



# Newsletter

WORK TOGETHER - GROW TOGETHER - FLOURISH TOGETHER

## Welcome from Mr. P

As we move towards the end of another vibrant and busy half term, it has been a real joy to see the continued energy, enthusiasm and pride across St Luke's. The past few weeks have been packed with memorable experiences that reflect not only the breadth of our curriculum, but the strength of our school community.

Learning beyond the classroom continues to play a vital role in bringing knowledge to life. Our EYFS children thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the Butterfly House, consolidating their understanding of life cycles through first-hand experiences, while Year 3 stepped back in time at Southwell Minster, exploring how the past connects to the present. Year 1's visit to Magna provided an exciting opportunity to explore the elements through hands-on investigation, with children demonstrating curiosity, excellent behaviour and a genuine love of learning.

Across school, creativity and a love of reading have been clear highlights. Our World Book Week celebrations were a wonderful success, from the cosy "Onesie Upon a Time" evening to the fantastic costumes on World Book Day itself. The Book in a Box afternoon was a true celebration of imagination, with children proudly showcasing their creations and sharing the stories behind them. These moments remind us just how powerful reading can be in bringing our community together.

We have also seen fantastic opportunities for pupils to develop confidence, teamwork and resilience through sport. Our swimmers made an impressive debut at the Schools Swimming Gala, achieving a fantastic 4th place, while both our girls' and boys' football teams demonstrated determination, teamwork and sportsmanship in their recent fixtures. We are incredibly proud of how all of our pupils represent St Luke's both in and out of school.

A particularly special highlight was our Mother's Day Lunch, where it was wonderful to welcome so many families into school. The atmosphere was filled with warmth, appreciation and community spirit — a true reflection of what makes St Luke's so special. Alongside this, our Mother's Day Shop has been a delight to see in action, with children taking great care and pride in choosing thoughtful gifts for their loved ones.

Our commitment to personal development and understanding the wider world has also remained strong. Year 6's visit to Beth Shalom was a deeply moving and thought-provoking experience, helping pupils to reflect on history, empathy and the importance of standing up against injustice. These opportunities are vital in shaping not just knowledgeable learners, but compassionate and reflective young people.

Finally, it was fantastic to see so many families come together for our Bingo Night, raising £170 for school funds — a brilliant example of the strength of our community and the shared commitment to supporting our children.

As always, I am immensely proud of our pupils for the way they approach every opportunity with positivity, curiosity and respect. My thanks to our dedicated staff and to you, our families, for your continued support.

St Luke's continues to be a place where children flourish academically, socially and spiritually — and we truly are Growing Together.

## School Extension & Reconfiguration Update

We are excited to be entering the next phase of development at St Luke's, with building work beginning in the Summer Term to improve learning spaces across the school.

While this is a very positive step, there will be some temporary changes to day-to-day arrangements:

- School Office Relocation:  
The main office will move to the meeting room. Parents are asked to contact school via email or phone where possible. Access during the day will be via Clayson Green only – you will need to call to announce your arrival.
- Site Access Changes:  
The school car park will be unavailable during the works. Both pedestrian gates will remain open at drop-off and collection.
- Wraparound Care:  
Breakfast Club access will continue via a bell system at the new entrance located on the KS2 playground.
- Classroom Improvements:  
Key Stage 1 classrooms will be expanded to create larger, improved learning environments. Year 1's classroom will increase in size during the Summer Term. Subsequent classrooms (FS2 and Y2) will be reconfigured over the autumn term.
- Hall Expansion:  
The school hall will nearly double in size (from 97m<sup>2</sup> to 163m<sup>2</sup>), providing significantly improved space for worship, events and dining. During construction, the hall will be temporarily smaller.
- Lunch & Worship Adjustments:  
Some children may eat lunch in classrooms or outside. Whole-school worship will be adapted, with some services taking place at church.
- Events & Summer Fayre:  
Some events may be adjusted due to space limitations; however, we are pleased to confirm that the Summer Fayre will still go ahead as planned.

