



St Luke's Park Newsletter (2) 18.09.2026

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

Fab Fundraising – PTFA Outdoor Classroom Project

Well, I have just had some EXTREMELY exciting news! I am thrilled to say that the fundraising target of £10,000 has been reached and we are now in a position to finalise designs and arrange for installation... very possibly before Christmas! This project would not have been possible without the incredible efforts of our PTFA and all of the school families who have supported the campaign to raise money for an outdoor learning space.

What an incredible start to the school year.

School Office

Our lovely office team are finding themselves inundated with visits and calls during the day due to forgotten items being dropped off or messages being called in. This is very time consuming.

Please ensure that your child has all the items that they need for their school day when they come in to school. If you absolutely have to bring an item to the front office, please be aware that this will remain at the office until office staff are available to bring it to class. The accurate administration of the register and school dinner information will take priority over a forgotten water bottle. All children have access to fresh drinking water throughout the day via our water fountains.

Thank you for advising us if somebody other than you will be collecting your child at the end of the day. Please continue to phone in these messages. Messages will go to classes at the end of the afternoon before Mrs Wood opens the gate and the children are seen out. If messages arrive into the office after 2.45 then please be understanding that this message may not have been relayed to your child's teacher by this point. Teachers will hold on to your child at the end of the day until confirmation of the alternative arrangement has been sought. Thank you for your understanding, all of our processes are for the safety and wellbeing of the children.

Christmas Fun

As you can see from our calendar, we have an exciting final week of term planned. This includes a pantomime trip to see Aladdin at the Towngate Theatre. Letters will come out to you in due course.

Young Voices

Many thanks to the parents who have recommended Young Voices. We are gearing up to get our year 5 and 6 pupils ready for a performance at the O2 early next year. Information will come out to you shortly.

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:

Squirrels – Noah for collaboration & Walter for creativity

Hedgehogs – Whole class for creativity & Hallie for courage

Badgers – Edison for compassion & Penelope AB for responsibility

Foxes – Whitney for compassion & Elliott for collaboration

Woodpeckers – George for resilience & Mollie for compassion

Jays – Mark for responsibility & Zack for courage

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

Autumn Term - Dates for your Diary	
Mon 21 st – Fri 25 th September	Online safety week – in school event
Friday 2 nd October	Inset Day – Pupils not in school
Tuesday 6 th October	6pm – Brockfield House information evening for parents
Friday 9 th October	PTFA – AGM –Parents are invited to the school hall just after drop off in the morning – School Hall
Wednesday 14 th October	School Photographs 8.00am – <u>Photos with siblings who do not attend SLP</u> 9.00am - Individual and sibling groups in school across the morning.
Thursday 15 th October	1.15-3.30pm Yr 5 / Yr 6 – Girls Football Tournament, Meadgate Primary School
Tuesday 20 th October	3.30pm-6pm Parents evening
Thursday 22 nd October	3.30pm-6pm Parents evening
Thursday 22 nd October	1.15-3.30pm Yr 5 / Yr 6 – Boys Football Tournament, Meadgate Primary School
Friday 23 rd October	9.00am – Harvest Festival for children in Little Owls / Squirrels and Hedgehogs ONLY – Parent invited
	HALF TERM - Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th October
Monday 2 nd November	Back to school 08.30am - Pumpkin carving competition – children can bring in carved pumpkins to display in the playground from
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need – Children come into school with ‘Crazy Hair’ for a £1.00 donation on Arbor
Friday 20 th November	NHS Flu Vaccinations in school
Thursday 26 th November	EYFS – New Intake Tour for children starting in September 2027
Thursday 3 rd December	EYFS – New Intake Tour for children starting in September 2027
Friday 4 th December	PTFA Disco – Times to be confirmed
Monday 15 th December	9.00am KS1 Nativity Parents invited 2.30pm EYFS Christmas show – Parents invited
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Wednesday 16 th December	Whole School Pantomime – Aladdin, Basildon Towngate Theatre
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Jumper Day - Christmas Dinner Day KS2 Carol Concert 4-5pm
Friday 18 th December	Last Day of Term Class Christmas parties Festive Christmas visitor organised by the PTFA

Update from your PTFA Committee ❤️

🎯 We're SO Close to £10,000!

