



Newsletter

WORK TOGETHER - GROW TOGETHER - FLOURISH TOGETHER

Welcome from Mr. P

I hope you've all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer, whatever that may have looked like for you – whether it was a holiday away, fun-filled days out, or simply some quiet time at home with family. However you spent it, I hope it brought you some rest and happy memories.

I'm really excited to be starting my second year as Headteacher at St. Luke's. Last year was such a special one for me, and I can't wait to see what this year brings. We have lots to look forward to, and of course, we're especially excited to welcome our brand-new FS2 children and their families into the school community – it's always a joy to see the youngest members of our school starting their journey with us.

Although schools officially close during the holidays, I want to acknowledge just how much effort has been going on behind the scenes. The team and I have been busy preparing classrooms, planning lessons and sorting resources so that everything is ready for a smooth and happy start to the term. A big thank you also goes to Mr. Bailey and Mrs. Green, who, as they do every holiday, have given the school a top-to-bottom deep clean. You'll also notice some fresh touches around the building, as parts of the school have been redecorated and spruced up as part of our ongoing maintenance programme.

The autumn term is always one of my favourites. There's something magical about the change in seasons and the build-up to Christmas. We've got so many exciting things planned – from nativities and discos to Christmas crafts and, of course, our whole-school trip to the pantomime. These traditions are part of what makes St. Luke's so special, and I know the children will love every moment.

On a personal note, I also love this time of year for the cosy evenings it brings. There's nothing better than heading home, lighting the fire and settling down to some good telly. I'll be watching Bake Off, I'm a Celebrity, Strictly (with the staff sweepstake adding extra fun!) and I'm already looking forward to the celebrity edition of The Traitors and the return of Race Across the World!

Here's to a fantastic start to the school year – I can't wait to see all that we'll achieve together.

Tesco Tokens – Keep Supporting St. Luke's!

St. Luke's is still one of the nominated recipients for the Tesco Community Grant scheme. Each time you shop, you can collect a blue token and pop it into the voting box in store and the last time we checked, we were in the lead – thank you so much for your amazing support so far!

If we are successful, we plan to use the grant to enhance our school library by adding lots of exciting new reading books for the children to enjoy. A richer library means more choice, more inspiration, and even more opportunities for children to fall in love with reading.

We are still in the running until mid-September, so please keep dropping your tokens in for St. Luke's whenever you can – thank you for your support!

Further Updates

Please remember to check in on the school's website, social media and browse your list of diary dates for further information.



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Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who completed our recent Parent Questionnaire. Over 50 families shared their views and the results were overwhelmingly positive. A letter further outlining the feedback is also being shared.

- **96%** of parents said they are proud to send their child to St. Luke's and would recommend us.
- **95%** felt the school has improved overall since September.
- Teaching, communication (**96% improved**), enrichment/clubs (**100% improved**), behaviour (**100% the same+90% improved**), wellbeing (**96% the same+87% improved**) and happiness (**99% same+91% improved**) were all praised.

Parents told us:

- "The school is such a happier and lighter place than I've ever known it..."
- "We never miss any events now and everything is very clear."
- "My child comes home saying they've had the best day ever!"

We've already begun acting on some of your suggestions:

- ✓ Training a Forest School Lead
- ✓ Launching a uniform recycling scheme
- ✓ Booking rail safety workshops
- ✓ Planning new activities for playtime

Thank you also for the kind comments directed at myself and, more importantly, for recognising the dedication of our wonderful staff team. Their passion and positivity are what make St. Luke's such a special place.

PE Days

Please can your child come to school wearing the correct PE kit on the following days. A full list is available via the website:

- **Creswell (FS2):** Thursday
- **Elmton (Year 1):** Monday & Thursday
- **Rufford (Year 2):** Monday & Friday
- **Clumber (Year 3):** Tuesday & Friday
- **Thoresby (Year 4):** Monday & Wednesday
- **Sherwood (Year 5):** Tuesday & Thursday (Swimming)
- **Welbeck (Year 6):** Thursday & Friday

Wrap Around Care

To book your club slots, please sign up using Arbor.

- **Monday:** Cooking/Baking Club
- **Tuesday:** Board Games Club
- **Wednesday:** Hockey Club
- **Thursday:** Arts & Crafts Club
- **Friday:** Movie Club

For safeguarding and to ensure our staff can prepare for the school day, please drop children attending Breakfast Club at the main door. If you have a message for your child's teacher, we kindly ask that this is emailed to the school office, rather than approaching classrooms before the school day begins. Teachers are not available before their contracted hours.

2025/26 Key Assessment Dates

Just a reminder that we expect the children to be in school for the following statutory assessment dates:

Year 6 SATs:

Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May, 2026

Year 1 & 2 Phonics:

Monday 8th June to Friday 12th June, 2026

Year 4 Multiplication Tests:

Monday 1st June to Friday 12th June, 2026

Diary Dates: An updated list!

September - 2025/26

- 1st – INSET Day
- 2nd – INSET Day
- 3rd – Children return
- 4th – 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
- 30th – Y5 & Y6 Harvest Assembly @2.45pm

October

- 1st – Y3 & Y4 Harvest Assembly @2.45pm
- 1st – Phonics Parent's Workshop
- 2nd – Y1 & Y2 Harvest Assembly @2.45pm
- 3rd – FS2 Harvest Assembly @2.45pm
- 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
- 6th – Book & a brew @8.30am
- 10th – Odd Socks for Anti-Bullying Week