St Luke's Park Newsletter (5) 09.10.2026

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

PTFA

Firstly, it was fantastic to see such a brilliant turn out for the PTFA AGM this year. I think what was most lovely was that there was such a mix of parents who have been involved right from the very start when we opened and parents who are new to the school.

The PTFA team do such a good job of fundraising to support lots of fun activities within school. Your involvement in events makes such a difference to the amount that can be raised. They are always on the look out for new members so if you feel able to lend your support, then please reach out.

Attendance

Just a reminder that we have two school weeks before the half term break. Please ensure your children attend every day to benefit from the experiences in school. We monitor attendance closely from a safeguarding perspective and you will be kept informed of your child's attendance rate, with support offered if you are facing challenges in this area.

Can I please add here that there are some real amazing improvements in attendance across the school too and so do click on that email about attendance, it may well be a letter to say, 'Well done!'.

Pupil Leadership

We will be recruiting new play leaders (yr4) and prefects (yr5) over the coming weeks so that they are ready to take up these roles after half term. My thanks go to the current post holders who have been responsible and reliable role models to others. House Captains (year 6) will be introduced in the new half term after the launch of our new house system.

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 – Aria for Courage, Reginald for Individuality and Miles for Creativity

Hedgehogs – Aurora for Individuality, Coby for Resilience and Lola for Compassion

Badgers – Aria for Responsibility and Holland for Compassion

Foxes – Ella for Creativity and Rupert for Collaboration

Woodpeckers – Maisie for Responsibility and Isabella for Resilience

Jays – Macy for compassion and Isabella 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

Autumn Term - Dates for your Diary	
Wednesday 14th October	**School Photographs** 8.00am – Photos with siblings who do not attend SLP 9.00am - Individual and sibling groups in school across the morning.
Thursday 15th October	1.15-3.30pm Yr 5 / Yr 6 – Girls Football Tournament, Meadgate Primary School
Tuesday 20th October	3.30pm-6pm Parents evening
Thursday 22nd October	3.30pm-6pm Parents evening
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Wednesday 21st October *****Change of date*****	*****4.00pm - Little Owls – Visit to the library with parents*****
Friday 23rd October	Year 3 - Stone Age Day
Friday 23rd October	9.00am – Harvest Festival for children in Little Owls / Squirrels and Hedgehogs ONLY – Parents invited
	HALF TERM - Monday 26th – Friday 30th October
Monday 2nd November	Back to school 08.30am - Pumpkin carving competition – children can bring in carved pumpkins to display in the playground from
Monday 2nd November	6pm – Brockfield House information evening for parents
Wednesday 11th November	Little Owls – NHS Measurement checks
Friday 13th November	Children in Need – Children come into school with 'Crazy Hair' for a £1.00 donation on Arbor
Friday 20th November	NHS Flu Vaccinations in school
Thursday 26th November	EYFS – New Intake Tour for children starting in September 2027
Thursday 3rd December	EYFS – New Intake Tour for children starting in September 2027
Friday 4th December	PTFA Disco – Times to be confirmed
Monday 14th December	9.00am KS1 Nativity Parents invited 2.30pm EYFS Christmas show – Parents invited
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Wednesday 16th December	Whole School Pantomime – Aladdin, Basildon Towngate Theatre
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Day KS2 Carol Concert KS2 Carol Concert 4-5pm
Friday 18th December	Last Day of Term - Class Christmas parties Festive Christmas visitor organised by the PTFA

💚 Update from your PTFA Committee 💚

🎉 WELCOME TO YOUR NEW 2026/27 PTFA COMMITTEE! 🎉

A HUGE thank you to everyone who attended our PTFA AGM today! We had an amazing turnout, and we really appreciate you taking the time to come along and show your support. 💚 💛

We're delighted to confirm that our 2026/27 PTFA Committee has now been elected! 🙌 We're passionate about supporting all the families and children at St Luke's Park Primary and are excited to get started on another year of fundraising, fun events and new ideas.

A big thank you, too, to everyone who continues to support the PTFA in so many different ways. Whether you attend events, volunteer your time, donate or simply spread the word, it all makes a difference.

♻️ LITTLE RECYCLERS CLOTHING DRIVE – 12–21 OCTOBER

Our Little Recyclers Clothing Drive is coming up! 👕 👟 This is a great opportunity to clear out unwanted clothing while helping raise funds for our school.

🗓️ When: 12–21 October
📍 Drop-off: Please bring your donations to school in the mornings before school and hand them directly to a member of the PTFA.

Every donation helps, so please spread the word and get involved! 💚 Further details on accepted items will follow.

📣 HELP SHAPE OUR YEAR AHEAD!

Next week, we'll be sharing a short survey to gather your feedback, ideas and suggestions for the new school year.

We'd love to hear what events you'd like to see, how we can improve and any ideas you have for bringing our school community together. Your feedback will help us plan a year that works for our families and, most importantly, benefits our children. 💚

📱 KEEP IN TOUCH!

Join our PTFA News WhatsApp channel: https://chat.whatsapp.com/DBXWPScflpI4wpOwhCQI50?s=cl&p=i&mlu=0&ilr=4 and follow us on Instagram https://www.instagram.com/st_lukes_park_primary_ptfa?igsh=bHBleHZubDJ1ejYw and Facebook https://www.facebook.com/share/1DuiEYkUY8/?mibextid=wwXIfr to keep up to date with fundraising, events and all the latest news.

Thank you again for your incredible support. Together, we can make a real difference! 💚 💛

Your 2026/27 PTFA Committee

MEET YOUR 26/27 SLPP PTFA COMMITTEE



LIZ BENNET
MUM TO
ISAAC IN
WOODPECKERS



NICOLA TYE
MUM TO
CARTER IN
WOODPECKERS &
PARKER IN
BADGERS



KAYLEIGH
SWEETMAN
MUM TO
HARLEY IN
WOODPECKERS &
JAXSON IN
HEDGEHOGS



CLAUDIA BAKER
MUM TO SADIE
IN FOXES &
ZACK IN
HEDGEHOGS



SAM BRADY
MUM TO OLIVIA
IN HEDGEHOGS &
HARRY IN
LITTLE OWLS



ELIZABETH
BAILEY
MUM TO
POPPY IN
WOODPECKERS &
MAISIE IN
SQUIRRELS



SOPHIE PAYN
MUM TO
HOLLAND IN
BADGERS
& LATHAM IN
SQUIRRELS



KIRSTY BRETT
MUM TO
TOBY IN FOXES



KIM BEACH
MUM TO
KAITLYN IN
SQUIRRELS &
LIANNA IN
LITTLE OWLS

Keep in touch by joining the 'PTFA news' channel on WhatsApp. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook. Email us at stlukesparkptfa@gmail.com

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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

Clubs









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