



# Newsletter

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## Welcome from Mr. P

As we settle into the spring term, I wanted to take the opportunity to pause and reflect on what was a truly wonderful — if wonderfully busy — end to the autumn term at St Luke's. While December moved at quite a pace and I shared updates mainly through Facebook, letters and emails, this feels like the right moment to draw everything together and say a sincere thank you to our whole school community.

The final weeks of term were filled with moments that captured the very best of St Luke's. On the sports field, our boys' football team put in a superb performance against Sturton-le-Steeple, demonstrating calm teamwork, excellent communication and real pride in representing their school. Beyond sport, our children continued to engage with the wider world — from learning about Thanksgiving traditions through visiting American relatives, to enjoying outdoor festive fun at the Jingle Jog at Sherwood Pines.

Christmas, as always, brought a special kind of magic into school. Our nativity performances were a true highlight. From FS2's utterly charming *The Sleepy Shepherd* to KS1's joyful and inclusive *Straw and Order*, the confidence, teamwork and courage shown by our children was wonderful to see. Behind every performance sits hours of careful preparation, encouragement and belief, and I want to thank our staff for the creativity and care they bring to these moments year after year.

We were also delighted to welcome visitors into school who helped deepen the children's understanding of the Christmas story and our Christian values. Visits from Ginny and Rev Jenni, along with our Christingle celebrations, gave pupils meaningful opportunities to reflect, pray and worship together. Seeing older children support younger pupils during Christingle activities was a powerful reminder of the kindness, responsibility and sense of community that runs through our school.

Our wider school community showed extraordinary generosity throughout the festive season. Thanks to your donations, time and enthusiasm, our Rainbow Raffle hampers were truly spectacular, and our Christmas Fayre raised an incredible £1,900. Every penny raised goes straight back into enriching children's experiences — helping to subsidise trips, fund library books, costumes, special events, gifts and end-of-year celebrations, and keep opportunities accessible for all. These moments matter, and they simply wouldn't be possible without your support.

We were also proud to take part in the Worksop Community Christmas Tree Festival at the Priory. Our tree, themed "Blessed Are the Peacemakers", reflected both the season and our FLOURISH values, and it was wonderful to see the children's thoughtful work displayed within such a beautiful community setting.

The term ended with many joyful shared experiences — from Christmas craft afternoons and festive discos, to Panto trips, school dinners and the unforgettable excitement of a visit from Father Christmas himself. These are the moments children remember, and they are built through strong partnerships between staff, families and the wider community.

As we look ahead to the spring term, we do so feeling proud of our children, deeply grateful for our staff, and thankful for the trust and support of our families. St Luke's continues to be a place where children flourish — academically, socially and spiritually — and that is something we all play a part in.

Thank you, as always, for being such a wonderful school community.

## Spring Term After-School Clubs – Now Open!

We are delighted to share our exciting programme of after-school clubs for the Spring Term at St Luke's. These clubs provide a fantastic opportunity for children to try new activities, develop skills, build friendships and enjoy time together beyond the classroom in a safe and supportive environment.

All clubs run from 3:20pm to 4:15pm and cost £5 per child, per session, with the exception of Young Voices on Thursdays, which is free of charge. Payment and booking for all clubs should be made via Arbor.

We are pleased to offer a varied timetable to suit a wide range of interests:

- **Monday** – Cooking and Baking
- **Tuesday** – Clubbercise with Ginny (Years 3–6) / Board Games (FS2 and KS1)
- **Wednesday** – Gymnastics
- **Wednesday** – Sewing (Years 3–6)
- **Thursday** – Arts and Crafts / Young Voices (no charge)
- **Friday** – Movie Night

This term's programme includes a great balance of creative, active and relaxing clubs, ensuring there is something for everyone. Whether children enjoy getting active, being creative, learning practical skills or simply winding down with friends, we hope they will find an activity they love.

Places may be limited, so we encourage families to book early via Arbor to avoid disappointment. Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us offer such enriching opportunities for our pupils.

## Valentine's Disco – Tickets Now Live on Arbor!

We are delighted to announce that tickets for our St Luke's Valentine's Disco are now available to book via Arbor. This much-loved event promises a fun, safe and sparkly evening for our children to enjoy time together, celebrate friendship and dance the night away.

The disco will take place on Thursday 5th February, with separate sessions to ensure a relaxed and enjoyable experience for all age groups:

**FS2 & KS1:** 4:00pm – 4:45pm

**LKS2 & UKS2:** 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Tickets cost **£4 per child**, payable via Arbor. Each ticket includes unlimited squash and water, Valentine's-themed temporary tattoos, a hot dog, and a packet of crisps — everything needed for a brilliant evening of fun.

Our discos are always a highlight of the term, filled with music, laughter and happy memories, and they provide a wonderful opportunity for children to socialise in a familiar and supportive school environment.

Places can be booked now via **Arbor**, and we encourage families to book early to avoid disappointment. We can't wait to see the children on the dance floor, showing off their moves and enjoying a fantastic Valentine's celebration with their friends!



## Bikeability

Bikeability sessions will be taking place in school over the coming weeks, starting this Friday with FS2 pupils using balance bikes. This will be followed by Year 3 and Year 4 Bikeability sessions beginning on Monday 12th January, and Year 6 taking part from Tuesday 12th to Tuesday 20th January. These sessions help children develop confidence, balance and vital road-safety skills in a safe and supportive environment.

## Bottle Tops Needed – Help Bring Amelia’s Artwork to Life!

We are incredibly proud to share that Amelia’s artwork has been selected as a winning design for the North Notts Mural Trail, where it will be recreated using recycled plastic bottle lids and displayed as part of a public mural across North Nottinghamshire in 2026.

