



Newsletter

WORK TOGETHER - GROW TOGETHER - FLOURISH TOGETHER

Welcome from Mr. P

What an absolutely incredible fortnight it has been at St. Luke's! I'm genuinely bursting with pride as I reflect on the remarkable experiences our pupils have enjoyed and the wonderful community spirit that continues to flourish.

Some of our Year 5 Sherwood and Year 6 Welbeck pupils had the most amazing residential weekend at PGL Caythorpe! The children threw themselves into every activity with such enthusiasm – from climbing and the giant swing to trapeze, rifle shooting, raft building, zip wire, survival skills, campfire, and archery. They absolutely loved every moment, including the food! What struck me most was watching them develop such independence and resilience being away from home, and I was delighted to see how beautifully they kept their rooms tidy. My heartfelt thanks go to our phenomenal staff team who gave up their weekend, away from their own families, to make this residential possible. I am genuinely blessed to work alongside such dedicated professionals who make my role such an absolute delight.

Our Thoresby Class had a wonderful opportunity working with Harri and Pauline from 'Friends of Woodland and Coachwood Green' at Shireoaks Marina's wildlife discovery area. The children created beautiful artwork focusing on 'nature on their doorstep', which will be proudly displayed in the Bird Hide. Make sure you head along to their Family Nature Day on Sunday 27th July from 10.30am until 3pm – it promises to be fantastic!

We were honoured to welcome Jo White, our MP for Bassetlaw, who visited to see St. Luke's in action. Ava and Luke did an absolutely wonderful job giving her and Louise a guided tour of our school, with occasional support from Mr. Phillips and Miss Tomlinson. She was particularly impressed by our strong focus on inclusivity and British values, and rightly so – our pupils were genuinely proud to showcase these to her.

Our Golden Ticket recipients – our new FS2 pupils for September – joined us for their first transition day, and they settled so beautifully! They toured our wonderful provision, creating, baking, exploring, and laughing with Mr. Bell and Miss Halpin's fantastic support. We're absolutely thrilled about their next three visits and eagerly anticipating their September start!

Zac, also known as Steele, delivered an inspiring session on 12th June, sharing powerful tips about coping with change and staying calm. The children learned brilliant breathing techniques and took on Steele's energising cone-jumping challenge – proving that strength comes from mindset, not just muscles!

Mrs. Cushing led a meaningful Pentecost assembly, exploring key symbols including wind, fire, and the Holy Spirit, using feathers creatively to represent fire and bring the message to life.

Our very first Father's Day breakfast was absolutely heart-warming! Over 100+ dads, grandads, and father figures joined us, and we served over 200 sausage and bacon sandwiches in just one hour – incredible! Thank you to everyone who made it such a memorable morning.

Finally, Laura and Jenny from Your Space Workshop delivered a vital water safety assembly, teaching our pupils to stay S.A.F.E. – perfect timing for the warmer weather ahead!

Diary Dates

You will be excited to know that coming out alongside your end of year reports, there will be a tri-fold brochure of dates for the entire academic year. The team and I have been incredibly well prepared for the following academic year, to ensure you are aware of all upcoming visits, events, residential and themed days, so that you are able to be as well-prepared as possible. I hope this assists in organizing your diaries!



Leaver's Service

As the end of the school year approaches, we prepare to say a fond farewell to our Year 6 pupils as they take their next big step into secondary education. To mark this important milestone, we are delighted to invite Y6 families and friends to our Year 6 Leavers' Service, which will take place at St. Luke's Church on Friday 25th July at 1:30pm.

This special service is a chance to celebrate the achievements, memories, and friendships formed during our pupils' time at primary school. There will be songs, readings, and reflections led by the children, as well as a look back at some of the highlights of their journey so far. It promises to be a heartfelt and uplifting event, filled with pride, gratitude, and perhaps a few tears!

Following the service, we are excited to introduce a new tradition at St. Luke's Primary School. Our Year 6 pupils will return to school and depart via the gate onto Clayson Green, walking through a 'Guard of Honour' along the path, made up of fellow pupils, staff, and parents—creating a corridor of celebration to cheer them on as they take their first symbolic steps towards secondary school.

To help us give our Year 6 Leavers this special farewell moment, we kindly ask that all other parents collect their children from the KS2 playground as usual at the end of the school day. This will help ensure the corridor remains dedicated to our leavers and gives them the send-off they truly deserve.

We warmly encourage all Year 6 families to join us in celebrating this meaningful occasion. It will be a wonderful opportunity to come together as a school community and send our Year 6 pupils off with our love, pride, and best wishes for the exciting road ahead.



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](mailto:office@st-lukes.notts.sch.uk)

Uniform

Please can we take this opportunity to politely remind everyone of our school uniform expectations at St. Luke's C of E Primary School. On non-PE days, children should wear the full school uniform of: a gold/white polo shirt, green round neck sweatshirt or cardigan, grey trousers/skirt/shorts, gold/green checked summer dress, accompanied by black shoes/plain black trainers. Please ensure pupils are not wearing any other type of trainers/brightly coloured shoes, or non-uniform items such as jogging bottoms. **The only jewellery permitted are studded earrings.**

On PE days, pupils should come to school in the school PE kit of a gold/green PE shirt, black jumper and plain black/blue shorts or joggers, along with suitable trainers.

Wearing the correct uniform helps our pupils feel part of our school community and ensures everyone is ready for learning and activities. It also prepares them for the expectations of Secondary School.

Thank you for your continued support in upholding our school standards. If you have any questions or concerns about uniform, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



A message from our Eco Committee

The Eco Committee have been meeting over the academic year and have been working hard at their planned actions on the topics of Marine, Water and Biodiversity. They have been thinking of ways to conserve water and would like to share them with you, in an effort to further support this work at home. They hope these tips will help you to save water and save on your water bills! Remember, water is a precious resource!

- Fix any leaky taps!
- Make sure you don't leave taps running when you brush your teeth!
- Put a timer on when you are in the shower – can you keep it to 4 minutes?
- Try to have showers instead of baths as they use less water.
- Collect rain water to use to water plants.
- Reuse water if you can.
- Use an eco-shower head to use less water.



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 have been sent home 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.

Whole School Photo Day

Just a reminder to explain that the class/school photos will now be taking place on Friday 20th June. This date change is due to the company being unable to take a whole school photo on the original date. They will now be attending with scaffolding on the 20th to enable the photo opportunity.

Please do not send your child in PE kit on the 20th June. Thank you.

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

- 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

November

- 3rd – Children return
- 4th – Thoresby Class to Leeds Imperial Museum
- 10th – Anti-bullying Week commences
- 10th – Odd Sock Day

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