



Newsletter

WORK TOGETHER - GROW TOGETHER - FLOURISH TOGETHER

Welcome from Mr. P

As we reach the midpoint of another incredibly full and memorable term, I find myself reflecting on just how much our children have experienced, achieved and embraced since returning after Christmas. There has been a real sense of energy and momentum across school — from the classroom to the stage, from local visits to national arenas — and it has been a joy to see our pupils continue to grow in confidence, character and ambition.

Learning has been enriched by a wide range of meaningful experiences. Sherwood Class demonstrated impressive maturity during their Mini Police sessions, thoughtfully exploring themes of respect, fairness and protected characteristics. Through real-life scenarios and discussion, they showed genuine understanding of inclusion, responsibility and how to seek support when needed — values that sit firmly at the heart of St Luke's and underpin the respectful culture we are so proud of.

Our curriculum has truly come to life beyond the classroom. Year 1 explored Shireoaks village as part of their Geography learning, studying maps, landmarks and what makes our local area special. They represented the school beautifully in the community, demonstrating curiosity and exemplary behaviour. Year 2 deepened their understanding of the polar regions with a visit to The Deep in Hull, observing habitats and animal adaptations first-hand. Experiences such as these help children connect learning to the real world in memorable and meaningful ways. Their creativity has also shone in Design and Technology, where they stitched their own polar pouches with patience, resilience and pride. My sincere thanks to Mrs Phillips for generously giving her time to support this work.

Reading and writing continue to flourish across school. Sherwood Class attended the Waterstones Book Festival in Lincoln, meeting authors including Iqbal Hussain, Phil Earle and Neill Cameron — an inspiring celebration of storytelling, imagination and creativity. Back in school, our Scholastic Book Fair raised an incredible £424.17 for new books. Thank you for your continued support in nurturing a strong reading culture; there is something truly special about seeing a child proudly clutching a new book and eager to begin reading.

Performing arts have undoubtedly been a highlight. Our production of Grossbusters at the Acorn Theatre was outstanding. From the first line to the final bow, our Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils lit up the stage with confidence, energy and joy. Watching children step beyond their comfort zones and truly shine is one of the great privileges of leading a school. That same pride was evident at Young Voices 2026 in Sheffield Arena, where our children sang alongside thousands of others in an unforgettable experience. We are grateful to staff, families and supporters who made these opportunities possible.

Our Christian distinctiveness has remained central throughout the term. From celebrating Pancake Day together to welcoming Rev. Jenni for our Ash Wednesday service, children reflected thoughtfully on Lent, forgiveness and new beginnings. Through Bible Buddies, they have continued exploring stories of faith, trust and promise in ways that nurture both understanding and reflection.

Supporting wellbeing also remains a priority. During World Mental Health Week, pupils engaged in curriculum-based activities and a whole-school Picture News assembly, encouraging open conversations about emotions, resilience and caring for one another.

It has been a pleasure to welcome so many families into school last half term — from Parent's Evening to EYFS Stay and Play. Your partnership makes a profound difference. I am immensely proud of our children and deeply grateful to our dedicated staff and supportive community.

Thank you, as always, for being such an important part of 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.

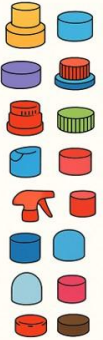
To help make this exciting project possible, we will soon be collecting clean plastic bottle tops of all colours and sizes (no deeper than approximately 12mm). This includes drink bottle lids, milk bottle tops, shampoo and shower gel lids, cleaning product lids, laundry detergent and fabric conditioner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

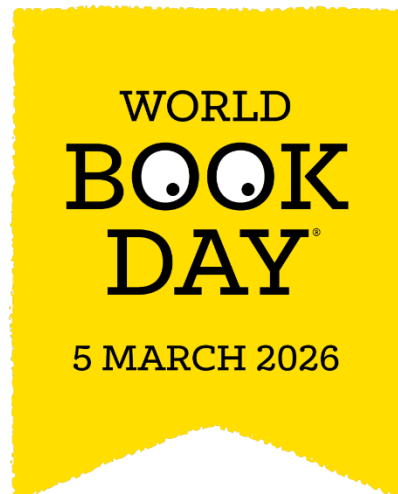
What Lids Can We Collect?