Thanks to the incredible support of our school community, we're now almost at our £10,000 target for the Multipurpose Outdoor Classroom! 🙌🙌

After the fantastic fundraising from our Family Magic Show, 20.26 Summer Challenge, the generous £1,000 donation from the Royal British Legion and all the fundraising that came before it, we now have just over £1,000 left to raise!

We're so excited to be within touching distance of making this project a reality for our children. ❤️

If you'd like to help us get over the finish line, you can make a one-off donation here:

<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/donation/outdoor-classroom>

🔔 PTFA AGM – We Need You!

Our AGM is coming up on 9 October, 8:45–9:30am in the School Main Hall – younger siblings are very welcome.

We'll be voting in our 2026/27 PTFA Committee, and importantly, we need a minimum number of parents/carers to attend for the vote to take place.

You don't need to volunteer for a role or commit to helping at events – simply coming along really does help! There are also still Committee roles available for anyone who would like to get more involved.

We'd love to see you there. ❤️

🍁 Autumn Term – Dates for Your Diary

There's lots to look forward to this term! We've shared our Autumn Term Dates for Your Diary alongside this update, including Bingo Nights, our Little Recyclers Clothing Drive, Winter Disco and a very special festive visitor... 🎄

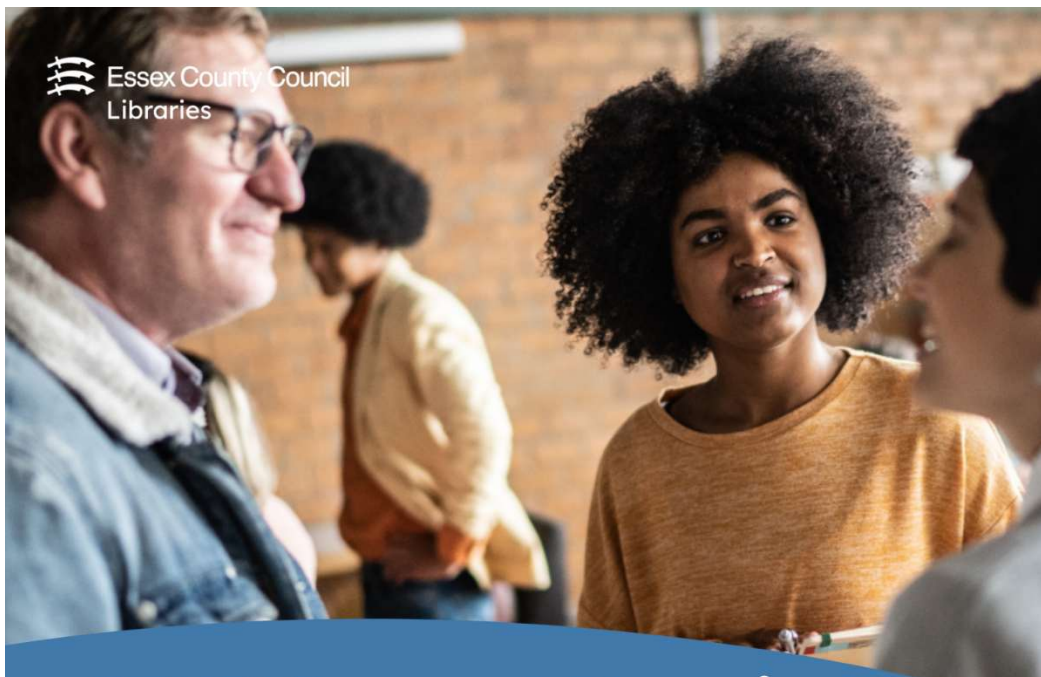
Please save the dates – more details will follow for each event.

Thank you, as always, for your amazing support.

