



St Luke's Park Newsletter (31) 13/06/2025

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

Summer Weather

The sunshine is back, hooray! Please remember to send children in with sunhats and sunscreen (named please) to help protect them in the sunshine as well as water bottles so that they can stay hydrated in this warmer weather.

We have a few sporting events coming up over the next few weeks so do keep an eye out for communications on Parentmail or reminders on Dojo. If you are not receiving Parentmail communications, please speak to the office. If you are not able to receive Dojo messages, please speak to your child's teacher.

Super Footballers

A huge 'Well Done' to the amazing footballers we have in our school.

Connor, Ethan, Carter, Reggie, Blakely, Isaac (Badgers) and Hugo (Hedgehogs) won the 'Atletico Trotters Tournament Plate 24/25' last weekend. We are really proud of you all.



Work continues to find the ideal coach for our own school football club. It's nice to know that we'll have a very strong team when we get there!

Pantomime 2025

Our lovely PTFA have agreed to fund a visiting pantomime for December 2025. We have been considering the cost to parents of an annual visit to the Towngate Theatre and have decided that alternating this with a visiting production that can come to us in school would give a good balance. Of course, we would not be able to offer these experiences without the hard work of our PTFA and the support that our school community show for PTFA events. An enormous 'Thank You' to you all.

Phonics Tests

Our year one children did us all proud this week during their phonics test. For those of you not yet familiar with this, children are asked to read 40 words to their teacher which are a mix of real and nonsense words to help us assess whether they are secure in their phonic knowledge.

Sound phonic knowledge provides a strong foundation for early reading so it is always a high priority in both reception class and year one. I have been so impressed with the children's brilliant attitude and enthusiasm for reading and thank you to all of the families who support this with regular practice and sharing stories at home.

Staffing News

Mrs Park has decided to leave her teaching position at St Luke's Park Primary School at the end of this academic year. I would like to thank her for her 3 years working at not only the school but across the Trust during her career. Mrs Park played a critical role in the opening of the school and I will always be grateful for this. I wish her all the best in the next stage of her career.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Ms Kendall-Hobbs

Stars of the Week



This Week's Winners:

Little Owls – Cali-Mae for compassion and Harriet for resilience.

Squirrels – Ivy T & Ivy S for collaboration and Edison for resilience.

Hedgehogs – Ollie for compassion, Esme for resilience and Elliot for respect.

Badgers – Mollie for compassion

Foxes – 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

Reminder: We are week 2 for school dinners

week commencing Monday 16th June

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.

Summer Term - Dates for your diary

20 th June	Year 4 Swimming lessons
25 th June	Sports Day – 9am
27 th June	Year 4 Swimming lessons
27 th June	Year 3 and Year 4 children only Chelmsford Sports and Athletic Centre – Academy Trust Sports event 1pm – 3pm – Pick up from school at 3.40pm
27 th June	PFTA Summer Event
1 st July	Reserve Sport Day
2 nd July	Year 1 Trip to Call of The Wild – Parents to drop off and collect children from Call of The Wild
4 th July	Year 4 Swimming lessons
11 th July	8pm – PTFA Bingo Runwell Social Club 20:00 (Adults only)
11 th July	Year 4 Final swimming lesson
21 st July	End of term work viewing Summer Walk – 2pm
22 nd July	End of term Talent Show and Colour Run (TBC) & Last Day of term

Join us at the SEND Roadshow in Braintree!

Date: Tuesday, 17 June

Time: Drop in anytime between 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Quieter times: Prefer a quieter visit? Pop in after 11:30 AM

Location: POP Essex, 5-7 Bocking End, Braintree, Essex, CM7 9AE

Cost: FREE

What to Expect:

Have questions about your child's needs and the best support available? The SEND Roadshow brings together a variety of professionals under one roof, including local support groups, education professionals, health teams, and social care teams.

You can:

- access support and information
- understand the different services available
- discover local support, such as parent groups and inclusive activities

For more information on the event - including who will be there- take a look at: [Local Offer Roadshow, Mid Essex | Essex Local Offer](#)

We really hope you are able to share with your families 😊

The Essex Local Offer Team

Clare, Helen, Jenny, Louise and Amie



Visit the [Essex Local Offer](#) website to find out more.

PTFA News

Message from your PTFA.

Last week saw our first **PTFA Snake Coin Challenge**. We raised a whopping **£291.65**. Thanks to our friendly supporters at the **Co-op** who kindly took most of the coins from us to save us from counting and unnecessary fees!

The kids had great fun choosing a gift for a special man in their life at our **PTFA Marvellous Men gift stall**. They were all so polite and excited - we hope they told you all about it when they got home.

Reminder to grab your tickets for our **PTFA Magic Show on Friday 27th June**. Gates open from 17:30 to 19:30. Show 18:00-19:00 on the school field - bring your own blanket. For more info please see the attached. Tickets are available at <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EWSK>. We're looking for local businesses that would like to support by offering raffle prizes for our raffle at the Magic Show. If anyone is able to help or knows of any local businesses that would like to offer a gift voucher/prize, please get in touch at stlukesparkptfa@gmail.com.

Thanks to those that help us to raise funds with **easyfundraising**. Did you know that you can raise **FREE donations** for our PTFA when you shop online? Over 8,000 retailers will donate, including all the big names like John Lewis & Partners, BT, Expedia, Argos, ASOS, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more! There's no extra charges to you - and **if you download the easyfundraising app and sign up this month - we'll get a £2 donation!** For more info please see the attached.

We had a great meeting this week with the school teaching team about what to spend our fundraising efforts on. We'll be supporting with funding topic books for each class, arranging 2 x author visits for next year, providing a CPR manikin for use in year 5, supporting Mrs Feagan with items for the outdoor areas PLUS we're exploring other ideas. We'll update when we can - watch this space!

PTFA events - Dates for your diaries:

- 27 June Summer Family Event 18:00 (Families)
- 11 July Bingo Runwell Social Club 20:00 (Adults)
- 24 Sept PTFA AGM 14:30-15:00 (Adults) ****CHANGE IN DATE****
- 12 Dec School disco (after school) info to follow

If you've any questions or suggestions for the PTFA team, get in touch at stlukesparkptfa@gmail.com.

We're also on Facebook - St Luke's Park PTFA and Instagram [st_lukes_park_ptfa](#)

Thanks, Laura, Nicola, Liz, Claudia, Ashlee, Kayleigh and Melanie.