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Newsletter

WORK TOGETHER - GROW TOGETHER - FLOURISH TOGETHER

Welcome from Mr. P

A very warm welcome back to everyone as we begin a brand-new school year at St. Luke's. I hope that all of our children and families have enjoyed the summer break and are feeling ready for the year ahead.

It has certainly been a busy summer in school! Our building work has continued at pace and it is wonderful to see so much of the project now coming together. The hall extension is nearing completion, giving us a fantastic larger space for worship, PE, performances and bringing our school community together. Behind the scenes, there have been some changes too. Our teachers now have a new staffroom, I have finally moved into my new office and Mrs Spencer and Ms Yip have a new office of their own. After months of temporary arrangements, it is lovely to see the school beginning to settle into its new spaces.

Our school office is also returning to its original entrance on Branccliffe Lane. Thank you to all of our families for your patience and flexibility throughout the Summer Term while the building work required us to do things a little differently.

Today, our staff have been together for our first INSET day of the year, preparing classrooms, undertaking training, planning for the term ahead and making sure that everything is ready to welcome the children back tomorrow. There has been a real sense of excitement around school.

We have also been thinking about our former Year 6 pupils, who begin the next chapter of their journey at secondary school tomorrow. After seven years with us, it feels very strange knowing that they will not be walking through our gates alongside everyone else! We hope they have a fantastic first day, settle quickly and take all of the confidence, friendships and memories they made at St. Luke's with them. We are incredibly proud of them and wish every one of them well.

For everyone returning to us, and particularly those joining the St. Luke's family for the first time, we cannot wait to see you tomorrow. There is so much to look forward to during 2026–27, and our focus remains on ensuring that every child is happy, challenged, supported and able to flourish.

Here's to another fantastic year together.

Welcome to St. Luke's!

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Poole and Miss Rowley to the St. Luke's team this year.

Mrs Poole joins our teaching team and will be teaching in Year 4 on Thursdays and Fridays, while Miss Rowley has been appointed as our Year 3 Teaching Assistant, working alongside Miss Phillipson.

Both have already received a very warm welcome from the staff, and we know that our children and families will make them feel equally at home as they settle into life at St. Luke's.

We are very pleased to have them both as part of our team!



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Friendship - Love - Originality - Understanding - Resilience - Integrity - Selflessness - Hard work

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We will be holding our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 25th September, from 9am until 10am.

With our hall currently unavailable, we will be hosting the coffee morning in one of our classrooms this year – run by some of our Year 6 pupils and staff. Everyone is welcome to join us for a cuppa, a slice of cake and a chat, while raising money for a wonderful cause.

We would also be very grateful for any cake donations to help make the morning a success.

We hope to see lots of you there!



Year 5 Swimming

Year 5 swimming lessons begin on Friday 11th September and will take place weekly, with the final session on Friday 12th February, 2027.

Please ensure that children bring their swimming kit and towel each Friday.

Children may wear swimming goggles, but parents/carers must first complete the appropriate disclaimer. Goggles are not considered essential for school swimming and, as part of learning water safety, children will need to practise swimming without goggles during some sessions. Diving will also initially be taught without goggles.

If your child wishes to wear goggles, please ensure that the goggles disclaimer is completed and returned to school.

School Uniform Reminder

As we begin the new school year, a quick reminder about our school uniform. From September, we are simplifying our uniform by moving to gold/yellow polo shirts for all children, creating a clearer and more consistent look across the school.

Polo shirts with the embroidered St. Luke's logo are available from our uniform supplier, but plain gold/yellow polo shirts are absolutely fine and are widely available from supermarkets and high street retailers. If your child still has white polo shirts that fit, there is no need to replace them immediately. These can be phased out naturally as new uniform is purchased.

We would also like to remind families that children should bring a school book bag rather than a large backpack. Book bags provide plenty of space for the items children need each day and help us to keep our cloakroom areas tidy and manageable.

Thank you to everyone for supporting us in keeping our uniform smart, simple and consistent.

