



Newsletter

WORK TOGETHER - GROW TOGETHER - FLOURISH TOGETHER

Welcome from Mr. P

What an inspiring and uplifting fortnight it has been at St Luke's. Across the school, pupils have shown creativity, courage, curiosity and compassion in equal measure. Every event this term has reflected our vision to Work Together, Grow Together and Flourish Together.

Across the school, children have been learning about key figures from Black history, including Rosa Parks, Malala Yousafzai, Harriet Tubman, Mahatma Gandhi, Mae Jemison, Nelson Mandela and Jesse Owens. Through stories, research and creative projects, pupils explored courage, fairness and equality. The week concluded with Show Racism the Red Card Day, when everyone wore red and took part in activities promoting inclusion and friendship. The clear message from our pupils was that there is no place for racism – we are all one team.

Children also expressed their creativity in a remembrance project with the Mercian Regiment Museum. Using materials such as wool, card, tissue, paint and clay, every class designed a unique poppy for a large-scale art installation at Nottingham Castle marking eighty years since VE and VJ Day. The project encouraged reflection on remembrance, peace and gratitude, and the children's artwork beautifully reflected our values of love, understanding and selflessness.

Learning beyond the classroom has been equally exciting. Elton Class became meteorologists during their visit to Weston Park Museum, exploring how weather is measured before investigating Sheffield through the ages, the Stone Age and Ancient Egypt. Year 2 pupils visited Yorkshire Wildlife Park, linking their science learning on animals and habitats to real-world discovery. Younger pupils also enjoyed a village walk and visit to Hatfield Farm, spotting local landmarks, climbing tractors, seeing the seed store and meeting the calves.

Our partnership with families has continued to thrive. Thank you to everyone who attended our two busy Parents' Evenings and to those who joined our recent workshops. Mr Bell led a practical Phonics Parent Workshop exploring the FFT Success for All scheme, while Miss Tomlinson's Reading Workshop offered ideas to build fluency and nurture a lifelong love of books. The engagement and enthusiasm from parents was wonderful to see.

Early Years pupils enjoyed their first Stories, Rhyme and Song session with Jenny, joining in with rhythm, music and movement to build early communication and confidence. Meanwhile, the Worksop Fire Brigade visited school to teach firework and Halloween safety, including the "Stop, Drop and Roll" routine and practical demonstrations using the hose and engine siren. World Mental Health Day saw classrooms transformed into calm, creative spaces for yoga, mindfulness, fruit-kebab making, crafts, clay modelling and even natural face masks. The day helped pupils understand how small, daily habits can support positive mental health and wellbeing.

In sport, both school football teams made us proud. The girls celebrated their first win of the season after a determined performance, while the boys battled to a 1–1 draw with Haggonfields, thanks to Thomas's composed equaliser and Jake's excellent play down the wings. TT Rockstars Day brought the same excitement to maths, as pupils dressed like rock stars and competed in fast-paced timetable challenges that built confidence and teamwork.

Alongside these achievements, our Worship Leaders have been preparing thoughtful prayers and reflections with Mrs Cushing, showing real spiritual maturity. Our new fencing and front-gate projects are complete, adding an extra layer of safety and pride to our school site, and our Macmillan Coffee Morning raised an impressive £305.50 for charity.

It has been a fortnight overflowing with learning, community spirit and joy — the very essence of what it means to flourish at St Luke's.

Ukulele Recital

As we welcome back Mr Bottley and his fantastic ukulele lessons with Year 3, we are also excited to invite parents and carers to a one-off showcase of the children's work. Clumber Class will be performing a special ukulele recital on **Tuesday 16th December at 2.45pm**, giving families the chance to enjoy their progress and join in the festive spirit. We look forward to seeing you there for what promises to be a wonderful celebration of music and learning.



Uniform exchange and donations

A huge thank you to all the parents who have donated to our School Uniform Exchange – your generosity and positive feedback have been wonderful. Please do keep sharing any spare or outgrown uniform you may have at home so we can continue giving it a new lease of life. Do let us know if you are in need of any school or PE jumpers/cardigans, as we have many available.



Christmas Jumper & Nativity Costume Exchange

Got any spare kings, shepherds or angels hiding in your cupboards? How about a festive jumper that's a little on the snug side this year? We're collecting nativity costumes and Christmas jumpers that children have outgrown to share with other families. If you have something in good condition, please drop it off at the school office.

Before the start of December, we'll hold a swap event so everyone can pick up what they need — no cost, just community spirit and a bit of festive fun! A perfect way to save money, reduce waste and make sure every child can shine this Christmas.

