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"Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their life." Proverbs 22:6

Data protection: Please notify the office if you change your details or change your mind about consent.

Friday 9th October

UKS2 Archery Competition

On Thursday, a group of children from year 5 and 6 travelled to Essex University to represent the school in an archery competition. They had a short time to practise the skills, and then play rounds against other schools. The team won 3 matches and lost 1; then overall, they came 2nd!

Well done to Evan, Amelie, Alicia and Maxwell.



KS1 trip to Christchurch Museum, Ipswich

Willow and Hazel Class had a fabulous day out on Tuesday as part of their current topic looking at childhood in the past. They looked at toys in the past and present, what life would have been like for children and completed many hands-on activities.



Black History Month

October marks Black History Month in the UK. The event began in the US in the 1920s, and was first celebrated in the UK in 1987. This year's theme, "Honouring Our Communities," invites us to recognise the individuals whose everyday contributions shape, support and sustain Black life across the United Kingdom. Black history is an integral part of Britain's national story. While October provides a focused opportunity for engagement nationally, our work is rooted in a year-round commitment to visibility, education and recognition. Black history is not an add-on to our curriculum but is interwoven throughout with teaching on The Race Relations Act of 1965, stereotypes and different type of bias, including political, cultural and racial. Just as it is present in our towns and cities, in public service, in the



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arts, in business and in faith communities. It forms part of the social, cultural and civic development of the United Kingdom.



Special Achievement Award

Congratulations to all of the children who received a certificate in this week's Celebration Worship: Molly W, Willow W-L, Paige R, Mary, Jax, Remi, Harrison C, Tallulah, Theo Mc, Charles, Aurora, Scarlett C, Imogen P, Maeve, Theo M, Mason,

School Council

This week the School Council met and started to make their clay poppies to take to the war memorial on Remembrance Day.



Reminders & Dates for the Diary

Staff will aim to deal with any **emailed queries** in three working days however if you haven't received a response, please contact admin@stlukesschool.co.uk who will investigate the matter for you.

When reporting your child's absence, you must leave a message on the **absence phone line** (01621 815456 option 2). This is the first line of communication that is checked in the morning and if you email the office, staff will not see this until registers have been processed.

Second-hand uniform is available every Tuesday opposite the main reception area between 3pm-3.30pm

If your child is missing any items of clothing, parents are able to check the **lost property box** in the school car park.

School Dates: The new academic year dates and INSET days for 2026/2027 are published on our website.

EYFS – Reception Conker and Acorn		KS1 – Years 1 & 2 Willow and Hazel	LKS2 – Year 3 & 4 Cherry, Pear and Mulberry	UKS2 – Years 5 & 6 Fig, Sahabi and Cedar
		Event		Parents Invited / Additional
Oct	15th Oct	KS2 VR WOW Day		
	21 st Oct	CHANGE! UKS2 Harvest Festival in the church 2.20pm		Year 5 families only
	21 st Oct	EYFS and KS1 Sponsored Colour Run (more information to follow)		
	21 st October	Year 3 and 4 Times Tables Parents Meeting- 3.30pm		Year 3 and 4 parent/carers only
	22 nd Oct	Acorn and Conker Class Funky Fingers Workshop (9-9.30am in class)		Acorn and Conker parents

	22 nd Oct	NEW DATE: Year 3 and 4 WOW Day- Anglo Saxon Portals to the Past	
	23 rd October	INSET DAY	
Nov	1 st Nov	PTFA Party in the Playground (Quiet Firework and Laser Show)	All welcome
	2 nd Nov	INSET DAY	
	13 th Nov	Children in Need 2026 (more information to follow)	
	20 th Nov	PTFA Non-Uniform Day (donations for Winter Fair hampers)	
	19 th Nov	Parents Evening- late (more information to follow)	All welcome
	23 rd Nov	Year 6 Residential Journey to Hilltop	
	23 rd Nov	Pear Class Assembly- 2.40pm	Pear Class families
	24 th Nov	Mulberry Class Assembly- 2.40pm	Mulberry Class families
Nov	27 th Nov	Cherry Class Assembly- 2.40pm	Cherry Class families
Dec	1 st Dec	Parents Evening- early (more information to follow)	All welcome
	4 th Dec	Year 6 Residential Celebration Assembly- 9am in the hall	Year 6 families welcome
	4 th Dec	PTFA Winter Fair- evening event	All welcome
	7 th Dec	Flu Vaccine Day- catch up session	
	9 th Dec	School Christmas Dinner	
	14 th Dec	Reindeer Run (more information to follow)	
	11 th Dec	Year 1-6 Pantomime School (more information to follow)	£23.55-payable on Scopay
	15 th Dec	EYFS and KS1 Nativity 9.30am (more information to follow)	Ticket only
	16 th Dec	EYFS and KS1 Nativity 9.30am (more information to follow)	Ticket only
	17 th Dec	EYFS and KS1 Nativity 9.30am (more information to follow)	Ticket only
Jan	4 th Jan	EYFS WOW Day Reptile Visit (more information to follow)	
	22 nd Jan	02 Young Voices- Glee Club only	
	28 th Jan	UKS2 Barleylands Trip	£27.85 – payable on Scopay
March	25 th Mar	Year 3 and 4 trip to Abberton Nature Reserve (more information to follow)	
	27 th Mar	Year 6 Height and Weight Checks	
July	9 th July	Headgate Theatre Year 6 production- more information to follow	Year 6 families

Learning Characteristics

Taking Risk	Being Inquisitive	Making Links	Co-operation	Resilience	Reflecting
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Free School Meals for those in Receipt of Universal Credit

From September 2026, the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals (FSM) in England was expanded to all children in families receiving Universal Credit. This is a key milestone in the Government's agenda to tackle Child Poverty and ensure all children have the Best Start in Life.

Parents who think they may be eligible should contact their school, which can check their eligibility and help register their child for free school meals.

Please contact Miss Frost in the office (Thurs/Fri) tracy.frost@stlukesschool.co.uk if you are in receipt of UC and wish to claim FSM for your child.. We just need your D.O.B and NI number to proceed.

It's important to note that while eligibility will be automatically granted to all Universal Credit recipients, families will still need to actually apply to receive the benefit.



