



Newsletter

WORK TOGETHER - GROW TOGETHER - FLOURISH TOGETHER

Welcome from Mr. P

November has been a wonderfully busy, meaningful and joy-filled month at St Luke's, with our children embracing new learning, special events and opportunities to FLOURISH together across the school.

We began the month with an unforgettable adventure for Thoresby Class, who travelled to the Royal Armouries Museum in Leeds to explore the world of the Romans and Celts. From dressing as Roman soldiers and marching in formation using Latin commands, to discovering how Celtic kings were crowned and how Boudica rose to power, the day brought history to life in the most captivating way. A live battle demonstration between a Roman and a Celt rounded off a truly memorable visit.

In school, we hosted our very first Book & Brew morning — a simple idea that turned into a huge success! Families joined us for hot drinks, biscuits and shared reading time, with so many attending that extra tables and chairs were needed. Our Neon & White Silent Disco was another highlight, welcoming around 150 children back to school for an evening of dancing under UV lights. From K-pop Demon Hunters to primary school hymns, the three-channel headphones kept everyone entertained, and the event raised over £350 for school funds. A heartfelt thank you to every member of staff and volunteer who helped make both events so enjoyable.

Remembrance has been a significant focus this month. Our children's beautiful poppy artwork now forms part of the Poppy Community Art Project at Nottingham Castle — a powerful, permanent exhibition commemorating the 80th anniversary of VE and VJ Day. We were also privileged to welcome Reverend Jenni into school to lead a moving Remembrance worship, culminating in a whole-school two-minute silence. Later in November, she returned to lead a special worship celebrating the life of Rev. Peter Stanley, a much-loved friend and governor of St Luke's. As we reflected together on grief, memories and God's love, a candle was lit in his honour — a poignant moment for our whole school family.

Our pupils have also been shining in a variety of activities. KS1 pupils represented the school brilliantly at the Gymnastics Festival, tackling beams, bars and vaults with courage and enthusiasm. In EYFS, our first Stay and Play – Phonics Focus welcomed Creswell parents into school to see phonics learning in action, while our newly launched Sewing Club saw children practising their first stitches and beginning work on handmade bookmarks (helped along by a giant packet of bourbons!).

We have celebrated kindness and individuality too. World Kindness Day saw children create posters, cards, murals and messages to remind us all of the difference small acts can make. Odd Socks Day added even more colour, helping us celebrate everything that makes each of us unique.

Across school, several important developments have also taken place. Roof replacement work has officially begun — an essential project to keep our school safe, warm and future-ready. Our Cauliflower Cards project raised £150, delighting families with personalised festive gifts, and our Children in Need celebrations raised a brilliant £132 for a wonderful cause.

To round off the month, our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a fascinating trip to Kelham Island Museum, exploring steelmaking, the Women of Steel and Sheffield's industrial story in depth.

Thank you to all families, staff and pupils for making November such a vibrant and memorable month at St Luke's.

FS2 Nativity – The Sleepy Shepherd

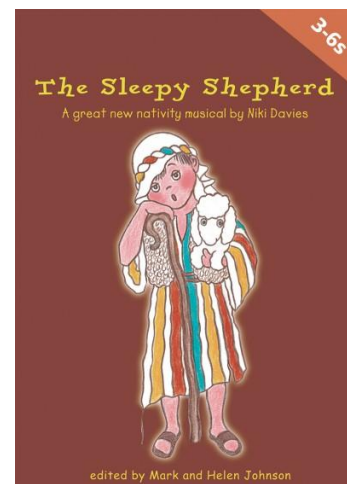
We are delighted to announce that this year's FS2 Nativity, **** The Sleepy Shepherd ****, will be performed over 2 performances on **Tuesday 9th December** in our school hall. Our youngest pupils have already begun learning their songs and lines, and we can't wait to see them shine on stage in this much-loved St Luke's tradition.

To ensure every family has the chance to attend, tickets are capped at 3 tickets per child, per performance. There will be two performances, both taking place in the school hall:

★ **Tuesday 9th December – 2.00pm**

★ **Tuesday 9th December – 5.30pm**

Tickets can be purchased via Arbor, and these will be issued shortly after payment has been made.



KS1 Nativity – Straw and Order

We are very excited to share that this year's KS1 Christmas production, **** Straw and Order ****, will be taking place on **Monday 8th December** at **St Luke's Church**. Our Year 1 and Year 2 children have been practising with great enthusiasm, and we can't wait for you to see their wonderful performance of this festive nativity tale with a twist!

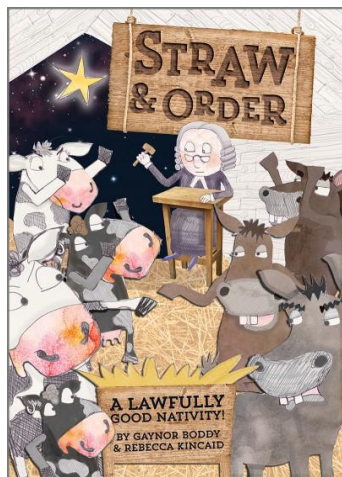
There will be two performances for families to attend:

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Tickets are available to purchase via **Arbor** with 3 tickets per family available for each performance, and you will need a ticket to attend either performance. As always, we will also keep a list of names from the Arbor payments to support check-in on the day, so there's no need to worry if you misplace your ticket.