Silent Disco!

We are thrilled to announce that St. Luke's will be hosting a White & Neon Silent Disco on Thursday 6th November – and it promises to be an unforgettable evening of music, colour, and fun.

The event will feature three competing music channels to choose from in your headphones, UV lights, neon face painting, tattoos, and plenty of glowing fun. Children are encouraged to wear white t-shirts, which we will decorate with UV pens to create bright, glowing masterpieces. Hotdogs, crisps, and drinks will also be included.

Times for the evening are:
FS2 & KS1: 4.15pm – 5.15 pm
KS2: 5.30pm – 6.30 pm

Tickets are **£6 via Arbor**, which covers entry, headphones, food, and all the activities.

Book & a brew

On Wednesday 6th November, we're inviting parents and carers to join us in school from 8.30am for a special Reading Morning. Come and spend a few quiet minutes sharing a story or favourite book with your child before the school day begins.

Starting the morning with reading is a wonderful way to build a love of books, strengthen home-school partnerships, and show children that reading is something to enjoy together, not just at school. It helps to boost confidence, fluency and language skills — and it's a lovely way to begin the day on a calm, positive note.

We hope you can join us for this simple but special event that celebrates one of the most powerful things we can do for our children: read together.



Individual and Sibling Photo Day

Say cheese! It's photo day on **Monday 18th November** — children will have their individual and sibling photos taken during the school day.

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

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

Whole School Pantomime Trip - Aladdin

We're very excited to be taking all pupils to the Sheffield Lyceum on Wednesday 11th December to watch Aladdin!

This special trip supports our wider curriculum, cultural capital and British Values, offering pupils a joyful shared experience beyond the classroom.

Thanks to your fundraising efforts, school has been able to subsidise £600 towards the total cost to help make this opportunity accessible to everyone.

Please make payment via Arbor by Thursday 4th December 2025.

Upcoming Non-Uniform Days at St Luke's

As we begin to prepare for our much-loved Christmas Fayre, we have two exciting non-uniform days coming up — and we'd be so grateful for your support!

Friday 14th November – Chocolate & Jolly Jar Donations

Pupils are invited to come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a donation of chocolate for our Chocolate Tombola or a Jolly Jar (a jar filled with small treats, toys, stationery or sweets). This stall was a huge hit at the Christmas Fayre and your contributions help make it a success!

Friday 28th November – Rainbow Raffle Donations

Our second non-uniform day will support the ever-popular Rainbow Raffle. Each class has been given a colour, and we're inviting families to donate items that match that colour theme to create beautiful class hampers. These will be raffled off during the Christmas Fayre to raise funds for our school community. Suggestions in the image attached.

It's a wonderful way for everyone to get involved — sharing, donating and helping to make our festive celebrations even more special.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support. Together we'll make this year's Christmas Fayre our best yet!

Diary Dates: An updated list!

November

- 3rd – Children return
- 4th – Thoresby Class to Leeds Imperial Museum
- 6th – Book & a brew @8.30am
- 6th – Silent Disco
- 10th – Odd Socks for Anti-Bullying Week
- 13th – World Kindness Day
- 14th – Non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate
- 18th – Maths Parents Workshop – 5pm
- 18th – Individual Photos
- 19th – Welbeck Class to Kelham Island
- 20th – EYFS Stay & Play: Phonics. 9am – 10.30am
- 21st – Children in Need. £1 Donation.
- 25th – Year 6 SATs Meeting @ 5pm.
- 28th – Rainbow Raffle Donation Day. Non-uniform.

December

- 3rd – Adults Christmas Bingo @6pm.
- 4th – Carol Concert @3.15pm
- 4th – Christmas Fayre @4pm
- 8th – KS1 Nativity @ 2pm
- 8th – KS1 Nativity @5.30pm
- 9th – Creswell Nativity @2pm
- 9th – Creswell Nativity @5pm
- 10th – Christmas Craft afternoon @1.30pm
- 11th – Whole- School Panto Trip
- 16th – Y3 Ukulele Performance at 2.45pm
- 16th – FS2/KS1 & KS2 Christmas Discos
- 17th – Christmas Dinner/Party Day – Christmas Jumpers needed!
- 19th – Last day

January

- 5th – Children return
- 8th – Book & a brew @8.30am
- 9th – Balance bikes for FS2
- 12th – Hinduism Day for Year 4 & 5
- 12th – 19th - Bikeability commences

