



Newsletter

WORK TOGETHER - GROW TOGETHER - FLOURISH TOGETHER

Welcome from Mr. P

Our school has been buzzing with activity, and I'm thrilled to share some of the highlights with you.

Our sports teams have been absolutely phenomenal! The boys' football team sported their new kits against Gamston CE on 10th March, with fantastic support from our community. They've continued to impress, playing a gripping match against Worksop Priory that ended in a nail-biting penalty shootout. Currently sitting 3rd in the league, they're showing tremendous improvement with each game. Not to be outdone, our girls' football team made their debut against Langold during International Women's Week, braving hail and rain to deliver a brilliant performance that had us all on the edge of our seats!

Our pupils have been on some truly memorable educational adventures. Sherwood Class had a phenomenal day at Weston Park Museum, immersing themselves in Ancient Egyptian history. They even mummified tomatoes and created Shabtis! Clumber Class embarked on a modern-day pilgrimage to Southwell Minster, earning high praise for their exemplary behaviour. Welbeck Class visited the National Holocaust Museum, impressing their guide with their extensive knowledge. Thoresby Class welcomed Severn Trent for a hands-on workshop about rivers and the water cycle, while Creswell Class enjoyed a delightful Story, Rhyme and Song time with Mrs. Fullerton.

We've had some wonderful visitors to our school. Rev. Stanley from St. Luke's Church led a moving Worship on resilience. Mr. Phillips Snr. shared his father's poignant WWII experiences with Welbeck Class, bringing history to life with original artefacts. Our EYFS parents joined us for a Stay & Play focused on Maths, showcasing our pupils' impressive number skills.

Community engagement has been at the heart of our activities this term. We ran our first-ever Mother's Day Shop, raising funds for extra-curricular experiences. Our Mother's Day lunch was a roaring success, with Lorna, our school cook, heroically preparing meals for 250+ people! We also hosted our inaugural Bingo night, which was such a hit that we're already planning the next one for summer.

I'm particularly excited to announce that St. Luke's is getting a proper library! It's been a labour of love, with staff and family members pitching in to create a wonderful, purposeful space for our pupils to celebrate reading.

As we approach Easter, we've been busy with festive activities. Our Easter Craft afternoon saw over 100 family members join us for some creative fun. The Easter Egg decorating competition showcased our pupils' incredible creativity, making judging a delightful challenge. We're looking forward to our Easter Service at the church with Rev. Jenni and our annual Easter egg hunt to round off the term.

Throughout all these activities, our pupils have consistently made us proud with their behaviour, knowledge, and enthusiasm. From Southwell Minster to the Holocaust Museum, their conduct has been exemplary, truly reflecting the values we hold dear at St. Luke's.

As we head into the Easter break, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to our amazing staff team, our supportive parents and families, and of course, our wonderful pupils. Your dedication, hard work, and community spirit make St. Luke's the special place it is.

Have a wonderful and restful break, everyone. We look forward to more exciting adventures next term!

Dinners & Pizza Muffins

Following on from our latest e-mail, we wanted to share that Nottinghamshire County Council are increasing the price of school dinners across the county, with effect from the beginning of the new financial year - 1st April. This is due to the ever-increasing costs to them and is not within the control of St. Luke's school. This means that a paid school dinner is set to increase from £2.95 per meal, to £3.16 - this is a 21p increase.

Similarly, from our return after the Easter break, Nottinghamshire County Council are increasing the price of pizza muffins from 40p a pizza muffin to 50p a pizza muffin.

From after the Easter break, we have decided to 'mix up' the break time snack offer for the children, following the suggestion from some parents we broaden the offer. From Easter, pizza muffins will now only be sold on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 50p per muffin. Toasted and buttered teacakes will be sold at 35p each on a Tuesday and hot, buttered, sourdough crumpets will be the Thursday option at the price of 50p each. Naturally, if we find the children would prefer to return to a full week of pizza muffins, we will review this at the May half-term.

Birthdays and Birthday Cakes

Birthdays are such an important occasion, and we are keen to continue to support your children in celebrating their special day with their friends in school. However, please can we ask that any treats or cakes you wish to share are individually wrapped or packaged. This is not just because we do not have the time to be cutting up cakes, but also to ensure that we send any items home for parents to check for allergies and intolerances. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.



Whole School & Class Photos

We have changed the date for our Class Photo Day. On Friday 20th we will now be having our class photos, however we have also arranged for a whole-school photo, too – the first in a while! We just wanted to share this change of date and to highlight that there will be a whole school and class photo on this date.

Days Absent

Just a gentle reminder to ensure that as a matter of legality (and courtesy) you communicate to the school office the days and reasons why your child is absent. As a school, by law, we are to ensure we know the location of a child when they are not in school. Please can you make sure that you inform the office as to why your child is absent by either calling/emailing to let us know the reason, so we can use the correct code for the register. Mrs. Spencer does a tremendous job of managing this each day – thank you Mrs. Spencer! These registers are a legal document and form part of the school's safeguarding practice. We also continue to require proof of appointments when visiting a doctor, dentist etc. Thankyou for your support and understanding with this.



