



# St Luke's Park Newsletter (36) 18/07/2025

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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

### **Keyboard Performance**

The children who have been learning the keyboard with Amy over this past term put on a lovely performance to parents on Monday morning. I was so proud of the way they performed with confidence, really read the music that they were using and remained calm and composed. What a fantastic attitude they are all developing by learning that practice pays off.

### **Books**

If you have not already returned them, Children's 'Take Home' reading books and library books must be returned to school by **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July**. This will enable staff to prepare resources for the new academic year.

Please encourage your children to read over the summer and access library resources such as the Summer Reading Challenge 'Story Garden' initiative in local libraries.

There will be another Book Bingo challenge released for the summer holidays and it would be wonderful to celebrate those children coming back in September who have given this a good go.

### **Termly Walk Reminder**

We will have our final termly walk of the year on Monday 21<sup>st</sup>. Please gather at the school for 2pm if you wish to walk with your child - they will come out of the doors they are usually dismissed by and set off class by class. Please be patient as we ensure all children are with a parent or their class teacher before setting off. Those whose parents are unable to attend will walk with their class teacher. If you have multiple children at the school then please collect them and walk with the class of the last child seen out to you. After the return to school, children will go back inside to collect their things and be seen back out to you on the playground.

Due to our successful butterfly releases this term, we will be aiming to spot as many as we can while we walk this term. You might like to find out the names of some commonly seen butterflies so that you can name those you spot. Information here: <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/wildlife/identify-british-butterflies>

### **Last Day of Term Reminder**

On last day of term (Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July) following the talent show in the morning we will hold a 'splash run' for children on the field. This will be right at the end of the day on the final day of the school term. We will challenge children to participate in silly races with the added challenge of being splashed with water while doing so!

Both of the above will be child-only events.

### **Please be prepared for children to be rather soggy on pickup from school!**

Children will be given the option to not participate if they wish and can choose to watch or do some colouring activities indoors if they prefer. If you do not want your child to participate, please speak to their teacher.

### **Clever Never Goes**

Your children might have shared this phrase with you this week following my assembly on Monday. This campaign supports children's ability to identify potential risky situations in order to keep themselves safe. If children are only taught that only 'strangers' may pose a risk to them there is the danger that they drop their guard around those who they might recognise and not class as a 'stranger'. In the words of the campaign: *It's the modern, child-friendly alternative to the out-dated and fundamentally flawed 'Stranger Danger' message. Rather than fearing the worst in everyone they don't know, Clever Never Goes helps children to recognise specific situations that are unsafe and gives them the tools to respond.*

There are resources for you to look at <https://clevernevergoes.org/> and an overview at the end of this newsletter.

### **Dinners**

School dinners will increase in price to £2.70 from 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025.

Wishing you all a happy and safe summer break – and see you all for our final two days of term next week.

Ms Kendall-Hobbs

## Stars of the Week



### This Week's Winners:

Little Owls – Whole Class for courage

Squirrels – Whole Class for collaboration

Hedgehogs – Whole Class for individuality

Badgers – Whole class for resilience

Foxes – Noah for respect and Alyssa for collaboration

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*

**Dinners Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

**Monday – Cheese and tomato pizza / BBQ Pizza**

**Tuesday – Fish Fingers / Vegetable Nuggets, chips and beans**

## Reminder:

All absences need to be reported each day before 9am by phoning the main school number or emailing [admin@stlukespark.essex.sch.uk](mailto: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

21 <sup>st</sup> July	Summer Walk – 2pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last Day of term End of term Talent Show and Splash Run

## Autumn Term - Dates for your diary

3 <sup>rd</sup> September	First day of Autumn Term – All children back to school Little Owls EYFS – Group 1 - 08:30 - 10:30am Little Owls EYFS – Group 2 – 13:05pm - 15:05pm
4 <sup>th</sup> September	Little Owls – EYFS – All children 08:30am – 11:30pm
5 <sup>th</sup> September	Little Owls – EYFS – All children 08:30am – 13:30pm (School dinner or packed lunch)
8 <sup>th</sup> September onwards	Little Owls – All day



# SUMMER CAMPS

9AM-3PM

@ ST LUKE'S PARK SCHOOL  
FRI 8TH AUGUST

INCLUDES  
DRAGON  
ASSAULT  
COURSE!



