



Newsletter

WORK TOGETHER - GROW TOGETHER - FLOURISH TOGETHER

Welcome from Mr. P

What another incredibly busy couple of weeks we have had at St Luke's! The term is now well and truly underway and, as you will see from this newsletter, there has been an enormous amount happening both inside and outside the classroom. It has been lovely to see the children so settled into their new year groups and increasingly confident in their routines. As I walk around school, there is a real sense that everyone has hit their stride: classrooms are busy, children are engaged and there is already some fantastic learning taking place.

There have been plenty of opportunities to take learning beyond the classroom too. Clumber Class enjoyed a brilliant visit to Creswell Crags, stepping back in time to discover what life may have been like for prehistoric people. From exploring the caves and building shelters to finding out more about rocks and geology, it was a fantastic opportunity to bring together their History and Science learning in a really memorable way.

Back at school, things became considerably louder as we celebrated TT Rock Stars Day! There were rock stars everywhere, with some truly spectacular outfits, plenty of friendly competition and lots of times-table battles taking place across school. Days like this are great fun, but they also help us to keep building that all-important fluency and confidence in fundamental knowledge.

We have also been delighted to welcome SJR Worksop CIC into school for their new lunchtime football sessions. The response from the children has been fantastic and it has been wonderful to see so many getting active, developing their skills and, most importantly, enjoying themselves.

Our boys' football team also got their season off to a fantastic start last night, travelling to Gamston for their first match together as a new team. Moving from 7-a-side to 9-a-side certainly didn't phase them, and they came away with an excellent 3-0 victory. More pleasing than the result itself was the teamwork, communication and determination shown by the boys throughout the game. A brilliant start to the season - well done to everyone involved!

Something else rather special has been growing at St Luke's! Our new corridor mural is now complete and it really is beautiful. At its heart is the Parable of the Mustard Seed - the story which underpins our school vision - with the words Work Together. Grow Together. Flourish Together. winding around the tree. It has transformed what was previously a very ordinary corridor into something which captures so much of what St Luke's is about. Nikki will also be returning to create our new stained-glass windows in the hall and I cannot wait to see the next part of the project come to life.

I have also been incredibly proud of the generosity of our school community. Thank you to everyone who supported Jeans for Genes Day; together, we raised a fantastic £151. Our Year 6 children also did a brilliant job running our Macmillan Coffee Morning and cake sale. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes, joined us for a slice and a brew or supported the sale afterwards. Together, we raised a whopping £220 for Macmillan Cancer Support - bringing our total for the two causes to £371!

There is certainly no slowing down as we head into October. Harvest celebrations, trips, workshops and plenty more learning are all still to come - not to mention the excitement of finally getting into our newly extended hall!

Thank you, as always, for the wonderful support you continue to give our school. It really does make a difference.



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.

Fantastic Fundraising!

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported our latest fundraising efforts! Our Jeans for Genes Day raised a fantastic £151 – thank you to everyone who wore their jeans and brought in a £1 donation.

A very special well done must also go to our Year 6 team, who did a brilliant job running our Macmillan Coffee Morning and cake sale. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and joined us for a slice and a brew – together, we raised a whopping £220 for Macmillan Cancer Support!

That's £371 raised for two fantastic causes in just over a week. What a brilliant St Luke's community effort!



Harvest Festivals 2026

We are looking forward to welcoming families into our newly extended hall for our Harvest Festivals this October. Please note that the dates have changed from those previously published:

- Year 5 & Year 6 – Tuesday 6th October at 2.45pm
- Year 3 & Year 4 – Wednesday 7th October at 2.45pm
- FS2, Year 1 & Year 2 – Thursday 8th October at 2.45pm

Doors will open from 2.30pm. As part of our Harvest celebrations, we would be very grateful for donations of tinned or packeted food and toiletries. Please do not send fresh produce. Harvest 2026. We are really looking forward to three lovely afternoons of celebration together.

Wear Red – Show Racism the Red Card

On Friday 16th October, we will be supporting Show Racism the Red Card by inviting all children and staff to wear red to school. The day is an important opportunity to remind our children that racism has no place in our school or wider community, and to celebrate respect, equality and inclusion.

