



Newsletter

WORK TOGETHER - GROW TOGETHER - FLOURISH TOGETHER

Welcome from Mr. P

As we settle back into school life after the Christmas break, it has been a real joy to see St Luke's return with such energy, warmth and enthusiasm. The start of a new year always brings a sense of renewal, and the first few weeks of the spring term have already been filled with moments that remind us just how special our school community is — and how confidently our children continue to flourish together.

Learning across school has begun with real purpose. From our first Bible Buddies sessions with Ginny to the rich and engaging experiences offered during World Religions Week, pupils have shown maturity, curiosity and genuine respect as they explored faith, belief and shared values. Visits from Sunita and Dr Milkhu helped deepen understanding further, and World Religions Day itself was a powerful reflection of our commitment to mutual respect, tolerance and understanding — values that sit at the heart of life at St Luke's.

Beyond the classroom, pupils have embraced a wide range of opportunities that bring learning to life. Our youngest children impressed everyone during their first Bikeability sessions, showing determination, resilience and a real sense of pride — even when the weather was less than kind. Older pupils built confidence and vital road-safety skills through more advanced training, while Thoresby Class enjoyed a fascinating visit from the Canal & River Trust, exploring the history and purpose of canals through hands-on learning and thoughtful discussion. Sherwood Class have also begun their Mini Police programme, engaging superbly in early sessions and demonstrating maturity through questioning, teamwork and reflection.

Creativity has been shining brightly across school. Year 6 took part in a very special sculpture workshop, contributing designs that will form part of a permanent public artwork within our local community — a truly meaningful opportunity to leave a lasting mark. Auditions for our upcoming Acorn Theatre production were filled with confidence, courage and enthusiasm, and it has been wonderful to see after-school clubs such as Sewing and Clubbercise get off to such a positive start, offering joyful spaces for creativity, movement and connection beyond the school day.

One of the standout moments of the term so far was our Year 6 visit to BETT in London. From exploring future-focused technology and innovative approaches to learning, to navigating the Underground and experiencing some of the capital's most iconic landmarks, it was an unforgettable opportunity that inspired curiosity, independence and ambition. Our pupils were a real credit to the school throughout the trip, representing St Luke's with impeccable behaviour, enthusiasm and pride.

It has also been a pleasure to welcome families back into school. Our first Book and a Brew of the year was a lovely reminder of the importance of shared reading and strong home-school partnerships, and it was heartening to see children and adults enjoying those quiet, meaningful moments together.

As we move further into the spring term, we do so feeling proud of our children, grateful for the dedication and care shown by our staff, and thankful for the continued trust and support of our families. St Luke's remains a place where children grow not only academically, but socially and spiritually too — and that is something we all play a part in. Thank you, as always, for being such an important part of our school community.

Picture News – Recognised as a Digital Ambassador School

We are incredibly proud to share that St Luke's has been recognised as a Picture News Digital Ambassador School. Every week, our pupils take part in Picture News assemblies, led by Miss Phillipson, which use powerful images and current events to spark discussion, reflection and debate. These sessions encourage children to think critically about the world around them, share their ideas confidently, and listen respectfully to the views of others.

Our Picture News work is carefully linked to:

- British Values
- Protected Characteristics
- Our FLOURISH values — *Friendship, Love, Originality, Understanding, Resilience, Integrity, Selflessness and Hard Work*

This recognition celebrates the thoughtful way our pupils engage with big questions, demonstrate empathy, and develop a strong sense of respect for others. It also reflects the importance we place on pupil voice and creating a safe, inclusive space where children feel confident expressing their thoughts and opinions.

We are extremely proud of our pupils for the maturity and insight they show during these weekly assemblies, and grateful to staff for embedding such meaningful discussion into school life. This recognition is a wonderful reflection of the values we live by every day at St Luke's.

Valentine's Disco – Tickets Now Live on Arbor!

Just a quick reminder that our much-loved Valentine's Disco is coming up soon, and tickets are available to book via Arbor.

The disco will take place on Thursday 5th February, with separate sessions for different age groups to ensure a relaxed and enjoyable evening for all. As always, the event promises lots of music, dancing and smiles, and is a lovely opportunity for children to celebrate friendship and enjoy time together in a familiar school setting.

If you haven't already done so, please remember to book your child's place via Arbor. We're really looking forward to another fun and sparkly evening with our pupils!



Parents' Evening – February

Our next Parents' Evening will be taking place on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th February, between 3.20pm and 6.00pm.

These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to talk with your child's class teacher about how they have settled into the year so far, celebrate progress, and discuss next steps in learning. Appointments will last 10 minutes and will take place in classrooms with your child's teacher.

Appointments can be booked via Arbor, and families are encouraged to book early to secure a convenient time. If you feel that you may need longer than the allocated appointment, please contact your child's teacher directly to arrange an alternative time.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school and continuing our strong partnership in supporting every child to flourish.

