



Newsletter

WORK TOGETHER - GROW TOGETHER - FLOURISH TOGETHER

Welcome from Mr. P

What a whirlwind of excitement and learning we've had since returning from half term! Our pupils have been busy creating memories, exploring new horizons, and showcasing their incredible talents.

The highlight of our first week back was undoubtedly the spectacular production of *'Pirates of the Currybean'* by our brilliant Thoresby, Sherwood, and Welbeck classes. After days of dedicated rehearsals at Acorn Theatre, the children delivered two phenomenal performances on the Friday. It was truly inspiring to witness their confidence and talent on stage – a testament to their hard work and creativity! I am already eagerly anticipating next year!

Our Creswell Class embarked on an adventure to the Tropical Butterfly House, bringing their classroom learning about lifecycles and mini-beasts to life. These hands-on experiences are invaluable in deepening our pupils' understanding and igniting their curiosity. It was questionable who had the most fun - Mr. Bell, Mr. Phillips or the children!

We were delighted to welcome parents to our maths workshop last Tuesday, expertly led by our knowledgeable maths lead, Miss Earle. The session provided insights into our school's calculation policy and strategies for supporting mathematical understanding at home. Thank you to all who attended – your positive feedback is greatly appreciated.

Exciting times are ahead as we prepare to reinstate our KS1 residential trip to Rand Farm. We're thrilled to bring back this overnight adventure, offering our younger pupils a taste of independence and new experiences on a working farm.

Shrove Tuesday was a joyous occasion, with every child in school enjoying delicious pancakes in the sunshine, courtesy of Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Dilks. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces as we marked this traditional celebration.

We were honoured to welcome Rev. Jenni and Julie from St. Luke's Church in Shireoaks for our annual Ash Wednesday Service. This meaningful ceremony, where children were invited to be Ashed, marked the beginning of Lent and provided a moment of reflection for our school community.

World Book Day was a resounding success this year, kicking off with our inaugural *'Onesie upon a time'* event. The children thoroughly enjoyed their bedtime stories, complete with hot chocolate, biscuits, and reading-related crafts. The following day, our school was transformed into a literary wonderland, with pupils and staff dressed as their favourite book characters. From virtual author visits to den building, the day was packed with activities designed to foster a love of reading.

Finally, I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents who contributed to our Easter egg collection. Your generous donations in exchange for non-uniform day will help create fantastic raffle prizes and support our school fundraising efforts which allow us to subsidise the cost of coaches for trips, purchase new reading books and pay for experiences such as Onesie Upon a Time and our upcoming Easter craft – Thank you!

As always, I'm immensely proud of our pupils' achievements and grateful for the continued support of our St. Luke's family. Here's to many more exciting adventures in the weeks to come!

Arbor

Thank you to the 96% of parents who have now signed up to Arbor. I have had some really positive feedback from parents and having the in-app messages will really help us to keep you up to date and offer you those 'little reminders'. From Easter, we hope to move payments and school dinners over to Arbor too. We will of course keep you informed as we begin transition over to this.

Easter Activities

Please look to the e-mail which was sent last week and also shared on social media for all things Easter. We will be running a number of events, including tombolas and raffles and we will be hosting our inaugural Easter craft afternoon on 1.4.25 – link to sign up [here](#). We will also be running an egg decorating competition with prizes to win as well as treats for all those who take part.

Mother's Day Lunch

We have had a great number of mums, grandmothers and special adults sign up for our Mother's Day lunch on 28th March. Now we have an idea of numbers, we will be able to organise the children's lunchtime sittings for that day so that we can host you all. Please do check ParentMail to reserve your place.

Pirates of the Currybean DVD

What a wonderful production it was. Acorn Theatre filmed the production and have sent the footage to school. As Headteacher and DSL, I have personally contacted all families who wish for school to not share their children's face publicly and these families have all expressed consent to allow the film to be shared for private, family use – thank you. With this in mind, school will be offering DVDs for families to purchase – rather than a social media link etc. There will be a small cost to cover the overheads of the DVD production etc. Please use this [link](#) to a Microsoft Form to express your interest to give us an idea of potential numbers – thank you.

Bingo!

Eyes down and dabbers at the ready for Bingo! On Monday 31st March, we look to welcome you to school for a couple of hours for 6 rounds of bingo for £10! That's £1.66 per game! There will be prizes for a line and a full house as well as a raffle. We will be selling soft drinks and nibbles, but feel free to BYOB. Please come to the office either before or after school to reserve your place! We have already sold 30 tickets!!!

Summer Fayre Dates

The School Summer Fayre will take place on **Saturday 19th July**. Please save the date and share with your families and friends. There will even be an opportunity to throw sponges/buckets at the St. Luke's team in the stocks!!!

INSET Days 2025-26

Our INSET days for 2025/26 will take place on Monday 1st and 2nd September 2025 and 23rd, 24th & 27th July 2026.

Diary Dates: An updated list!

March

- 10th – International Women's Week
- 12th – Sherwood to Weston Park Museum
- 14th – Clumber Class to Southwell Minister
- 20th – Welbeck to the Holocaust Memorial Museum/Centre
- 21st – Non-uniform day in return for Easter Eggs
- 27th – EYFS Stay & Play – Maths: 9am – 10.30am
- 28th – Mother's day lunch: Mum's/mother figures invited into school to have lunch with their children.
- 31st – Bingo (6pm – 8pm)

April

- 1st – Easter craft afternoon
- 2nd – Chocolate Tombola/Raffle
- 3rd – Progress Reports to Parents
- 3rd – School Easter service at St. Luke's Church
- 4th – Whole School Easter Egg Hunt
- 4th – Last day
- 22nd – Children return
- 24th – Thoresby to Grimm & Co.
- 24th – Y6 Parent SATs meeting @ 5pm
- 29th – EYFS Stay & Play – Writing: 9am – 10.30am

May

- 5th – KS1 SATs Week
- 12th – KS2 SATs Week
- 12th – Y3 and Y4 Bikeability
- 23rd – Last day

June

- 2nd – Children return
- 2nd – Y4 Multiplication Fortnight
- 6th – 8th – Welbeck & Creswell PGL Weekend
- 10th – Class Photos
- 13th – Father's day lunch: Dad's/Father figures invited into school to have lunch with their children.
- 17th – Rufford to Lincolnshire Life Museum
- 16th - 20th – Protected Characteristics Week
- 20th – Originality Day – 'Celebrate yourself' non-uniform day
- 30th – Portland Transition Week

July

- 3rd – 4th – KS1 Residential to Rand Farm
- 8th – Whole School RNI Water Safety Assembly
- 11th – Sports Day FS2 & KS1
- 11th – Sports Day KS2
- 14th – Inclusive Sport: Wheelchair Basketball Day
- 18th – Leaver's Disco
- 19th – Saturday Summer Fayre (Please let Mr. P know if you can help)
- 25th – Last Day
- 28th – INSET Day
- 29th – INSET Day

September - 2025/26

- 1st – INSET Day
- 2nd – INSET Day
- 3rd – Children return

October

- 8th – Rufford Class to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

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