



St Luke's Park Newsletter (37) 17.07.2026

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

Another academic year over and we are looking ahead already to the new year when we will be a full school! We are really excited about this and look forward to all of the exciting learning and opportunities that 2026/7 will bring.

Staff Thanks

Staff are enormously grateful for your kind words and gifts at the end of term. Thank you to all of you.

PTFA Thanks

We would like to say an enormous 'Thank You' to the wonderful PTFA volunteers who have worked so hard to support us and raise funds this year. We are really excited about the progress already made on the outdoor classroom fundraising – please pop in to the reception area if you would like to see the total raised so far. On my last look we were at £5000! That's half way there!

Helping Hands Thanks

An enormous 'Thank You' also to our 'Helping Hands' reading volunteers who give us their time every Thursday morning. Their work in school hearing children read is so appreciated by the whole staff team. If you feel that you could also lend a hand in this way then please get in touch in September.

Survey from the Children's Commissioner.

Please take some time to look at this survey from the Children's Commissioner who is seeking the views of young people across the country. It would be fantastic for some of our pupils to have a say. There is a link here to have your child's voice heard:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

School Clubs

Clubs run by external providers (Karate, Crafty Kate's, Football, Dance and Multi-skills); music lessons through Essex Schools Music Service; and private tuition from ST Tuition will all continue to run after school in the new academic year. Safari Childcare (the nursery next door to our school) will continue to run a wraparound offer with breakfast and after-school club on offer to our school community. Contact providers directly for booking.

We are adding Rocksteady Music in September due to high numbers signing up after our taster assembly, and there will also be an exciting new before school option from Essex Kids Camp who will add a 'Morning Active Club' from 7.45 each morning due to the overwhelming popularity of the morning athletics club we ran last term (you are all clearly early risers!). This will be available to sign up for via their website.

A list of teacher-run clubs will be circulated in September.

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 - Thomas for compassion & Rose for responsibility

Squirrels - Harry for individuality & Teddy for collaboration

Hedgehogs - Whole class for collaboration

Badgers - Whole class for individuality

Foxes - Whole class for individuality

Woodpeckers - Whole class 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

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

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 New Sensory Garden is Officially Open! 🌿

We're absolutely delighted to announce that our brand-new Sensory Garden is now complete and officially open for our children to enjoy!

This wonderful project has been a true community effort. It all began back in 2024 when our school was awarded £1,560.25 from the Co-op Local Community Fund, thanks to a successful grant application submitted by our 2022/23 PTFA Committee. Their vision was to create a natural sensory environment where children could learn, explore and enjoy the outdoors.

A very special mention must go to Mrs. Feagan, who has done an incredible job bringing this project to life. She has carefully selected every element of the garden to stimulate the children's senses, including:

- * 🌸 Sight: Vibrant flowers and beautiful colours to brighten the space.
- * 🌿 Smell: Calming, fragrant herbs that fill the air with wonderful scents.
- * 🍃 Touch: A variety of soft and interesting leaf textures to explore.
- * 🌿 Hearing: Ornamental grasses and seed pods that gently rustle and rattle in the breeze.

The garden also includes two beautiful benches, providing a peaceful space where children can relax, reflect and connect with nature.

A Huge Thank You!

This amazing space wouldn't have been possible without the support and dedication of so many people. We'd like to say a heartfelt thank you to:

- * Mrs. Feagan, for her tireless dedication, creativity and hard work in creating such a wonderful inclusive learning environment. We are incredibly lucky to have you!
- * Our 2022/23 PTFA Committee, whose successful grant application and vision made this project possible.
- * The Co-op Local Community Fund for their generous support, and Julie, our local Co-op Manager, who kindly visited us this week to officially open the garden.

Be sure to take a look at the wonderful photos attached – we're so proud of this fantastic new space that our children will enjoy for years to come.

☀️ Don't forget our Summer 20.26 Challenge is here!

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>

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Look out for our end of term newsletter which gives a summary of money raised and initiatives funded by the PTFA for this school year.

Keep in Touch

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

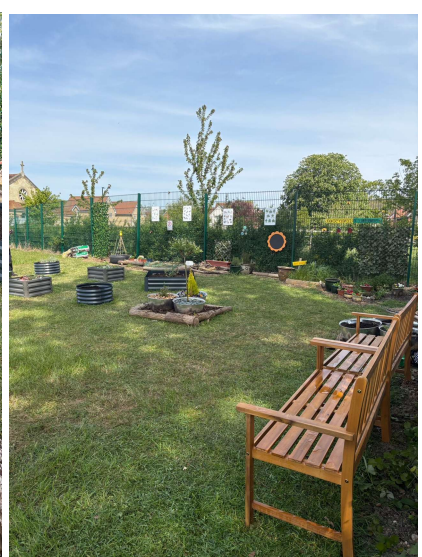
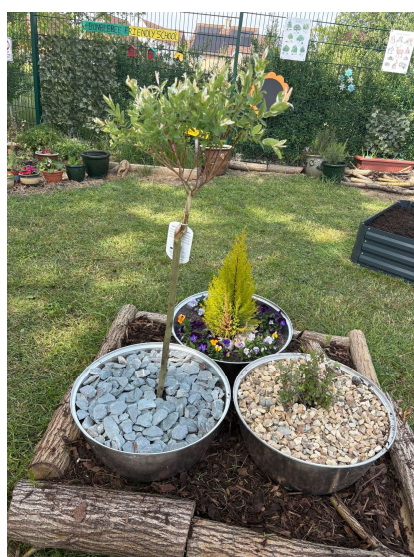
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Thank you for your continued support.

Your 2025/26 PTFA Committee

Liz, Kirsty, Nicola, Claudia, Sam, Bessie, Kayleigh & Sophie



Dinners – Menu Week 1: 3rd & 4th September 2026

Thursday		Friday
Main	*NEW* Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	*NEW* Fish Bites
Vegetarian	Mediterranean Pasta (v)	Vegetable Nuggets (v)
On the Side	Pasta (v) Green Beans (v) Baguette (v)	Oven Baked Chips (v) Baked Beans (ve)
KS2 Baguette	Choice of filling	Choice of filling
Dessert	Strawberry Cloud Cheesecake (v)	Ice Cream Tub (v)

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

(v) Vegetarian

(ve) Vegan

(GF) Gluten Free