Wrap Around Care

Mrs. Green and Miss Burrows continue to provide our wonderful wrap around provision! We are so grateful for all they continue to do in order to offer our extended provision! After the Easter break the clubs will be as follows:

Monday: Baking Club (First Session: 3.15pm – 4.15pm)

Tuesday: Football (First Session: 3.15pm – 4.15pm)

Wednesday: Cricket (First Session: 3.15pm – 4.15pm)

Thursday: Craft Club (First Session: 3.15pm – 4.15pm)

Friday: Movie Night (First Session: 3.15pm – 4.15pm)



Facebook

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

First Aid E-mails

As some of you may have begun to notice, we are now issuing any first aid/medical incidents via email, through Arbor. Historically, the school have issued letters home to share your child's incident, however in order to ensure the message is more carefully shared each day, we are now sending the emails. We hope this is useful. Previously, the letter was photocopied and placed in your child's file. Now, the incident will be electronically logged on Arbor. If your email address is not yet attached to Arbor, please let us know.



Summer Fayre Dates

The School Summer Fayre will take place on **Saturday 19th July**. The Fayre will run between 11am and 4pm and will include: Tombolas, a raffle, games, bouncy castles, face painting, refreshments, pimmis, a cake stand and much more to be planned! 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!!! If you are able to help run one of our stands, please let Mr. Phillips know or e-mail office@st-lukes.notts.sch.uk

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.

Clubbercise Day

On **Wednesday 21st May**, we would love for the children to come to school dressed in their finest 80's work out attire for a day of PE with a difference! Get those leg warmers and sweat bands at the ready for our whole school day of Clubbercise! The day aims to offer fun, inclusive dance and combat routines set to popular music to improve cardiovascular fitness and reduce stress.

Originality Day

On **Friday 27th June**, we welcome the children to showcase their individuality by expressing who they are by wearing clothes to reflect their individuality! We hope the day will showcase children in their karate or team football kit, clothing from their cultural heritage, horse riding or gymnast attire, theatre group or brownies/cubs outfits. We want to celebrate what makes everyone individual and encourage the children to come to school in clothes/costume that reflect this.

A message from the Diversity Champions

This year, we have been learning about the Protected Characteristics and British Values. Each week, we use Picture News to share a story from the news and this gives us a chance to share our thoughts about each situation. We then link this back to one of the British Values and learn more about what each one means. We are currently working with the children across school to find out what they want to learn more about and how they feel about belonging within our school. We would welcome questions or comments from parents too, so if you would like to know more, please let us know.

Father's Day Breakfast & Superhero Shop!

Following the success of Mother's Day lunch, we are looking to introduce the opportunity for dads, grandads and other superheroes to join us from 9am on Friday 13th June with their children for a bacon or sausage bap and coffee/tea. An option to pay will be put onto our payment system very soon, so please save the date!

Similarly, we will be running a Superhero Shop for Father's Day, too. Again, more information about this will follow shortly.

Diary Dates: An updated list!

April

- 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

- 1st – St. Luke's Boys vs. Ranskill at St. Luke's
- 5th – KS1 SATs Week
- 6th – St. Luke's Girls vs. Clarbrough at St. Luke's
- 12th – KS2 SATs Week
- 12th – Y3 and Y4 Bikeability
- 21st – Whole school Clubbercise Day
- 23rd – Last day

June

- 2nd – Children return
- 2nd – Y4 Multiplication Fortnight
- 6th – 8th – Y5 & Y6 PGL Weekend
- 10th – Class Photos
- 13th – Father's Day Breakfast: Dad's/Father figures invited into school to have breakfast and a brew with their children.
- 17th – Rufford to Lincolnshire Life Museum
- 16th - 20th – Protected Characteristics Week
- 20th – Whole School Photos and class photos
- 27th – Originality Day – 'Celebrate yourself' non-uniform day
- 30th – Portland Transition Week

July

- 3rd – 4th – KS1 Residential to Rand Farm
- 7th – Sherwood Visit to Gainsborough Old Hall
- 8th – Whole School RNI Water Safety Assembly
- 11th – Sports Day FS2 & KS1
- 11th – Sports Day KS2
- 14th – Inclusive Sport: Wheelchair Basketball Day
- 16th – Elmton to National Emergency Services Museum
- 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
- 15th – Jeans for Genes Day. £1 donation.
- 24th – Clumber Class to Creswell Crags
- 26th – Macmillan Coffee morning at 9am.

October

- 8th – Rufford Class to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
- 13th – Book Fair Week
- 14th – Parent's Evening
- 15th – Parent's Evening