



# Newsletter

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## Welcome from Mr. P

Welcome back to the Spring term. January has certainly brought with it the cold and ice we would expect from the winter months. With this in mind, please be careful when coming into school and look out for the signs indicating the icy spots around the yard.

What a whirlwind December we had! Our school was buzzing with festive cheer and exciting activities, and I'm thrilled to share some of the highlights with you.

Our younger pupils embarked on a magical journey to 'Bethlehem' at Perlthrope, where Creswell, Elmton, and Rufford Classes brought the Nativity to life in a real stable. It was a truly immersive experience that brought the Christmas story to life for our children.

After a 15-year hiatus, we revived our Christmas Fayre, and what a triumphant return it was! The event was a roaring success, bringing our school community together in celebration and raising over £2,000 – thank you! In another first, St. Luke's proudly participated in the Worksop Christmas Tree Festival, showcasing our school spirit to the wider community.

Thoresby Class embraced the festive spirit by taking part in the infamous 'Jingle Jog', while Clumber Class enjoyed an exciting day out at Yorkshire Wildlife Park on 4th December.

Our inaugural Christmas craft afternoon was a testament to the strength of our school community. We managed to squeeze an impressive 310 children and adults throughout the school, creating beautiful festive crafts together. The success of this event has me eagerly anticipating our Easter Craft afternoon!

FS2 received a delightful surprise when Caterpillar Music visited, bringing a touch of magic by making it snow in the classroom! Father Christmas also paid us a visit, and thanks to your generous fundraising efforts, every child received a gift. A heartfelt thank you to all the helpers who wrapped over 180 books – your support is invaluable.

Our Christmas Dinner and party day on 18th December was a joyous occasion. The children's faces lit up as they entered the beautifully decorated hall and pulled their crackers. The first-ever Christmas discos were a hit, and I'd like to extend my gratitude to all the staff, parent helpers, and Mr. Underwood for being our DJ.

The KS1 and FS2 nativities, partly hosted at St. Luke's Church, were adorable and heartwarming. Our pupils' performances certainly had the 'aww' factor!

As we approached the end of term, we took a moment to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas with our beautiful Christingle service. It was a poignant reminder of the values we hold dear at St. Luke's.

Finally, as we step into the new year, and my second term as Head teacher, I'm filled with such pride and gratitude for our wonderful school community. Your support and enthusiasm make St. Luke's a truly special place. Here's to another period of learning, growth, and shared experiences!

## Parent's meetings

Letters inviting parents to attend a meeting on either **11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> of February** will be coming out soon. Please could you make sure that you return slips as swiftly as possible. Appointments are made in the order that slips are returned. The meeting will be an opportunity to discuss any questions you might have and discuss their progress since moving into their new classes – it will also be an opportunity to take a look at your child/ren's books in the school hall, whilst you wait for your appointment.

Don't forget  
parents'  
evening!

## Wrap Around Care

As the school year returns, so does our Wrap Around Care provision, offering breakfast from **7.30am each morning**, with food being served until 8.20am for the cost of £4 per session. After-school club also continues, too. As always, the first session is a themed club, running from **3.15pm until 4.15pm** for the cost of £5 and the full session will run to our new times, running **from 3.15pm until 6pm**, with a light snack of a sandwich, beans on toast or a hot-dog etc. for £10.

As always, please book your places via Parent Mail. The school also accepts childcare vouchers as payment, too. Please contact the office for more information.

## Valentine's Day Disco

Following the success of the Christmas Disco, We are holding a Valentine's Disco on **Thursday 6th February** – originally planned for Friday 7th.

We would like to welcome children to return to school for two different discos, dependent upon their classes/year groups. We look to **invite Creswell, Elmton and Rufford** to return to school **from 4pm – 4.45pm** and then **Clumber, Thoresby, Sherwood and Welbeck** to return to school from **5pm – 6pm**. Tickets are £4 each and include a hot dog, a packet of crisps and unlimited squash/water. All dietary requirements are being catered for, so please do let the office team know if your child has a dietary requirement and is attending. Tickets are available to purchase on Parent Mail.



## Olympian Visit and Sponsored Event

Rebekah Green, a Team GB Freestyle Kayaker, will be visiting St. Luke's C of E on Monday 10th February for the day, to inspire the pupils through talks about her Olympic journey, Q & A sessions and a sponsored circuit training activity for each class. The purpose of the day is to allow the children the opportunity to meet with a real-life white-water kayaker, listening to her journey of resilience and success, and then challenge themselves to partake in a sponsored circuit training day, motivated and led by Rebekah, to raise money for school funds. Sponsorship forms have already gone out and we kindly ask if these can be returned, alongside the money, by 31<sup>st</sup> January. Further information about Rebekah can be found by following this hyperlink - [Rebekah Green - Sports For Champions](#)



## Book Fair

Once again, the Scholastic Book Fair arrives at St. Luke's from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February until Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February and will be in school over both nights of Parent's evening. It will also be available to access/make purchases before and after school each day. With the event being roughly 5 weekends away, it's a great chance for children to begin saving/earning their pocket money, too. For each book purchased, the school receive a percentage to spend on new books for our own classrooms and library. Last time, the school were able to purchase over £700 worth of dictionaries and thesaurus' – so thank you very much again. Online payments can be accepted too, at the event.

## Acorn Theatre Week: Pirates of the Curry Bean

On Thursday, Acorn Theatre visited our school to audition our wonderful pupils for the upcoming production of *'Pirates of the Curry Bean'*. I was thoroughly impressed by the professionalism and talent displayed by our young performers during the auditions - congratulations to you all.

