



Newsletter

WORK TOGETHER - GROW TOGETHER - FLOURISH TOGETHER

Welcome from Mr. P

What an absolutely wonderful few weeks we have had at St. Luke's, filled with achievements, celebrations, and memorable moments that truly showcase the spirit of our school family!

I must begin by celebrating our fantastic Girls Football team who played Clarbrough on 6th May. Once again, you made every adult so proud as you participated in your second football match! Whilst it might not have been the outcome you had hoped for, let us not forget the hard work from our goalkeeper Amelia, who stopped so many balls crossing the goal line. Let us celebrate the persistence of Lucy to score a goal that made the crowd go wild, and the determination from each and every one of you to keep on playing!

Our Boys Football team also deserves tremendous recognition for their superb performance against Misterton on 8th May, winning 2:1! We could not be prouder of how determined and persistent you all were. As always, thank you to our amazing parents who chaperoned, chauffeured and cheered these brilliant children, and thanks also extend to Miss Tomlinson for managing the team from the sidelines! The Y4/5 boys who played against Haggonfields on 22nd May displayed our values beautifully with such resilience and hard work. Whilst we may not have won this match, we know as they move into Year 5/6, forming our new team, they will continue to develop and move from strength to strength.

What a wonderful celebration we had on 8th May as we commemorated 80 years since VE Day with our street party! It was superb to celebrate this most important day as a school community, and wonderful to be joined by Little Acorns Pre-school too! We all had a poignant moment of reflection, led by Mrs Cushing, before we tucked into lunches, followed by food and wartime music. Thank you to all our parents and families for supporting the event and to the team who rallied around to help make it happen! As part of the celebrations, Mrs Phillips dropped by Rufford Class to make wartime cakes using only rationed ingredients, whilst Creswell Class made party hats.

Our Year 6 pupils approached SATs week from 12th May with such maturity, doing the school so very proud! They have so much to look forward to including their residential, Alton Towers and Leaver's Party. Meanwhile, Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a full day of Bikeability tuition in the sunshine on 12th May, gaining confidence riding their bikes. It was an absolute joy listening from my office window, as the children became more confident!

The chicks have been keeping Rufford Class entertained, with children demonstrating such responsibility and stewardship, however we have since said 'goodbye' and we cannot wait until we have another batch in school, in the near future. Mrs Butterfield's gardening club continues to prove popular, creating wonderful bird feeders for our nature area. We also welcomed Jenny for Story, Rhyme and Song time on 15th May, and Year 6 began mapping their radio programmes with Dave and Ernie from Redroad FM on 20th May. Finally, our Clubercise day with Anna on 21st May was energetic and fantastic - thank you Miss Browes for arranging this wonderful day!

Ice-Lollies

Thank you to those of you who either continue to make a daily purchase or even a special Friday treat at our ice-lolly shop! Since we commenced the daily shop from the start of the summer term, we have sold hundreds of ice-lollies and raised a terrific £225 profit towards school funds. All of this money continues to go back into funding opportunities for your children – thank you!



Arbor – Please, turn your notifications on!

We are now up and running with payments, attendance, pupil information and communication coming from Arbor. We are so pleased to see and hear it is working and thank you to those of you who have shared some helpful feedback. It has become apparent that some parents are missing messages through Arbor as their notifications are not turned on, for events such as Star of the Week. If this could be actioned and if you could help other parents by letting them know to do the same – thank you!



To clarify, all our communication is now written and sent through Arbor, but the format may differ depending on the content:

- **Emails** are used when we need to attach letters, newsletters, or other documents. These are sent via Arbor, but they arrive as standard emails from the office.
- **In-app messages** are used for quicker, more informal updates that don't require attachments. Again, sent from Arbor. You require notifications switched on to be notified of their receipt.
- **Text messages** are used occasionally for urgent or last-minute updates, though we try to limit these due to the cost and character limitations per message which is involved.



Arbor



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, Pimm's, 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! Please remember to bring camping chairs and blankets on the day. 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

Y6 SATs

From Monday 12th until Thursday 15th May, Year 6 maturely undertook their SATs tests in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, reading and Mathematical arithmetic and reasoning. We could not be prouder of the hard work and dedication which their showed in both the run up to and during the tests. They did everything they could and more and we cannot wait to enjoy the upcoming opportunities of the residential, Alton Towers and the leaver's party. My thanks extend to Mrs. Martin for being so efficient in running SATs for the first time and to Miss Earle, Miss Tomlinson, Miss Browes and Mrs. Martin for volunteering to run booster sessions both before and after school since January.