Jeans for Genes Day

On Friday 18th September, we will be supporting Jeans for Genes Day. Children are invited to come to school wearing their jeans in return for a £1 donation.

Jeans for Genes Day raises vital funds to support children and families affected by genetic conditions across the UK. So, swap the usual school trousers, skirts or dresses for your favourite pair of jeans and help us raise money for a fantastic cause!



School Meals & Wraparound Care – September 2026

From September, the price of a pupil paid school meal will increase from £3.16 to £3.40. The price of school snacks will remain unchanged at 50p.

Our wraparound care prices will also remain unchanged for the new academic year. Breakfast Club, running from 7:30am to 8:45am, will continue to cost £4. Teatime Club costs £5 from 3:15pm to 4:15pm, or £12 for the full session until 5:45pm (5:30pm on Fridays).

Thank you for your continued support.

Staff Training – Tuesday 15th September

Please note that there will be no after-school Teatime Club on Tuesday 15th September due to staff training. We apologise for any inconvenience and appreciate families making alternative arrangements for collection that afternoon.

Branccliffe Lane Entrance

From September, our school office will return to its original entrance on Branccliffe Lane.

We would like to thank all of our families for your patience, understanding and support throughout the Summer Term while temporary access arrangements have been in place during the building works.

We look forward to welcoming you back through our usual entrance!

Parent/Carer Communication and Conduct Policy

As we begin the new school year, we would like to draw parents' and carers' attention to our updated Parent/Carer Communication and Conduct Policy 2026–2028, which is available on the school website.

The policy sets out how families can contact school, the timescales within which we aim to respond, how urgent matters will be dealt with and the best way to raise a concern or complaint. It also sets out our shared expectations for respectful communication and conduct within our school community.

We greatly value the positive relationships we have with our families and want communication between home and school to remain open, respectful and productive. We would therefore encourage all parents and carers to take a few minutes to familiarise themselves with the policy.

You can read the full policy on the Parents section of our school website.

Times Tables Rock Stars Day

Following the huge success of last year, Times Tables Rock Stars Day is back on Thursday 24th September!

Children are invited to come to school dressed as a rock star for a day celebrating all things times tables. Throughout the day, classes will take part in plenty of TT Rock Stars challenges and battles, putting their multiplication knowledge, speed and accuracy to the test.

Diary Dates: An updated list!

September 2026

2nd – Children Return

11th – Year 5 Commence weekly swimming until February

18th – Jeans for Gene's Day – Wear Jeans

24th – TT Rockstars Day – Dress like a rockstar

25th – Clumber Class to Creswell Craggs

25th – Macmillan Coffee Morning @9am

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

5th – Black History Month Focus Week

6th – Clarie's Critters visit Rufford Class

7th – Phonics Parent Workshop @5pm

9th – Whole School Harvest Worship

12th – Scholastic Book Fair Week

12th – Creswell to Blagg's Farm

13th – Parent's Evening

14th – World Mental Health Day. Non-uniform

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16th – Red Card to Racism (Wear Red)

16th – Last Day

November 2026

2nd – Children Return

4th – Children's Neon Silent Disco

5th – Book & a brew reading morning @8.30am

9th – Wear odd socks for Anti-Bullying

11th – Remembrance Assembly

13th – Non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate

17th – Individual Photos

18th – EYFS Stay & Play: Phonics @9am

18th – Maths Parent Workshop @5pm

19th/20th – Maths Week – Puzzle Challenge Day

20th – Children in Need. £1 donation.

25th – Y6 SATs Meeting @5pm

27th – Rainbow Raffle donation day

December 2026

1st – Christmas Discos

1st – Workop Christmas Tree Festival

3rd – Christmas Fayre @3.15pm

8th – KS1 Nativity @2pm

8th – KS1 Nativity @5pm

9th – Creswell Nativity @2pm

9th – Creswell Nativity @5pm

11th – Adults Neon Silent Disco

