



Newsletter

WORK TOGETHER - GROW TOGETHER - FLOURISH TOGETHER

Welcome from Mr. P

What a brilliant start we have had to the new school year! It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to St Luke's and to see the school quickly return to its usual busy, happy rhythm.

The first few weeks of any school year are always about settling in. There are new classrooms, new teachers, new routines and, for some of our children, a completely new school to get used to. I'm really pleased with how well everyone has settled.

Our new FS2 children, in particular, have made a fantastic start to life at St Luke's. Their confidence is already growing and they have thrown themselves into exploring, playing and learning in their new environment. They have even enjoyed their first Bible Buddies session with Ginny, listening to and talking about the Creation Story.

It certainly hasn't taken long for the learning to get going across the rest of school either!

Year 1 have started their new Geography topic all about weather, beginning by locating the United Kingdom and identifying its four countries. They have also had a rather unexpected visitor in the form of a penguin, helping to bring their English work and storytelling to life!

Year 2 have been busy developing their instructional writing, with the very important task of explaining how to make a marmalade sandwich for Paddington Bear. Meanwhile, Year 3 have travelled much further back in time as they begin learning about the Stone Age. Their Science topic on rocks, fossils and soils has also generated lots of excitement, with children bringing some fantastic specimens in from home, including a real megalodon tooth!

In Year 4, there has already been plenty going on. The children have been getting hands-on in Science by building and investigating electrical circuits, continuing to develop their multiplication fluency through Times Tables Rock Stars and beginning to create their own mythical tales in Writing.

Year 5 have begun exploring Charles Darwin and the fascinating ideas of evolution and inheritance, while our Year 6 children are certainly being kept busy! They have been investigating static electricity in Science, learning about the UK economy in Geography and beginning their writing inspired by The Nowhere Emporium.

What has pleased me most as I have walked around school over these first couple of weeks is seeing children who are happy, engaged and ready to learn. There is a lovely sense of purpose around school, but also plenty of laughter, conversation, curiosity and excitement. That balance is exactly what we want for our children.

There is already so much happening, and this is only the beginning! We have another incredibly busy term ahead of us with lots of learning, experiences and opportunities still to come.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for helping us to make such a positive start to 2026–27.

Mr. Phillips

Bikes and Scooters

A quick reminder that children should dismount from bikes and scooters when entering the school grounds and walk them to the designated storage areas. This helps us to keep our site safe at busy drop-off and collection times.



Whole School Pantomime – Cinderella

A reminder that our whole-school trip to Sheffield Lyceum to see Cinderella takes place on Wednesday 16th December. Following the huge success of last year's pantomime, we cannot wait to do it all again!

Full information has been sent to families in a separate letter. Parents and carers can confirm their child's place and make payment through Arbor. Please ensure this is completed by Monday 7th December.

We're looking forward to another magical whole-school day together!

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Next Friday! (Cakes needed!)

A reminder that our Macmillan Coffee Morning takes place on Friday 25th September, from 9am–10am. Everyone is welcome to join us for a cuppa, cake and chat while raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

We still need cakes! Homemade or shop-bought donations would be very gratefully received. Please provide ingredients/allergen information with homemade items and leave shop-bought cakes in their original packaging. Please remember that we are a nut-free school.

A Microsoft Form will be sent shortly for anyone planning to attend.



Jeans for Genes Day – This Friday!

A quick reminder that this Friday, 18th September, we will be supporting Jeans for Genes Day.

Children are invited to swap their usual school trousers, skirts or dresses for their favourite pair of jeans in return for a £1 donation. It is not a full non-uniform day.

A simple way to have a little fun while supporting a fantastic cause!

Changes to Our Breaktime Snacks

After October half term, we will be making some changes to the snacks available for children to purchase at morning break.

From Monday to Thursday, we will be introducing a new Healthy Tuck Shop, offering a changing selection of items such as cereal bars, fresh and dried fruit, popcorn, rice cakes and other healthier snacks.

Hot snacks will now be available on Fridays only, when our popular pizza muffins will continue. So, Friday officially becomes Pizza Muffin Friday!

We hope the new offer will give children plenty of choice while ensuring our breaktime snacks remain healthy, balanced and in line with national school food expectations.



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.

SJR Lunchtime Club

We are delighted to welcome SJR Worksoop CIC into St Luke's to lead a new weekly lunchtime club, starting on Thursday 17th September.

The club will give children another opportunity to get active, develop their football skills and, most importantly, have fun. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please complete and return the form sent home with your child if they would like to take part.

Young Voices 2027!

The response to Young Voices has been fantastic, with over 60 children already interested in joining our choir!

Rehearsals will take place after school each Wednesday, led by Mr Bell, Miss Phillipson and Miss Halpin, as the children prepare for the big performance at Sheffield Arena on Wednesday 24th February 2027.

There is lots of singing and rehearsing ahead, but what an incredible experience for our children to look forward to!

Little Acorns Outside Area

Little Acorns have asked us to remind families that children should not enter or use the Little Acorns play area after school.

Please ensure that children remain supervised once collected at the end of the school day and do not enter this area. Thank you for your support.

Hall & Building Works Update

We are getting very close to having our hall back! The new wood panelling, which has been away to be professionally fireproofed, will be fitted to the hall walls next week, with the new flooring being laid the following week.

If everything continues to go to plan, we hope to welcome parents into our newly extended hall for our Harvest performances. This may be our only week in the hall for a little while, as Year 1 and Year 2 will then temporarily relocate during the final week of half term while their classrooms are reconfigured as part of the ongoing building works.

With FS2, Year 1 and Year 2 all facing challenges in welcoming parents into their classrooms, we are also exploring a virtual Parents' Evening for this Autumn Term only. This would ensure a consistent and equitable experience for all of our families – particularly those families with more than one pupil at St. Luke's. We will confirm arrangements shortly.

Diary Dates: An updated list!

September 2026

18th – Jeans for Gene's Day – Wear Jeans
24th – TT Rockstars Day – Dress like a rockstar
25th – Clumber Class to Creswell Crags
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
14th – Parent's Evening
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 – Worksoop 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