



Newsletter

WORK TOGETHER - GROW TOGETHER - FLOURISH TOGETHER

Welcome from Mr. P

As we begin the summer term, it has been wonderful to see St Luke's return with such positivity, energy and enthusiasm. The final weeks before Easter and our first days back have been packed with memorable experiences that continue to reflect the richness of life at our school and the many opportunities our children are given to flourish.

Our commitment to developing pupils beyond the academic curriculum remains as strong as ever. Sherwood Class concluded their Mini Police programme in style, first deepening their understanding of the justice system through a courtroom workshop with Magistrate Alison before proudly graduating in front of invited guests. Their confidence, maturity and understanding throughout the programme have been exceptional, and they should feel immensely proud of all they have achieved.

Across school, pupils have continued to benefit from a range of meaningful enrichment opportunities. Year 6's visit to Beth Shalom provided a deeply moving and thought-provoking opportunity to reflect on the Holocaust and the importance of standing against injustice. Meanwhile, Year 2 enjoyed a special visit from Sheila, who shared her experiences of Judaism and brought learning about Shabbat and Passover vividly to life.

Creativity has flourished across the curriculum. We were delighted to welcome poet Andy Tooze into school, inspiring laughter, imagination and some fantastic poetry writing from our children. Thoresby Class have also made a brilliant start to their drumming lessons, whilst continuing their scientific exploration through workshops with Severn Trent Water. It has been wonderful to see children so engaged, curious and enthusiastic in their learning.

Sport continues to be a real strength at St Luke's. Our girls' football team secured a fantastic 3–1 victory over Ordsall Primary, while our boys demonstrated great resilience and teamwork in a hard-fought match against Langold. We are incredibly proud of the way our pupils represent the school with such sportsmanship and determination. Our Sports Leaders have also begun preparing to host this month's Cricket Festival, taking part in specialist training to support them in leading the event themselves.

Our first ever Break the Rules Day was a huge success and brought a great deal of laughter to school. From crazy hairstyles and fizzy drinks to hats in class and temporary tattoos, the children embraced the fun whilst continuing to uphold our Golden Rules impeccably. We are delighted that the day raised an impressive £295 for school funds.

Finally, our Year 3 and 4 residential got off to a fantastic start, as pupils immersed themselves in forest school, archery, orienteering and local history. We are incredibly proud of how they settled, embraced challenge and represented the school so brilliantly.

As always, I am immensely proud of our children and grateful for the continued support of our staff, families and wider community. St Luke's remains a place where children flourish academically, socially and spiritually — and we truly are Growing Together.

Sponsored Colour Run – Revised Date!

We are incredibly excited for the return of our St Luke's Sponsored Colour Run — now taking place on the afternoon of Thursday 14th May, not Friday 15th.

Children will take on our vibrant obstacle course packed with fun challenges, water features and colour stations, finishing the route covered in colour and smiles! It promises to be a fantastic afternoon full of laughter, challenge and excitement.

To take part, we ask for a minimum sponsorship of £5 per child, which helps cover the cost of event materials, obstacle equipment, medals and a well-earned ice lolly at the finish line. Any sponsorship raised beyond this will go directly towards supporting school fund and enriching opportunities for our pupils.

As always, there will be a little competitive spirit involved: The class that raises the most sponsorship will win a special Victory Lap and take home the Colour Run Trophy!

Children should come prepared for fun and mess in:

- A white t-shirt
- Trainers suitable for running and getting wet
- Goggles (essential)
- Bright/neon accessories if they wish!

We are also delighted to invite parents to stay after school and take on the course themselves from 3:15pm — sponsorship for parent participation is warmly welcomed!

We cannot wait for what promises to be one of the most colourful and memorable afternoons of the year!

Learning Showcase Afternoon & End of Year Reports

We are delighted to invite families to our new Learning Showcase Afternoon on Friday 17th July at 2:00pm.

This special event will provide children with the opportunity to share and celebrate their learning from across the year, talking you through their books, favourite pieces of work and the progress they have made. We hope this will be a relaxed and meaningful way to reflect on the year together as a school community.

Families are warmly invited to join us on the field — please feel free to bring blankets/chairs and refreshments (non-alcoholic only!) to help make the afternoon a comfortable and celebratory occasion.

At the event, families will also be able to:

- Collect their child's End of Year Report
- Celebrate the fantastic learning journey of the past year
- Discuss, first hand, their children's academic success

We are really excited to launch this new event and hope it will be a lovely way to end the academic year together.

Please complete the Microsoft Form below by Friday 3rd July to indicate your attendance [here](#).

We look forward to welcoming you and celebrating your child's achievements together



SATs Week & SATs Breakfast – 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

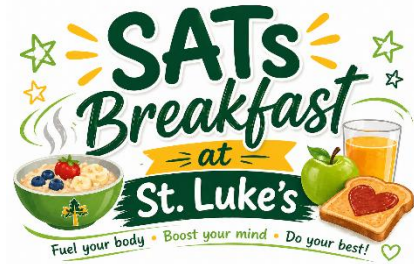
Wednesday: Maths Arithmetic and Reasoning Paper 1

Thursday: Maths Reasoning Paper 2

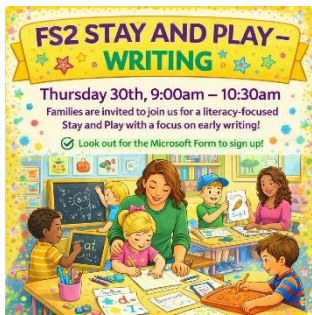
To support our pupils further, we will be offering a free breakfast club for Year 6 children from 8:00am each morning during SATs week. This will provide a calm, positive start to the day and ensure everyone is well fuelled and ready. Please **register on Arbor** if you intend for your child to attend.

