



St Luke's Park Newsletter (4) 02.10.2026

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

Singing

I hope that you have heard the wonderful singing coming from the school at the end of every day since the start of term. We are ending each day on a positive note (pun intended!) and singing together daily across the school. Mrs Stone leads classes in song via a link on their interactive whiteboard all week, then children sing together in the hall during our Friday assembly. We feel that this is such a lovely end to the children's days and I hope that you enjoy hearing it while the weather is warm enough that we have the windows open!

Parents' Evening

Our parents' evening meetings are coming up soon and you will receive information about how to book a slot to see your child's teacher and discuss how they have settled into the school year. A really important part of this meeting is finding out what you can do to support your child's learning at home. Children are with us between 8.30 and 3.10pm and during this time, teachers are catering for thirty children in the classroom. That time with you at home is so important for children to practise their developing skills, especially with regards to reading or developing fluency with number facts. Children who secure those strong foundations early through support and practice at home will be able to meet challenges as the year goes on with much more confidence than children who have not had this chance.

Attendance

We expect all children to attend school every day. Poor or patchy attendance is considered a safeguarding concern.

When children are removed for holidays or when they have a minor cold, their education and social connections are interrupted. It is not acceptable to expect that school staff should have an increased work load to catch children up academically, or deal with friendship issues which have resulted from gaps in attendance for unauthorised reasons.

If you have a weekend away planned then please do not interrupt your child's, or other children's learning to collect them early on a Friday afternoon. Please ensure that they arrive ready to start the week on Monday morning, even if you have been away.

I urge you to consider the impact on your own child, and others, when you take them out of school unnecessarily. Holidays should not be booked in school term time.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend – see you at 8.30am on Monday morning!

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 & Wynter-Rose for individuality

Hedgehogs – Betsy for compassion & Sofia for responsibility

Badgers – Harmony for creativity & Brayan for resilience

Foxes – Erin for collaboration & Belle for creativity

Woodpeckers – Whole class for collaboration

Jays – Alyssa for courage

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

Autumn Term - Dates for your Diary	
Tuesday 6 th October ***CANCELLED***	***POSTPONED to Monday 2 nd November 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 – NO TEACHER LED CLUBS
Thursday 22 nd October	3.30pm-6pm Parents evening – NO TEACHER LED CLUBS
Thursday 22 nd October	1.15-3.30pm Yr 5 / Yr 6 – Boys Football Tournament, Meadgate Primary School
Thursday 22nd October	4.00pm - Little Owls – Visit to the library with parents
Friday 23 rd October	Year 3 - Stone Age Day
Friday 23 rd October	9.00am – Harvest Festival for children in Little Owls / Squirrels and Hedgehogs ONLY – Parents 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
*** Monday 2 nd November***	6pm – Brockfield House information evening for parents
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 14 th December	9.00am KS1 Nativity Parents invited 2.30pm EYFS Christmas show – Parents invited
Tuesday 15 th December	9.00am KS1 Nativity Parents invited 2.30pm EYFS Christmas show – Parents invited
Wednesday 16 th December	Whole School Pantomime – Aladdin, Basildon Towngate Theatre
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Day KS2 Carol Concert 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 ♥

🔔 PTFA AGM – Friday 9 October

A reminder that our AGM takes place on Friday 9 October, 8:45–9:30am in the School Main Hall. Younger siblings are very welcome.

We need a minimum number of parents/carers to attend so that we can vote in our 2026/27 Committee. You don't need to volunteer for a role – simply coming along helps us meet the required number.

We'd love to see as many of you there as possible! ♥

🗑 Little Recyclers Clothing Drive – 12–21 October

Our next Clothing Drive is coming up! From 12–21 October, you can drop off unwanted, good-quality clothing every morning before school to a member of the PTFA.

It's a great opportunity to clear out those wardrobes while raising funds for our school. Last year this initiative raised £400!

More details on exactly what can be donated will follow.

Thank you, as always, for your amazing support ♥

Your 2025/26 PTFA Committee

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

Throughout October, ACL Essex (Essex County Council) is running a range of free online courses for parents and carers, offering practical advice and support around some of the challenges families can face.

The sessions cover a variety of topics and may be useful for families looking for practical strategies, reassurance, or a better understanding of their child's needs.

A few examples include:

- **[Separation Anxiety](#)**: for parents and carers whose child may be finding school drop-offs or time apart difficult.
- **Understanding Anxiety ([Children](#) & [Teens](#))**: for parents and carers whose child may be struggling with worries, confidence, school-related anxiety, or feeling overwhelmed.
- **[Managing Big Emotions](#)**: for parents and carers whose child finds it difficult to manage strong feelings such as anger, frustration, or upset.

All courses are free and delivered online, making them easy to access from home.

Please see attached flyers for more information.

Calling all musical theatre lovers! 🎭
Southend operatic and dramatic society's new show is the hilarious and heart-warming Great British Bake Off Musical.

Sweeter than a Mary Berry pavlova, the show follows a group of amateur bakers as they navigate friendship, loss and love while striving to win the competition.

For the icing on the cake, we're offering a half-price child ticket with every full-paying adult ticket, for selected performances.

Take your pick during half term week from:

🕒 Wednesday 28th October – 7.30pm

🍰 Thursday 29th October – 2.30pm or 7.30pm

Limited availability. So book now on the link below to avoid disappointment!
<https://booking.trafalgartickets.com/en/palace-theatre-southend/specialoffer/wig3s6xdjdz3s>

Group booking discounts also available.

We have also attached the QR code to book, and a flyer for more information.

And finally, a mention that Miss Stone will be appearing as a dancer in the show!

St Luke's Park Primary School

Autumn Term April 2026-October 2026



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



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Pizza Whirl (Puff Pastry whirl with tomato and cheese filling) (v)	Spaghetti Bolognese (Beef Mince in Tomato Sauce)	All Day Breakfast (Bacon & Pork Chipolata)	*NEW* Beef Burritos	Bird's Eye Omega 3 Fish Fingers(GF)
Vegetarian	Cheesy Pasta (Plain pasta topped with grated cheese) (v)	Mince Quorn Bolognese (v)	Breakfast Burrito (Wrap filled with Beans & Cheese) (ve)	Mince Quorn Burritos (v)	Quorn Dippers (v)
On the Side	Pasta (v) Sweetcorn (ve)	Pasta (v) Baguette (ve) Broccoli (ve)	Hash Brown (ve) Scrambled Egg (v) Baked Beans (ve)	Sunshine Rice (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	Lemon Drizzle Sponge Cake (v)	Fruit Whip (Angel Delight mixed with fruit) (v)	Fruit Platter (ve)	Coconut Crumble Cookie (v)	Fruit Platter (ve)

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

(v) - Vegetarian (ve) - Vegan (GF) - Gluten Free

Week 3 Menu Dates – Weeks commencing: 14th September, 5th October

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.

GET CREATIVE

- Minecraft-style magnetic building blocks
- Colouring
- Games
- Creative activities

SOMETHING DIFFERENT EVERY MORNING!
FUN • ACTIVE CREATIVE FRIENDS

GET ACTIVE

- Football
- Dancing
- Wall bars
- Sports
- Different activities each morning!

EVERY SCHOOL MORNING FROM 7.45AM ONWARDS
Drop in from 7.45am

FLEXIBLE BOOKING
BOOK INDIVIDUAL MORNINGS
Only book what you need

SAVE WITH A WEEKLY PASS
GREAT VALUE FOR BUSY FAMILIES

BOOK ONLINE TODAY!
www.essexkidscamp.co.uk

Crafty Katie

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!

Made with AI

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>