



Newsletter

WORK TOGETHER - GROW TOGETHER - FLOURISH TOGETHER

Welcome from Mr. P

As we approach the festive season, I'm delighted to share with you the wonderful happenings at our school. It's been a busy and exciting time, filled with learning, creativity, and community spirit.

Our pupils have been busy crafting poppies to adorn our school fence, a touching tribute for Remembrance Day. This act of remembrance beautifully demonstrates our children's understanding of history and their respect for those who have served.

We've had some fantastic visitors to our school recently. The Dog's Trust provided invaluable lessons on safe interaction with our four-legged friends, while Kerry from the Bassetlaw Primary Behaviour Partnership has been running a series of insightful coffee mornings for our parents.

Anti-bullying week saw us donning odd socks, celebrating our uniqueness. The children's creativity shone through as they crafted the most amazing sock puppets, each one a testament to their individuality.

Our commitment to charitable causes remains strong. I'm thrilled to announce that we've raised over £100 for Children in Need. Your generosity never ceases to amaze me!

It's been heartwarming to see our school community grow and flourish. Little Acorns Nursery joined our FS2 pupils for a delightful stay and play session, fostering connections between our youngest learners. Speaking of connections, Mr. Bell hosted a wonderful Stay and Play session for our FS2 parents, providing an opportunity to support their children's phonics learning.

Our grounds are set to burst into colour come spring, thanks to our pupils who, with Mrs. Phillips' help, have planted bulbs along our 'new' school fence. This hands-on experience not only beautifies our school but also teaches valuable lessons about nature and growth.

Learning has extended beyond our school gates too. Thoresby Class ventured to Rushcliffe Park, bringing their Roman studies to life, while Welbeck Class explored the Industrial Revolution at Kelham Island.

I'm particularly proud to share that the £720 raised from our book fair has been invested in 120 new dictionaries and 120 new thesauruses for our school. These resources will undoubtedly enrich our pupils' learning for years to come.

We've even managed to squeeze in some winter fun, enjoying the unexpected snowfall earlier last week. And as we edge closer to Christmas, our after-school wreath-making event was a resounding success, with next year's dates already in high demand! As always, I'm immensely proud of our pupils, staff, and wider school community. Your continued support and engagement make St. Luke's the vibrant, nurturing place it is. Here's to more learning, laughter, and shared experiences in the weeks to come.

Thank you

Thank you to all of you, who continue to support the school with our fundraising events. We have received so many wonderful prizes for the Rainbow Raffle and you have purchased raffle tickets in their hundreds! I just wanted to share an update about how this money is being spent: part funded by your donations and funded by school, we have purchased a trolley of 30 brand new iPads to enhance the children's learning; to support Father Christmas over this busy period, we have purchased £305 worth of reading books as gifts for him to deliver in the coming few weeks; and, we have subsidised the KS1 and UKS2 residentials by £250 each, to reduce transport costs. Please be reassured, that all monies will always make their way back to the children!



Parking – Collection & drop off

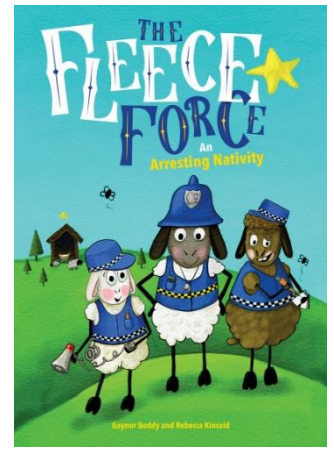
Please can I politely request that parents who drive along Clayson Green drive and park with caution. I have received several calls regarding 'near misses' and inattentive parking from residents and other parents over the last few weeks. Please can we all work together to keep the St. Luke's community a safe and happy one. Thank you.

KS1 Nativity – You spoke, I listened!

This year's KS1 Nativity, 'The Fleece Force' will see Elmtou and Rufford Classes come together to put on a wonderfully festive nativity on **Thursday 12th December**. **Now, at St. Luke's Church!** Thank you to the St. Luke's Church team for allowing this!

The children will be running two performances, to ensure all adults will be able to see their children in this wonderful Nativity production. Please do assist in ensuring all children make it to both performances.

There will now be a cap of 4 x tickets per child, per performance. The two performances will take place at 2pm and 6pm, on Thursday 12th December. This means that you will be able to purchase up to 8 x tickets per child. I hope this goes some way to alleviate any stresses of organising who would be able to attend! Please continue to purchase tickets via the school office, as this is a ticketed event for fire regulations – A ticket guarantees entry.



KS2 Nativity & Christmas Fayre

In exactly 1-weeks' time, we shall be coming together on the school yard for festive carols, including: Away in a Manager, We 3 Kings and While Shepherds Watched, and a Nativity performed by Clumber, Thoresby, Sherwood and Welbeck. Please wrap up warm!

The Christmas production will be performed on Wednesday 4th December on the school yard from 3.30pm, followed by our Christmas Fayre until 5.30pm with games, tombola, raffles and more!

We look forward to seeing you all there, after-school!

2024/25 Key Assessment Dates

Just a reminder that we expect the children to be in school for the following statutory assessment dates:

Year 6 SATs:

Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May, 2025

Year 1 & 2 Phonics:

Monday 9th June to Friday 13th June, 2025

Year 4 Multiplication Tests:

Tuesday 3rd June to Friday 13th June, 2025

Wrappers needed!!

To help Father Christmas prepare for delivering his gifts, we would welcome some parents to form a working party to come and assist Mr. Phillips with wrapping books, in school, on the morning of Tuesday 3rd December from 9am – 10am. Tea and coffee will be provided. Please email the school office if you are able to spare the time – thank you!

Christmas Craft afternoon

Our very first Christmas Craft afternoon will be taking place on Wednesday 11th December. Over this afternoon from 1.15pm until 3.15pm, we welcome 1 adult per child to attend school and take part in an afternoon of festive related crafts. The children will be mixed together over the afternoon, so you are not guaranteed to be in your child's normal class, as we aim to group siblings together. We cannot wait to welcome you to a great afternoon of festive fun!

Facebook

Remember, for more regular updates we have the school Facebook page - **@stlukesprimaryshireoaks**

Diary Dates

December

4th – KS2 Carols by Candlelight and Christmas Fayre 3:30pm – 5:30pm

11th – Christmas Craft afternoon (1 adult per family welcomed)

12th – KS1 & EYFS Nativity 2pm/6pm at St. Luke's Church

18th - Christmas Dinner Day/Party pm/Santa

19th – Progress Reports to parents

19th – Christingle

20th – Last day

January

6th – INSET Day

7th – Children Return

15th – EYFS Balance Bikes

17th – Canal Trust visit

21st to 30th – UKS2 Bikeability training (Formerly cycling proficiency)

28th – Young Voices @ Sheffield Arena

February

3rd - Children's mental Health Week

6th – EYFS Stay & Play: Writing

7th – NSPCC Number Day

7th – Valentine's Day Disco

10th – Book Fair Week

11th - Parent's Evenings

12th – Parent's Evenings

14th – Last Day

24th – Children return

24th to 28th – Acorn Theatre Week

March

5th – Onesie upon a time (5pm – 6.30pm)

6th – World Book Day Dress up day

7th – Non-uniform day in return for Easter Eggs

10th – International Women's Week

21st – Non-uniform day in return for Easter Eggs

28th – Mother's day lunch: Mum's/mother figures invited into school to have lunch with their children.

April

1st – Easter craft afternoon

2nd – Chocolate Tombola/Raffle

3rd – Progress Reports to Parents

4th - Whole School Easter Egg Hunt

4th – Last day