To help make this exciting project possible, we will soon be collecting clean plastic bottle tops of all colours and sizes (no deeper than approximately 12mm). This includes drink bottle lids, milk bottle tops, shampoo and shower gel lids, cleaning product lids, laundry detergent and fabric conditioner lids, sauce bottle tops, and roll-on deodorant lids.

Please ensure all lids are clean and dry before bringing them into school. Thank you for helping us support sustainability — and a huge well done again to Amelia for such a fantastic achievement!

## 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!

## Acorn Theatre Production - Grossbusters

We are delighted to share that our pupils will once again be taking part in a fantastic theatre experience at Acorn Theatre, this year’s production being Grossbusters. Theatre Week will take place from **Monday 2nd to Friday 6th February**, with all rehearsals and performances held at the theatre.

During this week, children should be dropped off at Acorn Theatre at 9:00am and collected from the theatre at 3:00pm each day. Please note that transport will not be provided by school, and it is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure children are taken to and collected from the theatre. If your child is being collected by another family, please inform a member of staff in advance.

The main performances will take place on Friday 6th February, with both an afternoon and an evening performance. Exact timings will be shared with families shortly.

A video recording of the performance will be made and available to purchase after the event. By allowing your child to participate in the production, you are providing consent for them to be filmed as part of this recording. Please also remember that black plimsolls are required for all rehearsals and performances.

We are very much looking forward to what promises to be an exciting, creative and memorable week for the children. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

## What Lids Can We Collect?

We welcome clean plastic lids of all colours and sizes. These are some of the most common types you can collect:

- Hair product lids – shampoo, conditioner, hair masks, styling products
- Fabric conditioner lids
- Drink bottle lids – water, juice, fizzy drinks, etc.
- Cooking oil bottle lids
- Laundry detergent and softener lids
- Cleaning product lids – including surface sprays, floor cleaners, toilet cleaners
- Body wash and shower gel lids
- Mouthwash bottle lids
- Deodorant lids – especially from roll-ons and sprays



✔ Please ensure all lids are clean, dry, and free from any product residue before donating.



## **Building Works Update**

We are delighted to share some exciting news about our building project. The new roof is now complete, and the next stage of works is scheduled to begin over the February half-term.

We have been working closely with the Diocese and NCC to secure planning for an 11-metre hall extension, alongside the reconfiguration of the admin area and Headteacher's office, and improvements to the FS2 & KS1 classrooms. The initial phase of the hall extension will now commence from February.

## **Book Fair**

Once again, the Scholastic Book Fair arrives at St. Luke's from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February until Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February and will be in school over both nights of Parent's evening. It will also be available to access/make purchases before and after school each day. With the event being roughly 5 weekends away, it's a great chance for children to begin saving/earning their pocket money, too. For each book purchased, the school receive a percentage to spend on new books for our own classrooms and library. Last time, the school were able to purchase over £500 worth of atlases and guided reading texts – so thank you very much again. Online payments can be accepted too, at the event.

## **Young Voices**

Children across the school have been busy rehearsing the songs and dances in readiness for Young Voices on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February at Sheffield Arena. Parents and carers are to begin to arrive at the arena from 6pm, for the concert to commence at 7pm. The concert will run until 8.50pm and we are expected back at school between 9.30pm. – 9.45pm. Tickets are emailed to you directly from YV around 1-week before the show.

## **Y6 Boosters – Spring Term**

We will be offering a range of before- and after-school booster sessions this term to support pupils in reading, maths, grammar and spelling. These sessions are carefully targeted and led by familiar staff to help build confidence, close gaps and consolidate key skills.

After-school boosters include Reading led by Mrs Martin and Miss Earle, Maths led by Mrs Dilks, and Grammar led by Miss Browes. We are also running morning booster sessions at 8:00am, including Maths with Miss Tomlinson and Spelling with Mrs Martin. In addition, a mixed booster group led by Mrs Butterfield will run after school, with sessions scheduled around other commitments such as Young Voices.

Families of children invited to take part have been informed directly. These sessions form an important part of our targeted support and we appreciate your continued support in helping children attend promptly and regularly.

## **Diary Dates: An updated list!**

### **January**

- 8<sup>th</sup> – Book & a brew @8.30am
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Balance bikes for FS2
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Hinduism Day for Year 4 & 5
- 12<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> - Bikeability commences
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Mini Police commences for Y5
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Adult Bingo @6pm.
- 16<sup>th</sup> – World Religion Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Canal & River Trust visit Year 4
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Welbeck to London

### **February**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Children's Mental Health Week
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Acorn Theatre Week
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Rufford to The Deep
- 4<sup>th</sup> – EYFS Stay & Play – Writing @ 9am
- 5<sup>th</sup> - FS2/KS1 & KS2 Valentines Discos
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Acorn Theatre Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Book Fair Week
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Young Voices @ Sheffield Arena
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday Service in school
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Parents' Evenings
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Parents' Evenings
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Sherwood to Waterstone's Book Festival
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Last Day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Children Return
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Creswell to Butterfly House
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Non-uniform for Easter Eggs

### **March**

- 4<sup>th</sup> – 'Onesie Upon a Time' @ 5pm -6pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day Dress-up
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Parent Craft afternoon @1.30pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> – British Science Week
- 9<sup>th</sup> – International Women's Week
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Elmton Class to Magna
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Non-uniform day in eggs-change for Easter Eggs.
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day Lunch
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Whole School Assessment Week
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Welbeck to Holocaust Memorial

### **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 11<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2026

#### **Year 1 & 2 Phonics:**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2026

#### **Year 4 Multiplication Tests:**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2026