We appreciate your support and patience during this period of development, and we look forward to the long-term benefits these improvements will bring for our children.



### Break the Rules Day – Thursday 17th April

We're excited to be bringing a firm favourite back to St Luke's - Break the Rules Day!

On **Thursday 17th April**, children will have the chance to bend (just a few!) of our usual school rules, all in the name of fun and fundraising.

For 50p per rule, children can choose from a range of rule-breaking options, including:

- Painting nails or wearing nail polish 🖍️
- Bringing a toy to school 🧸
- Creating a crazy hairstyle 🎨
- Wearing temporary tattoos ✨
- Bringing a fizzy drink 🥤
- Enjoying an unhealthy snack at break time (no nuts please) 🍩
- Keeping their hat on in class 🧢

It's a brilliant day filled with laughter, excitement and a real buzz around school — and the children absolutely love it!

All money raised will go towards supporting school fund, helping us to continue providing those extra experiences and opportunities that make St Luke's so special.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support

## SATs Week – Supporting our Year 6 Pupils

SATs Week will take place from **Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May**, and we are incredibly proud of the hard work, determination and resilience our Year 6 pupils have shown in the lead up to this important week.

SATs are an opportunity for children to showcase all that they have learned during their time at primary school. Throughout the year, they have approached their learning with maturity, focus and a positive attitude — they are more than ready.

The timetable for the week is as follows:

**Monday:** English Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling (EGPS) and Spelling

**Tuesday:** Reading

**Wednesday:** Maths Arithmetic and Reasoning Paper 1

**Thursday:** Maths Reasoning Paper 2

To support our pupils further, we will be offering a free breakfast club for Year 6 children from 8:00am each morning during SATs week. This will provide a calm, positive start to the day and ensure everyone is well fuelled and ready. Please email the school office if you intend for your child to attend.

We kindly ask for your support in helping children to:

- Get a good night's sleep
- Arrive at school on time each day
- Enjoy a healthy breakfast (either at home or in school)

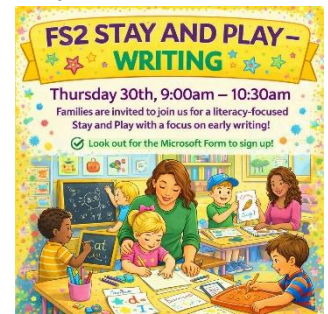
Most importantly, we remind our children that SATs do not define them. They are just one small part of their journey, and we are already incredibly proud of each and every one of them. Good luck, Year 6 — we know you will be amazing!

### EYFS Stay and Play: Writing

We are pleased to invite our EYFS families to a Stay and Play session on Thursday 30th, 9:00am – 10:30am, focusing on early writing.

Come and join us in the classroom to see how we support writing and take part in some fun, practical activities with your child.

Please look out for the Microsoft Form to sign up - We look forward to welcoming you!



### School Bags & Equipment – A Gentle Reminder

Sorry for sounding like a budget airline, but...we have noticed an increasing number of children bringing large backpacks into school and would like to take this opportunity to clarify our expectations.

For day-to-day school use, a standard book bag is all that is needed. These comfortably hold reading books, diaries and homework. We do not require children to bring additional items such as PE kits during the school day, and in the colder months, coats can be worn to school with hats and gloves easily stored in book bags.

Our cloakroom spaces are limited, and large rucksacks take up significant room, making it difficult for all children to store their belongings safely and neatly.

We kindly ask that:

- Children bring a book bag only for school each day
- Large backpacks are not brought into school unless absolutely necessary
- Toys and teddies are not brought into school
- Children carry their lunch boxes separately for storage

We do understand that, in some circumstances (such as moving between family homes), a backpack may be needed. In these cases, we ask that this is kept to a small, manageable size.

In addition, we recommend that children bring a simple, refillable water bottle. We have noticed an increase in hard plastic bottles breaking or leaking in school. Our school water bottles are available at £1.50 and are designed to be more durable and suitable for daily use.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep our school environment organised, safe and calm for all children.