you there.

Library Summer Reading Challenge

We welcomed visitors from Essex Library Service today who talked to the children about this year's 'Read to the Beat' summer reading challenge. Children can participate at any Essex library and successful completion of the reading challenge will earn them a lovely medal to celebrate their achievement. It would be lovely to see children bringing in these medals in September so that they can show these off!

Goodbyes

Sadly, we have some goodbyes to make at the end of term next week. Miss Balloch will be leaving us to explore new opportunities and we wish her all the very best. Her calm and kind nature will be really missed. We also say goodbye to Miss Cook. Miss Cook has been a trusted and supportive LSA at St Luke's Park and we will miss her positivity and care for all the children she works with. We wish them well and thank them for their help and hard work in the time that they have been with us.

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 – Aria for individuality and Bobby for respect

Squirrels – Lola for respect and Hercules for respect

Hedgehogs – Belle for individuality

Badgers – Ollie for courage and Jessica for individuality

Foxes – Mollie for responsibility and Aria for responsibility

Woodpeckers – Rose for respect and Amelia for responsibility

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

*Text in red = Induction programme for Reception class intake September 2026

Wed 15/ Thu 16 th July	Reserve Sports Day for KS1 15 th and KS2 16 th
Thursday 16 th July	Children Only Event. Children with surnames starting M – Z 2:00 – 3:00pm. EYFS Classroom. Please come to the reception playground via the main gate on the front playground to drop off your child. An afternoon 'Stay & Play' visit for children only, half the class at a time
Friday 17 th July	Last Day of Term for Pupils / SPLASH RUN event in the afternoon
Monday 20 th July	INSET Day
Tuesday 1 st September	INSET Day
Wednesday 2 nd September	INSET Day
Thursday 3 rd September	Welcome back to school everyone 08.30am start
Thursday 3 rd September	Half the class for half the day. Morning session 9:30 – 11.30am. Please come to the EYFS gate to drop off your children for a 2 hour session. Collect from the same location afterwards. Children with surnames starting A - L
Thursday 3 rd September	Half the class for half the day. Afternoon session 1:05 – 3:05pm. Please come to the EYFS gate to drop off your children for a 2 hour session. Collect from the same location afterwards. Children with surnames starting M - Z
Friday 4 th September	All of the class for a shorter day including lunch. 9:30am – 1:30pm. Please come to the EYFS gate to drop off & collect.
Friday 4 th September	PTFA Summer Event – Family magic evening with Magic Max
Monday 7 th September onwards	Full time for all children. Please drop off at the EYFS gate between 8:30 & 8:40am. Late arrivals must enter via the office. The school day ends at 3:05 for reception children. Please speak to us if you feel that your child/ren would benefit from a longer transition into school & we can discuss ways to accommodate this

Update from your PTFA Committee

☀️ Our Summer 20.26 Challenge is here!

We're excited to launch our very first 20.26 Challenge!

Over the summer holidays, we're challenging every child to raise £20.26 in any way they choose. Whether it's a bake sale, sponsored bike ride, lemonade stand, helping with jobs at home, creating and selling crafts, or something completely unique – every idea counts!

Children can either:

- * Bring cash into school in a named envelope at the start of the new term, or
- * Add donations directly via our online payment link

<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/fundraising/SLP-2026-challenge->

We'd also love children to include a little note telling us how they raised their money so we can celebrate all of their amazing ideas!

Every penny raised will go towards our Outdoor Multipurpose Classroom Project, helping us create an exciting new learning space for all of our children.

 Family Magic Show

In case you missed it, our annual Family Magic Show will now take place on Friday 4 September.

 Tickets are available here:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/112987>

 PTFA AGM – We Need You!

Please save the date for our Annual General Meeting:

Wednesday 30 September 2026
8:45–9:15am
School Hall

It is absolutely vital that enough of the families of St Luke's Primary attend so we can elect a 2026/27 PTFA Committee. Attending the AGM does not mean you are committing to a committee role, but we do need to meet the minimum attendance requirements for the PTFA to continue operating.

If you've ever wondered how you could support our school, we'd love to see you there!

 Keep in Touch

Don't forget to follow us on social media for the latest news, events and fundraising updates.

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/st_lukes_park_primary_ptfa?igsh=bHBleHZubDJ1ejYw

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1DuiEYkUY8/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

Thank you for your continued support.

Your 2025/26 PTFA Committee
Liz, Kirsty, Nicola, Claudia, Sam, Bessie, Kayleigh & Sophie

Dinners – Week 1 commencing 13th July 2026



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



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Pepperoni Pizza	*NEW* Homemade Breaded Chicken with Katsu Curry Sauce	Local Butcher's Roast Chicken Fillet	*NEW* Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	*NEW* Fish Bites
Vegetarian	Cheese & Tomato pizza (v)	Macaroni Cheese (v)	Roasted Quorn Fillet (v)	Mediterranean Pasta (v)	Vegetable nuggets (v)
On the Side	Pasta (v) Sweetcorn (ve)	Basmati rice (ve) Broccoli (ve) Naan Bread (v)	Roast Potatoes (ve) Carrots (ve) Cauliflower (ve) Gravy (optional)	Pasta (v) Green Beans (ve) Baguette (v)	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	Peaches and Cream (v)	School's Favourite Cookie (v)	Fresh Fruit (ve)	Strawberry Cloud Cheesecake (v)	Ice Cream Tub (v)

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

(v) Vegetarian

(ve) Vegan

(GF) Gluten Free

Week 1 Menu Dates: 13/4, 5/5, 1/6, 22/6, 13/7