We look forward to welcoming you into St Luke's Church to enjoy the hard work, music, storytelling and festive magic brought to life by our brilliant KS1 pupils.



Christmas Disco!

We are thrilled to announce that St. Luke's will be hosting its now annual Christmas Disco on **Tuesday 16th December** – and it promises to be another brilliant evening of festive fun.

The event will feature Mr. Underwood on the decks, delivering all the children's favourite chart and Christmas hits, paired with festive tattoos, unlimited squash and water, a hot dog, a bag of Haribo and a packet of crisps all included in the ticket price.

Times for the events are:
FS2 & KS1: 4pm – 4.45 pm
KS2: 5pm – 6pm

Tickets are **£4 per child and available via Arbor**, which covers entry, food, and all the activities.

St. Luke's C of E Primary School

CHRISTMAS DISCO

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St. Luke's Roof Work

Work on our school roof is now well underway, with contractors on site carrying out essential replacement and repair work. This project is expected to take **2–3 weeks**, and we thank you for your patience and support while improvements are completed to keep our school safe, warm and weather-proof for the future.

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

Christmas Craft afternoon

Our now annual Christmas Craft afternoon will be taking place on **Wednesday 10th December**. Over this afternoon from 1.15pm until 3.15pm, we welcome 1 adult per child to attend school and take part in an afternoon of festive related crafts. The children will be mixed together over the afternoon, so you are not guaranteed to be in your child's normal class, as we aim to group siblings together. We cannot wait to welcome you to a great afternoon of festive fun!



A Microsoft form will be coming out soon for you all to complete – thank you!



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.

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

Whole School Pantomime Trip - Aladdin

We're very excited to be taking all pupils to the Sheffield Lyceum on Thursday 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**.



Adults' Bingo Night – New Date!

We had originally planned another wonderful evening of adult bingo following last year's fantastic success. However, as we are now hosting a writing event for the Worksop Family of Schools on the same date, we've had to reschedule.

To chase away those January blues and keep the cheer going, Adults' Bingo Night will now take place on **Wednesday 14th January, from 6pm–8pm! Tickets are available via Arbor** and cost £10 per person, which includes six games of bingo and a selection of wonderfully whacky prizes.

There will be prizes for a line **and** a full house, plus a raffle on the night. Soft drinks and nibbles will be on sale — and you are very welcome to **BYOB**.

We are so sorry for changing the date, however do come along, have a laugh, and enjoy a brilliant evening with our St Luke's community!

Christmas Fayre & KS2 Carol Concert

Our KS2 Carol Concert will take place on Thursday 4th December at 3.15pm. This will be followed immediately by our Christmas Fayre, and we hope you can join us for both festive celebrations.

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

Wrapping Helpers Needed

To help Father Christmas get everything ready in time, we're looking for a small team of parent volunteers to join Mr Phillips for a festive wrapping session in school on Tuesday 2nd December, from 9.00am–10.00am. Tea and coffee will be provided, along with plenty of Christmas cheer!

If you're able to spare an hour, please email the school office — we would be so grateful for your help.

Thanks to your incredible support at recent whole-school events, we have been able to purchase over £300 worth of gifts for the children this year. Thank you for your generosity and for helping us make this Christmas extra special at St Luke's.

'Elfridges' Christmas Shop

We're excited to launch our 'Elfridges' Christmas Shop, giving children the chance to choose and wrap their own gifts for someone special at home.

Parents can purchase a £5 'Elfridges' Gift Ticket on Arbor. Each ticket lets your child pick any two gifts from our festive shop, including:

- Christmas socks
- Bath bomb houses
- Tin candles
- Winter bath bombs
- Trolley-coin keyrings
- Small treats and stocking fillers

We'll also have a limited number of travel mugs available, included within the 2-for-£5 offer.

Children will visit 'Elfridges' during the school day, choose their gifts, and wrap them with a gift tag ready to take home.

Please purchase your £5 ticket on Arbor by Monday 15th December and thank you to our staff elves for making this new magical tradition possible!

Diary Dates: An updated list!

November

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 – 20th - Bikeability commences

13th – Mini Police commences for Y5

14th – Adult Bingo @6pm.

16th – World Religion Day

16th - Canal & River Trust visit Year 4

February

2nd - Children's Mental Health Week

2nd – Acorn Theatre Week

2nd – Rufford to The Deep

4th – EYFS Stay & Play – Writing @ 9am

5th - FS2/KS1 & KS2 Valentines Discos

6th – Acorn Theatre Day

9th – Book Fair Week

10th – Young Voices @ Sheffield Arena

11th – Ash Wednesday Service in school

11th – Parents' Evenings

12th – Parents' Evenings

13th – Last Day

23rd – Children Return

27th – Creswell to Butterfly House

27th – Non-uniform for Easter Eggs

March

4th – 'Onesie Upon a Time' @ 5pm -6pm

5th – World Book Day Dress-up

6th – Parent Craft afternoon @1.30pm