There is no donation required – simply wear something red and help us show racism the red card!



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!

Parents' Evening Week

Our first Parent/Teacher Consultation Meetings of the year will take place virtually via SchoolCloud on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th October, between 3.30pm and 6.20pm. Each appointment will last 10 minutes and will be an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into the new school year, their learning and progress so far.

Appointments opened for booking at 6.00pm on Tuesday 29th September and will close at 12 noon on Monday 12th October.

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

Celebrating Mrs. Dilks

At the end of this half term, we will be saying a very fond farewell to Mrs Dilks as she retires after an incredible 23 years at St Luke's. Since joining the school in 2003, Mrs Dilks has been one of those people who is always willing to turn her hand to anything. She has supported generations of children, families and staff, and has played a huge part in so many of the traditions that make St Luke's special.

Many will know her as the undisputed queen of Play Your Cards Right at our Summer and Christmas Fayres. She has also helped organise our annual Year 6 Prom and the much-loved Easter Egg Hunt, which is always such a fantastic success.

Her dedication has gone far beyond her usual role. When I first joined St Luke's and we found ourselves without an Office Manager, Mrs Dilks simply stepped up and took on the role, helping to keep the school running at a particularly busy time.

Mrs Dilks is now looking forward to becoming a full-time Grandma, but thankfully this is not quite goodbye. She has already offered to return to hear readers, make pancakes and help out from time to time - just with a little more flexibility!

Thank you, Mrs Dilks, for 23 wonderful years. You will be hugely missed.



World Mental Health Day

To mark World Mental Health Day, on Wednesday 14th October we will be focusing on simple, practical ways children can look after their wellbeing.

Throughout the day, pupils will take part in a range of 'analogue' activities away from screens, including arts and crafts, drawing, puzzles, reading for pleasure, construction, gardening, music, mindful colouring, board games and other hobbies. We will also explore strategies such as spending time outdoors, talking to others, being active, slowing down, noticing the world around us and making time for things we enjoy.

The aim is to help children build a toolkit of healthy, everyday strategies they can use when they need to relax, reset or simply take some time for themselves.

Children are also invited to attend school in non-uniform on the day.

Book Fair Update

Please note that our planned Book Fair has been cancelled this term due to Parents' Evenings taking place virtually.

We know many families enjoy visiting the Book Fair and we hope to be able to rearrange another opportunity later in the school year. Thank you for your understanding.

A (not so) New Face at St Luke's

We know that Mrs Dilks is quite simply irreplaceable after so many years at St Luke's! However, we are very pleased to share that Mrs Hayes, an experienced EYFS professional, will be joining the St Luke's team.

Mrs Hayes will spend some time with us in the run-up to Christmas, getting to know the children, staff and our school routines, before joining us more regularly after Christmas. She will work in FS2 every Monday, Wednesday and Friday - alongside Mr. Bell and Mrs. Batters.

This will also mean a little reshuffle elsewhere in school. Mrs Green will move from supporting Year 2 to work alongside our Year 5 team, while Miss Burrows will return to a very familiar group of faces in Year 2 - a class she knows incredibly well and is very fond of!

We are really pleased to have been able to plan ahead and create a smooth transition for everyone, and we know that our St Luke's community will give Mrs Hayes a very warm welcome.

Diary Dates: *An updated list!*

October 2026

- 2nd – Boys football match vs. Misson at home
- 5th – Black History Month Focus Week
- 6th – Clarie's Critters visit Rufford Class
- 6th – Year 5 & 6 Harvest @ 2.45pm
- 7th – Year 3 & 4 Harvest @ 2.45pm
- 7th – Phonics Parent Workshop @5pm
- 8th – FS2, Year 1 & 2 Harvest @ 2.45pm
- 9th – Whole School Harvest Worship
- 12th – Scholastic Book Fair Week - CANCELLED
- 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
- 3rd – Boys Football match away vs. Gringley
- 4th – Children's Neon Silent Disco
- 5th – Book & a brew reading morning @8.30am
- 9th – Wear odd socks for Anti-Bullying
- 11th – Remembrance Assembly
- 11th – Boys football match at home vs. St. Josephs
- 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 – Workshop 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