Looking ahead, Theatre Week is set for 24th-28th February, with dress rehearsals/performances all taking place at Acorn theatre throughout the week. On these days, please drop your child off at the theatre at 9.00am and collect them at 3.00pm. The main performances will be on the 28th February in the afternoon and evening (times yet to be confirmed). Don't forget, black plimsolls are required for both rehearsals and performances!

Tickets will be available soon through the Acorn Theatre's website ([www.acorntheatre.org](http://www.acorntheatre.org)) or from their Box Office, open Wednesdays 12-3pm for telephone bookings (01909 501817). Please note that tickets cannot be purchased through the school, but Acorn Theatre directly.

More information from Miss. Tomlinson will follow soon. as this is a new and exciting experience to me!

## Mid-morning snack

From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January, we are trialling a new, mid-morning snack from the school kitchen. The snack will be 'Pizza Muffins' and will be available to purchase through Parent Mail. The cost of the snack each day will be 40p. Please be advised that this particular snack contains soya, milk, gluten and sesame. This offer will be available on Parent Mail from Monday, next week.



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Friendship - Love - Originality - Understanding - Resilience - Integrity - Selflessness - Hard work

## Bikeability

From Tuesday 21st January until Thursday 30th January, for the first time, the pupils in Years 5 & 6 will be undertaking their Bikeability training. Over their 2 days, the children will require their bikes and helmets to be in school on those days.

In order for the children to partake in this activity, the children taking part will need to be able to ride their bike unaided over a distance of at least 10 metres or more. The children will spend part of their instruction, learning how to ride their bikes safely on the school grounds, before taking their cycles onto the roads in and around the village (facilitated by specialist instructors).

If your child has their own bike and would like to participate, they will need to have their bike available in school on the day of their group session (to be confirmed) along with a helmet. Please can children return their slips as soon as possible. Thank you!



## World Book Week

From Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, we will be celebrating reading in a variety of exciting ways. From dressing up on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, to coming back to school in our PJs and onesies for the children's bedtime story on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, we will be celebrating reading throughout school!

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March:** Stop! Drop and read!

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March:** Paired reading in school across classes/year groups.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March:** 'Onesie upon a time'. Children to return to school from 5pm – 6.30pm for an evening of reading activities, draw along and stories, and of course hot chocolate!

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March:** World Book Day Character dress up day. Which book character will you dress up as?

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2025

### Year 1 & 2 Phonics:

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2025

### Year 4 Multiplication Tests:

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2025

## Young Voices

Children across the school have been busy rehearsing the songs and dances in readiness for Young Voices on Tuesday 28th January at Sheffield Arena. Parents and carers are to begin to arrive at the arena from 6pm, for the concert to commence at 7pm. The concert will run until 8.50pm and we are expected back at school between 9.30pm. – 9.45pm. Tickets are emailed to you directly from YV around 1-week before the show.

## Y6 Boosters

From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January, Miss Earle, Miss Tomlinson, Miss Browes and Mrs. Martin will be running a variety of before and after school booster lessons for the Y6 pupils, in the run up to SATs. My thanks extend to them for volunteering their time to support this weekly opportunity.

Letters have already been sent out, if parents could please complete the slips and return them as soon as possible.

## Diary Dates

### January

6<sup>th</sup> – INSET Day

7<sup>th</sup> – Children Return

15<sup>th</sup> – EYFS Balance Bikes

17<sup>th</sup> – Canal Trust visit

23<sup>rd</sup> – Elmtown (Y1) to Magna

21<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> – UKS2 Bikeability training (Formerly cycling proficiency)

28<sup>th</sup> – Young Voices @ Sheffield Arena

### February

3<sup>rd</sup> – Children's mental Health Week

5<sup>th</sup> – Rufford (Y2) to the Deep

6<sup>th</sup> – EYFS Stay & Play: Writing

6<sup>th</sup> – Valentine's Day Disco

7<sup>th</sup> – NSPCC Number Day

10<sup>th</sup> – Olympic Athlete visit – Sponsorship Day

10<sup>th</sup> – Book Fair Week

11<sup>th</sup> – Parent's Evenings

12<sup>th</sup> – Parent's Evenings

14<sup>th</sup> – Last Day

24<sup>th</sup> – Children return

24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> – Acorn Theatre Week

28<sup>th</sup> – Creswell (FS2) to the Butterfly House

### March

5<sup>th</sup> – Onesie upon a time (5pm – 6.30pm)

6<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day Dress up day

6<sup>th</sup> – FS2 & Y6 National Child Measurement Visit

7<sup>th</sup> – Non-uniform day in return for Easter Eggs

10<sup>th</sup> – International Women's Week

21<sup>st</sup> – Non-uniform day in return for Easter Eggs

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

### April

1<sup>st</sup> – Easter craft afternoon

2<sup>nd</sup> – Chocolate Tombola/Raffle

3<sup>rd</sup> – Progress Reports to Parents

4<sup>th</sup> – Whole School Easter Egg Hunt

4<sup>th</sup> – Last day

### May

21<sup>st</sup> – May Bank Holiday

22<sup>nd</sup> – Children return

24<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Parent SATs meeting

## Facebook

Remember, for more regular updates we have the school Facebook page - [@stlukesprimaryshireoaks](https://www.facebook.com/stlukesprimaryshireoaks)