Book Fair – Coming Soon!

We are delighted to be welcoming the Scholastic Book Fair back to St Luke's during Parents' Evening week.

The Book Fair will be open before and after school each day, as well as on both Parents' Evening nights, giving families plenty of opportunities to browse and enjoy a wonderful range of books together. It's a lovely chance for children to choose a new read and share in the excitement of discovering books they're genuinely excited about.

Every purchase made at the Book Fair also helps support reading in school, with the school receiving a percentage of sales to spend on new books for our classrooms and library — directly benefiting our pupils.

We hope many of you will be able to pop in, whether before or after your Parents' Evening appointment, and help us continue to nurture a love of reading across our school community.

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!

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.

WORLD BOOK DAY

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World Book Week

We’re really looking forward to celebrating World Book Week with a range of exciting, reading-themed events for our children and families. Please make a note of the following dates:

Wednesday 4th March – Onesie Upon a Time

Children are invited to return to school in their pyjamas or onesies from 5.00pm–6pm for a cosy evening of stories and reading fun.

The evening will include shared stories, hot chocolate and biscuits, alongside a range of crafts and activities linked to the books we enjoy together. A lovely, relaxed way to celebrate reading.

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day (Dress-Up Day)

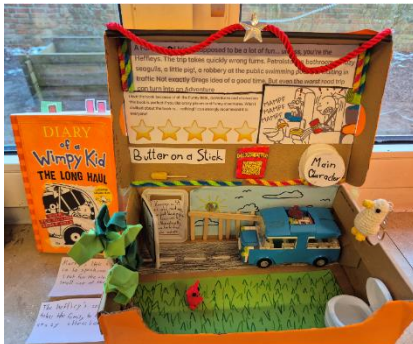
To mark World Book Day, children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character of their choice. We can’t wait to see the creativity and hear all about the characters they’ve chosen!

Friday 6th March – Book in a Box Family Craft Afternoon

This year, instead of our usual Easter craft event, we are hosting a reading-themed family afternoon.

From 1.15pm, we warmly invite families into school to take part in a *Book in a Box* activity, creating a diorama of a favourite child-friendly book using a shoebox (please bring one with you) - It promises to be a creative, collaborative afternoon celebrating stories and imagination. A Microsoft form will be coming out to you all shortly.

We’re really excited about the week ahead and look forward to celebrating a shared love of reading with our school community.



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.

Non-Uniform Day – Egg-cellent News!

On Thursday 27th February, children are invited to come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a donation of a chocolate Easter egg.

Your egg donations will help make our Easter celebrations extra special. Every egg really does make a difference, and we're so grateful for your continued generosity.

Thank you for helping us make this an egg-stra special day — we're egg-cited already!

Acorn Theatre – Tickets Still Available

Tickets for our upcoming Acorn Theatre production are now available to book, and we're delighted to share that the Friday evening performance is almost completely sold out.

There is still good availability for the Friday afternoon performance, and we would warmly encourage families who are yet to book to consider this option. The afternoon show will be just as special and is a wonderful opportunity to see the children shine on stage.

Our pupils have been working incredibly hard in rehearsals, showing confidence, commitment and enthusiasm, and we are so proud of the effort they are putting into this production.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support — we're really looking forward to welcoming you to Acorn Theatre for what promises to be a fantastic performance.

Mother's Day Lunch – Booking Reminder

We are really looking forward to welcoming mums, grandmothers and other special adults into school for our Mother's Day Lunch on Thursday 13th March. It has been lovely to see so many families already signing up.

Now that we have an idea of numbers, we are beginning to organise the children's lunchtime sittings for the day so that we can host everyone comfortably. If you haven't yet done so, please check Arbor to reserve your place, as bookings remain open.

Thank you, as always, for your support — we can't wait to share this special lunchtime with you.

Diary Dates: An updated list!

February

- 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
- 9th – Children's Mental Health Week
- 10th – Young Voices @ Sheffield Arena
- 11th – Ash Wednesday Service in school
- 11th – Parents' Evenings
- 12th – Parents' Evenings
- 13th – Sherwood to Waterstone's Book Festival
- 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
- 9th – British Science Week
- 9th – International Women's Week
- 12th – Elmton Class to Magna
- 13th – Non-uniform day in eggs-change for Easter Eggs.
- 13th – Mother's Day Lunch
- 16th – Whole School Assessment Week
- 19th – 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 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

EYFS Stay and Play

We are pleased to invite families to our next EYFS Stay and Play session, taking place on Tuesday 4th February, from 9.00am–10.30am.

This is a lovely opportunity to spend time in school with your child, see learning in action, and enjoy sharing activities together. If you would like to attend, please remember to sign up via the Microsoft Form, which has been shared with families through Arbor. We look forward to welcoming you into school.