



Newsletter

WORK TOGETHER - GROW TOGETHER - FLOURISH TOGETHER

Welcome from Mr. P

It's been a busy fortnight since we returned, following the Easter Holidays! In amongst the min-heatwave and our commencement of selling ice-lollies, here's the run down of the fortnight since we have returned and, what a fortnight it's been! Our school has been buzzing with activity, and I'm thrilled to share some highlights with you:

Welbeck Class has embarked on an exciting journey with Nottinghamshire Police Force, kicking off their DAaRT (Drugs, Alcohol and Resilience Training) sessions every Friday. This valuable programme will equip our pupils with essential life skills.

Our Y6 SATs Parents Workshop, led by Mrs. Martin, was a roaring success. It was wonderful to see so many of you there, sipping tea and getting all your questions answered about the upcoming SATs week. A big thank you to Mrs. Martin and our dedicated teachers for staying behind to chat.

Thoresby Class had a magical day at Grimm and Co. in Rotherham. They stepped through Griselda's wardrobe into a world of storytelling, working alongside authors, volunteers, and illustrators to craft their own tales. What an inspirational experience!

Our little ones in Creswell Class have been busy learning about sunflowers. They've planted their own seeds and are eagerly watching them grow. It's become quite the competition between tree teams to see who can grow the tallest sunflower! We also had our final EYFS Stay & Play session, focusing on writing. It was heart-warming to see our pupils sharing their sunflower life cycle sentences with their grown-ups.

Speaking of new arrivals, our chicks have hatched! They've become quite the distraction (in the best possible way), keeping our pupils quietly enthralled. If anyone needs tips on behaviour management, just add chicks!

Mr. Bottley has started weekly ukulele lessons with Clumber Class. The children are already strumming away, learning about the instrument's parts and notes. Who knows, we might have some budding musicians in our midst!

Our after-school Gardening Club, led by Mrs. Butterfield, has kicked off with great enthusiasm. They've already planted peas, beans, potatoes, and strawberries. I can't wait to see what else they grow!

On the sporting front, our boys' football team scored a fantastic 2-0 victory against Ranskill. We're incredibly proud of their teamwork and progress. A big thank you to Miss Tomlinson for her stellar coaching! Our girls' team will be playing Clarborough at home on Tuesday, while the boys have an away game at Misterton on Thursday. Good luck to both teams!

Lastly, we've sent out welcome packs to our 30 new FS2 pupils joining us in September. It's been absolutely delightful to see their beaming faces holding their 'Golden Tickets'. We can't wait to welcome them to our wonderful school family.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Here's to another exciting few weeks ahead!

Congratulations to Mr. Stout – Chair of Governors!

I'm delighted to share some wonderful news with our school community. Mr. Stout, our esteemed Chair of Governors, has been honoured with the National Governor of the Year Award from The National Association of Governance. This prestigious accolade recognises his exceptional dedication and hard work in his voluntary role.

Over the past 18 months, as our school leadership transitioned from Mrs. Dunn to myself, with Miss. Tomlinson and Mrs. Middleton serving as acting Deputy & Executive Head in between, Mr. Stout has been a constant pillar of support. His unwavering commitment has been instrumental in guiding us through this period of change.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Stout for his invaluable contribution to St. Luke's, past, present and future. We must also celebrate his and Mrs. Stephens, as they both received their 10-year Governor Long Service Awards from Nottinghamshire County Council – we are so very grateful for your service.

Ice-Lollies

I'm delighted to share an exciting initiative we've launched over the past fortnight. We're now offering a delightful selection of ice-lollies after school, priced between 50p and £1. This not only provides a refreshing treat for our pupils but also contributes to our school fund. Every penny raised goes directly towards enhancing experiences and treats for our children, supplementing what our regular budget allows.

You'll find these cool refreshments available daily throughout the Summer term, with both cash and card payments accepted. I must extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated staff team, who have enthusiastically added 'ice-lolly sales' to their ever-expanding skill set!



VE Day 80!

I'm thrilled to share our plans for the 80th anniversary of VE Day on 8th May, 2025. We'll be hosting a special 'street party' celebration during lunchtime, inviting pupils to don red, white, and blue attire to embrace the patriotic spirit. Flags and bunting is already at the ready!

Our kitchen team will prepare a delightful lunch menu for those who are having school dinners, though pupils are welcome to bring their own packed lunches – perhaps wrapped in greaseproof paper for a 1940s touch!

Throughout the day, children will engage in activities to learn about VE Day's significance. This celebration aims to be both enjoyable and a powerful reminder of our country's resilience and unity over the past 80 years. We look forward to sharing this momentous occasion with your children.

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! The clubs on offer continue to 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/Gardening Club (First Session: 3.15pm – 4.15pm)
- Friday:** Movie Night (First Session: 3.15pm – 4.15pm)

Y6 SATs Week

All Year 6 pupils are able to attend Breakfast Club for free from 8am each day, during SATs week!

Please e-mail the office to confirm your place.



Thank you from me!

I just wanted to say a heartfelt thank you to our incredible St. Luke's community! Over the last few weeks several of you have shared such kind words, either via email or on the yard, and this truly does mean the world to me and our dedicated team. Your feedback fuels our passion and reinforces the strong bonds within our school family – so thank you!

I've always believed it takes a village to raise a child, and you – our parents and carers – alongside our phenomenal staff, continue to make St. Luke's the happiest, most wonderful place for our pupils to thrive.

Your warm welcome and ongoing support for every aspect of our school's journey is truly appreciated. Together, we're creating a nurturing environment where our children can flourish. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart!

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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!!! We are also being joined by Retreat on the Row, The Ticking Clock and Red Road FM will be MC-ing the event!

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.

Arbor

It's finally happened! After 2-terms, from tomorrow (6th May) we are going to have all communication, dinners, text messages, payments and e-mails via Arbor!

Last week, the office team communicated with you all around how to set up the app and we are aware that there have been a few teething problems and these were to be expected. But, thank you for your support and patience as we make this journey of common sense to streamline comms and payments to one place!

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.

Mid-morning snacks

Unsurprisingly, we have found that children are not enjoying the toasted tea-cakes, when compared to the pizza muffins and crumpets. With this in mind, we are returning to a more pizza muffin 'heavy' offer.

Pizza Muffins will be sold at 50p every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and Crumpets will be the offer each Wednesday. It was important to trial the offer, however tea-cakes were just not meant to be!

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 for £2.50. An option to pay will be put onto Arbor 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!

May

6th - St. Luke's Girls vs. Clarbrough at St. Luke's

8th - St. Luke's Boys vs. Misterton at Misteron.

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

5th - Little Acorns Sport's Day

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

25th - Welbeck Trip. Entrance tickets paid by school.

27th - Originality Day - 'Celebrate yourself' non-uniform day

30th - Portland Transition Week

July

3rd - Thoresby to Eureka

3rd - 4th - KS1 Residential to Rand Farm

7th - Sherwood Visit to Gainsborough Old Hall

8th - Whole School RNI Water Safety Assembly

9th - Clumber to Jorvik

11th - Sports Day FS2 & KS1

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14th - Inclusive Sport: Wheelchair Basketball Day

15th - Retford Lions teaching Y6 1st Aid (All Day)

16th - Elmton to National Emergency Services Museum

17th - FS2 to Cannon Hall farm

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.

29th - Black History Week

October

1st - Phonics Parent's Workshop

8th - Rufford Class to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

8th - Reading Parent's Workshop

13th - Book Fair Week

14th - Parent's Evening

15th - Parent's Evening

17th - Red Card to Racism (Wear red)

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