



**ST LUKE'S C OF E
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Work Together - Grow Together - Flourish Together

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed...Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches".

Matthew 13:31-32

Monday 1st September, 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Parent Questionnaire

Thank you so much to everyone who took the time to complete our recent Parent Questionnaire. We had over 50 responses, and your feedback – both the praise and the suggestions for improvement – has been invaluable in helping us continue to move St. Luke's forward.

The results were incredibly encouraging. 96% of parents said they are proud to send their child to St. Luke's and would recommend us to another family. 95% told us the school has improved overall since September, with huge majorities saying teaching, communication, enrichment, behaviour and wellbeing have all strengthened.

We were delighted to see how strongly parents feel that the school has changed for the better. One parent told us: *"I cannot believe the change in such a small amount of time! The school is such a happier and lighter place than I've ever known it. The experiences the children have had in just this school year have been fantastic, educational and so much fun for them! I cannot recommend this school enough!"* Another summed it up simply: *"I am very impressed with the school, all its attitudes and how everything is handled."*

Communication came through as one of the biggest improvements you've noticed. Parents commented on how much easier it is to stay informed, with diary dates well in advance, newsletters and updates being clearer, and new systems like the school app making a real difference. As one parent put it: *"We never miss any events now and everything is very clear."* Another said: *"I've teared up on numerous occasions after special moments at school – being able to be included and involved means the world."* It is wonderful to hear that these changes have helped families feel more connected, included and part of school life again.

Many of you also celebrated the stronger sense of community and the chance to take part in events like Mother's and Father's Day lunches, craft afternoons, discos, fayres and sports day. One parent wrote: *"We have never been invited into school so much – we love it."* Another added: *"The place seems to have a better energy and buzz about it – it really is like a different school."*

The improvement in enrichment, trips and wider opportunities also stood out as a highlight. One parent shared: *"The school trips have really improved and the involvement of the whole village is lovely."* Another said simply: *"The opportunities have been fabulous."* Feedback like this reassures us that the value and memories these experiences bring to the children are truly appreciated.

Above all, the most frequent message was how happy the children are, with one parent sharing: *"My child comes home saying they've had the best day ever!"* That, more than anything, tells us that the changes we've made together are having the impact that matters most.

Of course, your suggestions are just as important to us – and we've already begun acting on them. For example:

- Some of you asked about Forest School opportunities – we are training a Forest School Lead so that we can bring this enriching experience into St. Luke's.
- One family raised uniform recycling – we were pleased to launch our uniform recycling scheme over the summer, which has already been well used.
- A parent suggested rail safety workshops (following the success of last year's water safety work) – these are now being booked to help keep children safe in the village.
- Feedback about playtimes being limited has been taken on board – we have begun planning improvements and more activities for playtime... watch this space!

None of this progress would have been possible without the passion, dedication and teamwork of the St. Luke's staff. I am so grateful to them for embracing every change, working tirelessly behind the scenes, and always putting the children first. Parents have even commented on how staff "*appear to be so much happier*" this year, and how that positivity flows through to the children. That really is a testament to the team's energy, care and commitment.

It's not just teachers who make the difference – so many of you highlighted the impact of our support staff, from the office team – Ms. Yip and Mrs. Spencer - who are always on hand with a smile, to our kitchen staff pulling off special meals, to Mr Baileys and his hard work in keeping the school spotless, and being on the gate, making mornings brighter for families. It is the collective effort of every member of staff that makes St. Luke's such a warm, welcoming and happy place to be.

I would also like to thank those parents who mentioned me personally in your comments. I am very grateful for your kind words – they mean a great deal and they ensure I turn up each day determined to do my very best for you all.

St. Luke's is a truly amazing school – not because of one person, but because of the whole community working together for the children.

Looking ahead, the autumn term is already full of exciting opportunities – from nativities, discos and Christmas crafts to our whole-school trip to the pantomime. These shared experiences bring so much joy and help make lasting memories for children and families alike. We can't wait to share them with you.

We are so proud of what we have achieved together in just one year, but equally excited for all that lies ahead. Thank you for your honesty, encouragement and trust – your partnership makes all the difference in helping St. Luke's children FLOURISH.

A copy of the analysed data from the parent questionnaire is located [here](#) via the school website.

Yours faithfully,



Mr. Phillips
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