As a school we welcomed Governors to oversee the tests over two days and we were visited by the Local Authority for a spot check on our systems – which we passed with flying colours! We have also been chosen – alongside 25% of other Nottinghamshire schools - for the Local Authority's moderation of writing, to agree teacher assessments with a County Moderator. This is normal practice when a new head teacher comes to post and a baptism of fire for Mrs. Martin!



Father's Day Breakfast & Superhero Shop!

Following the success of Mother's Day lunch, we are introducing 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 has been put onto Arbor and there is also an option for you to purchase baps for your children, too.

Similarly, we are running a **Superhero Shop** for Father's Day, too. We are offering a range of items for fathers, grandfathers and other superheroes for pocket money prices. Items include a travel tool case, a tape measure, a bottle opening key ring, mugs (filled with tea and a biscuit), socks and a wallet tool. Each item will come gift wrapped with a label for the children to write their own message. As always, all funds raised will go back into school fund to pay for all the 'extras' we provide your amazing children!

Both the shop and breakfast are currently live to make payment on Arbor.

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

Raffle Tickets

We are thrilled to announce our upcoming School Raffle, which is packed with amazing prizes generously donated by local businesses and attractions. All proceeds will go directly towards supporting the school and enhancing learning experiences for our children. *Prizes include: £50 Crown at Bawtry Voucher; Afternoon Tea for 4 at Ye Olde Bell; 4 x Tickets to the Deep; 5 x Tickets to Eureka!; Voucher for the Ticking Clock; Voucher for Retreat on the Row; 4 x Tickets to Cannon Hall Farm; 2 x Tickets to Gulliver's Kingdom and so many more!*

Sheets for raffle tickets will be coming home soon and each square will cost £1. The deadline for entries will be Monday 14th July and the raffle will be drawn at our summer fayre on Saturday 19th July!!

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.

Fundraising Update

We have already used funds to subsidise school trips to the cost of nearly £2,000; purchased £320 worth of books for the library; spent £310 on gifts for the children at Christmas; purchased/made games for the Christmas and Summer Fayre events; and, we plan to cover the cost of the Leaver's Disco party – which has historically been funded by donations from Y6 families. Thank you for your support!

Sports Day

The lines are drawn and this year's sports day is set to take place on Friday 11th July. Our KS1 Sports Day will run from 9.30am and the KS2 Sports Day will run from 1.30pm.

The day promises a day of friendly competition with children participating in a traditional sports day of: egg and spoon, sack, running, skipping, 3-legged and wheelbarrow races – as well as many others! The children will be competing in house teams for the house cup!

Please make sure that you pop the date in your diary to come along and cheer on your children and of course, dust off that practical footwear for the parent's races!!! Yes, there will be 3 separate races for mums, dads and children of pre-school age!

Please could you help school by dressing your child in a t-shirt which matches their house colour on the day: green, red, blue, yellow or purple. They should know their team colour, however please ask your child's class teacher if need help.

Diary Dates: An updated list!

June

- 2nd – Children return
- 2nd – Y4 Multiplication Fortnight
- 5th – Little Acorns Sport's Day
- 6th – 8th – Y5 & Y6 PGL Weekend
- 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 to Alton Towers
- 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 RNII Water Safety Assembly
- 9th – Clumber to Jorvik
- 10th – Y6 to a Safety Workshop at the Fire Station
- 11th – Sports Day FS2 & KS1 (am)
- 11th – Sports Day KS2 (pm)
- 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 – Welbeck Leaver's Disco
- 18th – End of Year reports to come home by this date
- 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
- 5th – Swimming starts for Sherwood Class
- 19th – Jeans for Genes Day. £1 donation.
- 24th – Clumber Class to Creswell Crags
- 26th – Macmillan Coffee morning from 9am – 10.30am
- 29th – Black History Week

October

- 1st – Phonics Parent's Workshop
- 3rd – TT Rockstars Day. Dress as rockstars!
- 8th – Rufford Class to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
- 8th – FS2 Weights & Measures (Letters to follow)
- 8th – Reading Parent's Workshop – 5pm
- 13th – Book Fair Week
- 13th – Fire Engine Visit & Fireworks Safety Workshop
- 14th – Parent's Evening
- 15th – World Mental Health Day (Non-uniform)
- 15th – Parent's Evening
- 16th – Sherwood Class to National Coal Mining Museum
- 17th – Red Card to Racism (Wear red)
- 17th – Last Day

Facebook

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