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 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)

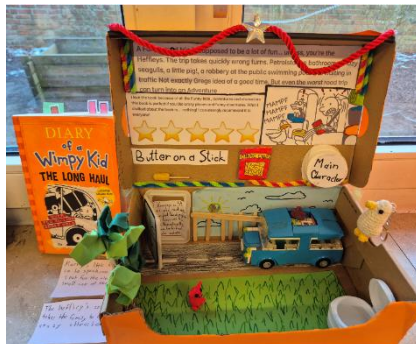
To mark World Book Day, children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character of their choice. We can’t wait to see the creativity and hear all about the characters they’ve chosen!

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 has already been sent.**

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



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 Friday 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.



Non-Uniform Day – Egg-cellent News!

On **Friday 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!



Shireoaks Carnival – Thank you!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Shireoaks Carnival Committee for their incredibly generous donation of £1,000 to St Luke's.

Although the Carnival has now sadly come to an end, its impact on our community over the years has been truly special. We are deeply grateful that the remaining funds have been donated to support our school.

This generosity will help us continue to provide enriching experiences for our children, creating opportunities that will build confidence and lasting memories.

On behalf of our pupils, staff and families — thank you for your dedication, community spirit and continued support.



Diary Dates: An updated list!

February

- 23rd – Children Return
- 26th – Number Day
- 27th – Creswell to Butterfly House
- 27th – Non-uniform for Easter Eggs
- 27th – Swimming Gala

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 – Elmtion Class to Magna
- 13th – Non-uniform day in eggs-change for Easter Eggs.
- 13th – Mother's Day Lunch
- 16th – Whole School Assessment Week
- 17th – Y5 Mini Police
- 19th – Welbeck to Holocaust Memorial

March Contd...

- 19th – EYFS Story, Rhyme & Song time
- 19th – Family Bingo (4pm – 6pm)
- 20th – Red Nose Day
- 23rd – Egg Dioramas to be in for judging
- 24th – Y5 Mini Police
- 26th – Poet Visit
- 26th – Progress Reports to Parents
- 27th – Whole School Easter Egg hunt
- 27th – Last Day

April

- 13th – Children Return
- 17th – Break the Rules Day
- 17th – Cricket Festival
- 22nd – Year 3 and Y4 Residential (2-nights)
- 30th – EYFS Stay & Play: Writing

May

- 4th – Bank Holiday
- 5th – Sherwood to Grimm & Co.



Mother's Day Pop-Up Shop

We are delighted to announce our Mother's Day Pop-Up Shop in school!

Children will have the opportunity to choose their own special gifts for Mum, Nan or any important mother figure in their lives.

For just £6, they can enjoy our Pick & Mix offer — choosing 2 beautiful items to create a thoughtful surprise.

From pamper treats and cosy socks to candles and keepsakes, there will be something for everyone. Each gift will be placed in a lovely gift bag, ready to take home and hide safely until Mother's Day!

Gifts include:

- ☕ Best Mum™ travel mug
- 🌸 Floral "MUM" and "NAN" glass mugs
- 🧦 Cozy socks
- 🕯 Springtime Blossom & Black Oud candles
- 👐 Golden Boudoir hand cream sets
- 🛁 Serene Moments bath set
- 📖 Nectar Meadows magnetic bookmarks
- 🪄 Floral nail file
- 📅 Weekly planner pad
- 🛍 Pretty gift bag with pink tissue

🛒 Please purchase via Arbor by Friday 15th March.

We absolutely love seeing how proud the children are when they choose something themselves.

We can't wait! 🌸💚