We're incredibly close to reaching our biggest fundraising goal yet! 🙌🙌 ❤️

Your 2025/26 PTFA Committee

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



SEND Support Drop-in

Basildon Library

Tuesday 22 September, 11am to 1pm

- A free service for parents and carers wanting information, support or assistance with issues surrounding parenting and advocating for children with special needs and disabilities
- Representatives attending from SNAP, SPACE, Essex Family Forum and other local SEND specific services. This drop-in is supported by Brave
- No booking or diagnosis required. Children are welcome



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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 - Weeks commencing: 3rd September, 21st September, 12th October

Message From Chef Julie:

Welcome back to our existing SLP Families and to our new EYFS Families.

EYFS has settled in very well in to the hall routine and it is so nice to see their smiling faces as they come through serve and also seeing their empty plates!

Just a reminder to all that nuts must not be sent into school in your children's snack or packed lunches. This also include Nutella chocolate spread. Please avoid using chocolate spread, in any form.

From 1 September 2026 Benedict's Law has come in to force and is a legal requirement for all schools. This is aimed at increasing the focus on allergy awareness. It is important that the information we have about allergies is clear. If you share with us that your child cannot eat dairy then they will not be served dairy in any form. If your child's needs have changed then please contact the school office so that records can be updated and shared with the kitchen.

You may have heard in the Press that the Government are also encouraging children to eat a more healthy diet and have issued to all schools new guidelines on what should be provided as a school hot meal and in a healthy lunch box. We serve healthy balanced meals in school.

Here are the five rules to follow for a healthy lunch box:

1 Main – Fibre i.e. brown or wholemeal bread, brown rice, brown pasta with a protein filling and vegetables to keep tummies full for longer.

2 Fruit – this will work towards their 'five a day' intake of fruit and vegetables. Remember to halve grapes and cherry tomatoes!

3 Snack – pick items with less sugar and salt i.e. rice cakes, yoghurt, cheese, popcorn etc

4 Vegetables – not all vegetables have to be cooked, kids love raw carrot, sugar snap peas, sweetcorn etc

5 Water – clear fresh water is best with no added sugars.

Clubs



SCHOOL CLUBS AT ST. LUKE'S PARK

FOOTBALL - YEARS 1 - 6
TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL

DANCE - YEARS 1 - 6
WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL

MULTISKILLS - YEARS 1 - 6
THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL

For half termly costs and start/finish times, please visit our website.
Book online: www.essexkidscamp.co.uk/activities
Email: info@essexkidscamp.co.uk



MORNING ACTIVE CLUB

Start the school day with something fun!

STARTING MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER
EVERY SCHOOL MORNING FROM 7.45

A fun, flexible before-school club for children at St Luke's Primary School, Wickford.

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St. Lukes Park Primary CRAFT CLUB

Fun weekly themed crafts and activities often to include Sand art, wooden crafts, foam crafts, sequins, modelling, brick build, and more. Club runs straight from class and finishes at 4.15pm. Collection is from the main school entrance

Tuesdays for all year groups
Tuesday 8th September to Tuesday 20th Oct/15th Dec
7 week half term/ 14 week full term
Cost is £42 for the half term, £84 for full term
You can join mid term if spaces are available.
To book: Text or call Katie on 07929 044959



Wood, fabric, sand and more!

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Crafty Katie

AFTER-SCHOOL LEGO CLUB

Build • Create • Imagine

Tuesdays to 4.15pm
For all year groups

Starts Tuesday 22nd September

Join us for an afternoon of **colourful creativity** – towers, vehicles, mini-worlds, challenges team builds. Perfect for budding engineers and imaginative minds.

What's included:

- Weekly themed LEGO challenges
- Free-build zone
- Team builds
- Plus Magnetic Minecraft blocks!

Book Now!
£25 for 5 weeks

To book text Katie on 07929 044959

Karate Club: <https://www.yoseikankarate.co.uk/service-page/mondays-st-lukes-park-school>