@Essex Kids Camp

FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO BOOK VISIT:  
Book online: [www.essexkidscamp.co.uk/activities](http://www.essexkidscamp.co.uk/activities)  
Email: [info@essexkidscamp.co.uk](mailto:info@essexkidscamp.co.uk)



# Crafty Katie

St Lukes Primary School

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> September to Tuesday 21st October  
7 week half term

Cost is £42 for the full half term

You can join mid term if spaces are available.

To book: Text or call Katie on 07929 044959



Wood, fabric, sand and more!

Crafty  
Katie

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# PTFA News

## Update from your PTFA Committee

It's almost the end of term so a short update this week from us.

A reminder that our **PTFA AGM (Annual General Meeting) will be on Wednesday 24th September 14:30-15:00** in the school hall before pick up. At the meeting we'll share what we've been up to as a PTFA, how we've raised funds, where we've spent funds, what our plans are for the next year and we'll elect a new committee. Each of the current committee will stand down, and we'll share how you can put yourself forward for one of the committee positions in the new school year. It's also a great chance to hear from you and your ideas, suggestions and feedback, so please come along.

**Today is Frozen Friday** so the PTFA team will be selling ice poles after school.

There's still ways to fundraise for the PTFA over the school holidays. You can sign up to **The Parents Lottery** - each week you'll have the chance win prizes up to £25,000. For more info see attached and visit [www.theparentslottery.org/find-your-school](http://www.theparentslottery.org/find-your-school) and type in St Luke's Park PTFA to find our PTFA. And you can also sign up to **easyfundraising**. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! It's easy and completely FREE! Search St Luke's Park Primary PTFA - Essex when signing up! These donations really mount up. More info attached!

### **PTFA events - Dates for your diaries:**

- 18 July Frozen Friday (after school)
- 24 Sept AGM 14:30-15:00 (school hall)
- 11 Dec Panto school visit (in school)
- 11 Dec Special festive visitor (in school)
- 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](mailto:stlukesparkptfa@gmail.com). We're also on Facebook - St Luke's Park PTFA and Instagram [st\\_lukes\\_park\\_ptfa](https://www.instagram.com/st_lukes_park_ptfa)

Thanks, Laura, Nicola, Liz, Claudia, Ashlee, Kayleigh and Kirsty

# OUT WITH STRANGER DANGER IN WITH CLEVER NEVER GOES



## TEACH THE CLEVER OPTION AT HOME

**CLEVER NEVER GOES is the new, child-friendly lesson that teaches children how to stay safe from abduction when they are outside (e.g. walking to or from school), or online.**

It's been created to help parents/guardians talk to their children about staying safe in a simple way.

Instead of creating a fear of people it teaches them to recognise the danger in a situation, regardless of who's involved.

### THE RULE:

**If anyone asks you to go - even someone that you know - if it hasn't been agreed, remember: CLEVER NEVER GOES**



The **CLEVER NEVER GOES** rule means children shouldn't go anywhere with anyone - even if they know them - if it hasn't been agreed in advance by a parent or guardian.

And please remember, children learn through repetition so make sure you remind them regularly of **CLEVER NEVER GOES** when they're going outside or online.

For more information, ideas and resources to have that clever conversation go to: [clevernevergoes.org](http://clevernevergoes.org)

## WHY CHANGE?

Since it was introduced in the 1970's, the 'stranger danger' message has been fundamentally flawed.

Most strangers will help rather than harm a child, and many people that do pose a risk to children are not strangers.

Furthermore, it demands that all strangers should be treated with suspicion, which breeds fear in our communities. This has led to children spending less time outdoors, fuelling a rise in obesity and mental health problems.

Add to this, children are spending more time online, increasing their risk of being groomed. Now is the time for a new approach that creates safer, happier and healthier children.

Backed by more than 1,000 schools across the UK, **CLEVER NEVER GOES** is more practical than stranger danger and gives children the skills and confidence to safely explore their outdoor and online worlds without fear. And gives parents the reassurance to let them.

**clever  
never  
goes**



**FREE**

# **SUMMER GET TOGETHER**



**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2025  
12:30 - 15:00**

**Suitable for children birth to 10**

**Come and join our  
Summer get together!**



**Child and Family Wellbeing Service**



**Northlands Park Family Hub  
Davenants, Basildon SS13 1QX**

