St Luke's Park Newsletter (7) 23.10.2026

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

Parents' Evening

It was lovely to hear about all the fantastic things that teachers had to share with you at our recent parents' evening. Please remember to do all of the reading and times tables practice that teachers are asking you to do at home – it really does make a big difference to your children's learning and confidence in school.

Brockfield House

A reminder that there will be a 6pm meeting on Monday 2nd November where staff from Brockfield House will come to talk to parents about the work that happens within this secure hospital on the estate. This will be in the hall.

Football Tournament

Following on from the amazing result from our girls' football team last week, we have had another fantastic outcome this week with our boys placing first overall out of all of our academy schools. Mr Thomas tells me that they faced some good sides across the academy and worked together well.

Half Term

A reminder that the half term break is one week long and we expect to see pupils back in school on Monday 2nd November.

ACL Courses

ACL Essex have a number of courses available at no cost to parents. A few highlights include:

- **Support Your Child to Attend & Enjoy School**: for parents and carers whose child may be finding school attendance challenging, struggling with transitions, or feeling anxious about going to school.
- **How to Communicate & Connect with Your Teen**: for parents and carers looking to strengthen communication, build positive relationships, and better understand their teenager's thoughts and feelings.
- **Zones of Regulation**: for families whose child finds it difficult to recognise, understand, or manage their emotions and responses in everyday situations.

There is also a poster outlining other courses on offer at the end of this newsletter.

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 – Luca for Compassion and Jordan for Resilience

Squirrels –Miles for Courage, Olivia and Kaitlyn for Individuality

Hedgehogs – Albie for resilience and Hedgehog Class for Harvest Festival

Badgers – Badger Class for Collaboration

Foxes – Belle for Respect and Toby for Compassion

Woodpeckers – Ethan for Individuality and Blakeley for Creativity

Jays – Rose for Courage and Raphael 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

Autumn Term - Dates for your Diary	
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
Tuesday 15th December	9.00am KS1 Nativity Parents invited 2.30pm EYFS Christmas show – Parents invited
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 💚

♻️ CLOTHING DRIVE – THANK YOU!

A HUGE thank you to everyone who supported our Little Recyclers Clothing Drive! We collected an amazing 306kg of clothing, raising almost £140 for our school! 🎉 💚

🍂 AUTUMN ACCESSORY DAY – TODAY!

There is still time to donate, if you haven't already:
https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/donation/autumn-accessory-day

📣 HAVE YOUR SAY!

Help us plan the year ahead by sharing your ideas and feedback in our PTFA survey.

🔗 Complete the survey:

https://forms.gle/r1foGhb7gzsbZ4XR7

🗓️ SAVE THE DATES –

There's plenty to look forward to! Pop these dates in your diary:

* 🎉 6 November: RSC Bingo Night
* 🎉 4 December: RSC Bingo Night
* 4 December: Winter Disco
* ⛄ 18 December: Sssshhh… Secret Festive Visitor!

More details to follow.

🍂 HAPPY HALF TERM!

Wishing all our families a lovely, relaxing half-term break. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing everyone next term! 💚 💛

📱 KEEP IN TOUCH!

💬 WhatsApp: https://chat.whatsapp.com/DBXWPScflpI4wpOwhCQI50?s=cl&p=i&mlu=0&ilr=4

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

👍 Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/share/1DuiEYkUY8/?mibextid=wwXIfr

📧 Email: stlukesparkptfa@gmail.com

Your 2026/27 PTFA Committee
Liz, Kirsty, Nicola, Claudia, Sam, Bessie, Kayleigh, Sophie, Kim & Puri 💚

Autumn Term October 2026-April 2027

Week One

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta (v)	Chicken Korma Curry Sauce	Homemade Pork Sausage Roll	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Oven Baked Fish Fillet
Veg	Macaroni Cheese (v)	***NEW*** Homemade vegetable samosa with sweet chilli sauce (v)(p)	***NEW*** Garden Vegetable fajita (ve)(p)	***NEW*** Mixed Beans in Tomato Sauce with Quorn Sausage (v)	Omelette (v)
On the Side	Wholemeal Bread (ve) Broccoli (ve)	50/50 savoury rice (ve) Green Beans (ve)	Diced Savoury potatoes (ve) Peas / Carrots	Pasta (v) Sweetcorn (ve)	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	Oaty Apple Crumble and custard (v)	Chocolate Milk Rice Pudding with mandarins (v)	Fresh Fruit (ve)	Homemade Carrot Cake (v)	Fresh Fruit (ve)

Available daily – Salad Cart, Mixed Yoghurt, Fresh Fruit, and Water
(v) - Vegetarian (ve) - Vegan (GF) - Gluten Free (p) – contains pulses
Week 1 Menu Dates - 2nd Nov, 23rd Nov, 14th Dec, 18th Jan, 8th Feb, 8th March

Half-Term Reminder for Parents!

Dear Parents,

School holidays are just around the corner! It's the perfect time to take care of your child's oral health without worrying about missing school hours.

Book today to receive a free NHS dental check-up along with a free toothpaste for your child.

Half-term slots are in high demand, so please call us on 01268 520555 with your child's school name to reserve an appointment before they're gone!







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NHS

438 Whitmore Way,
Basildon
SS14 2EZ
01268 520555

Email: whitmorewaydentalcentre@gmail.com

Clubs









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

Free courses for parents & carers

2nd - 6th November 2026

Gain practical **tips and techniques** you can use straight away.

Be around others that 'get it' in our **supportive and friendly** sessions.

These courses all take place online

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2nd November	3rd November	4th November	5th November	6th November
Support Your Child to Attend & Enjoy School 7:30 - 9:30pm	Assertive Parenting 6:30 - 8:30pm Positive Parenting for Teens 7pm - 9pm	About Boys 7pm - 9pm Understanding ADHD in Children 6:30 - 8:30pm Support Your Child to Attend & Enjoy School 9:30 - 11:30am SEND Support for Families 6pm - 8pm	SEND Support for Families 9:30 - 11:30am Managing Big Emotions 7pm - 9pm	

To book, please visit **aclessex.com** and search the course name or give us a call on **0345 603 7635.**

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How to Communicate and Connect with Your Teen 7pm - 9pm	Communicating with Children Aged 5-11 7pm - 9pm	Managing Big Emotions 7pm - 9pm	Zones of Regulation 7pm - 9pm	
23rd November	24th November	25th November	26th November	27th November
				Setting Boundaries 9:30 - 11:30am

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