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 this Thursday between 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 make sure you have signed up using the Microsoft form!

Uniform Expectations – A Further Reminder

Firstly, a huge thank you to those families who have already switched back to book bags following our recent reminder. The corridors and cloakrooms are noticeably tidier and less cluttered, and we have also seen a welcome reduction in lost property — thank you for your support.

We would also like to take this opportunity to clarify expectations around school uniform.

We have noticed an increasing number of children attending school in leggings or lycra shorts on non-PE days. While these may be comfortable, but like all local secondary schools, they do not form part of our school uniform and are therefore not appropriate for regular school days.

For clarity:

- Leggings and lycra shorts should not be worn on non-PE days
- Lycra shorts are acceptable when worn underneath summer dresses for comfort and modesty
- On non-PE days, children should wear school-style shorts, skirts, culottes or dresses in line with our uniform expectations

Maintaining high standards in presentation helps foster pride, consistency and a shared sense of belonging within our school community. We therefore ask for your continued support in ensuring children arrive dressed appropriately each day.

Thank you, as always, for your support in upholding the standards and expectations of St Luke's.

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Diary Dates: An updated list!

April 2026

- 30th – EYFS Stay & Play: Writing
- 30th – Boy's Football Match Vs. Misson (Away)

May 2026

- 4th – Bank Holiday
- 5th – Thoresby to Grimm & Co.
- 5th – Girls Football Match Vs. Langold (Home)
- 7th – Story, Rhyme and Song time for EYFS
- 8th – Whole School Cricket Fest (Wear PE kit)
- 11th – SATs Week Starts
- 14th – SATs Week finishes
- 14th – Colour Run Day
- 21st – Book and a brew (Cancelled)
- 22nd – Last Day

June 2026

- 1st – Children Return
- 1st – Year 4 Multiplication Check Week
- 5th – Year 5 & Year 6 PGL Residential Commences
- 7th – Year 5 & Year 6 PGL Residential Return
- 8th – Phonics Screening Week
- 9th – Class & Whole School Photos
- 17th – Y6 to Alton Towers
- 19th – Father's Day Breakfast (Cancelled)
- 25th – Year 1 to Mablethorpe
- 29th – Outwood Transition Week

July 2026

- 1st – Whole School Transition Day
- 3rd – Year 5 to Manor Lodge: Tudor Visit
- 3rd – Year 6 Leaver's Party
- 6th – Sports Week
- 8th – KS1 Residential Depart
- 9th – KS1 Residential Return
- 10th – EYFS & KS1 Sports Day (am)
- 10th – KS2 Sports Day (pm)
- 14th – Year 3 to Yorvik Viking Centre
- 16th – Back-up Sports Day
- 17th – Curriculum Showcase afternoon
- 17th – End of Year Reports to parents
- 18th – Summer Fayre
- 22nd – Year 6 Leaver's Service
- 22nd – Last Day

September 2026

- 1st – INSET Day
- 2nd – Children Return
- 11th – Year 5 Commence weekly swimming until February
- 18th – Jeans for Gene's Day – Wear Jeans
- 25th – Macmillan Coffee Morning
- 29th – Year 5 and Year 6 Harvest Festival @2.45pm
- 30th – Year 3 and Year 4 Harvest Festival @2.45pm

October 2026

- 1st – Year 1 and Year 2 Harvest Festival @2.45pm
- 2nd – FS2 Harvest Festival @2.45pm
- 9th – Whole School Harvest Worship
- 12th – Scholastic Book Fair Week
- 13th – Parent's Evening
- 14th – Parent's Evening
- 16th – Red Card to Racism (Wear Red)
- 16th – Last Day

November 2026

- 2nd – Children Return
- 5th – Book and a Brew @8.30am
- 9th – Anti-Bullying Week Commences (Wear odd socks)
- 13th – Non-uniform day (Exchange for chocolate)
- 17th – Individual/Family Photo Day
- 20th – Children in Need
- 27th – Non-uniform day (Rainbow Raffle Donations)

December 2026

- 1st – Christmas Discos
- 3rd – Christmas Fayre
- 8th – KS1 Nativity @2pm & @5pm
- 9th – FS2 Nativity @2pm & @5pm
- 14th – Christingle
- 15th – Christmas Craft (pm)
- 16th – Whole School Pantomime Visit
- 17th – Christmas Dinner/Party Day
- 17th – Progress reports to parents
- 18th – Last day

January 2027

- 4th – Children Return
- 7th – Book and a Brew @8.30am

INSET Days

School will be closed for staff training on the following dates:

- 1st September
- 28th May
- 26th July
- 27th July
- 28th July

