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

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Friday 8th May 2026

A wish for our Year Six

The time has come to prove how much you have learnt and how much progress you have made. We all believe in you, and know that you will do your absolute best next week. Remember to be calm, rest this weekend and be ready to focus on Monday. SATs measure your academic progress, but we value and celebrate each and every one of you as a person; your talents, your strengths and the hurdles you have worked through. We hope to see you at the relaxed breakfast on Monday morning in the hall.



KS1 Football Festival

A group of children in year 2, attended the KS1 Football Festival at Shrub End this week. They took part in a range of skill based activities, and then play quite a few relaxed mini-matches against other schools. All of the children were a credit to the school and joined in with enthusiasm. Thank you to the parents for transporting. Well done to: Remi, Polly, Florence, Colby, Elias, Jacob, Freddie, Theo Mc, Isla Mc and Diego.



INVESTORS
IN PEOPLE



Government New Food Standards for Schools

Why are the changes being made now?

Children's eating habits have changed over time, and many families are concerned about the amount of sugar and processed food in diets. There are also growing health concerns, including rising levels of childhood obesity and tooth decay.

What will change on school menus?

In practice, school menus will shift towards fresher, healthier options. Children can expect to see more fruit and vegetables included in meals, as well as a wider range of balanced dishes. Foods high in fat, salt and sugar will be limited. Deep-fried foods will no longer be served, and high fat items like pizza or sausage rolls won't be available every day. For most of the week, fruit will replace sugary desserts.

Will children still enjoy school meals?

Schools will continue to offer meals that children recognise and enjoy, but with healthier ingredients and cooking methods. Menus are expected to include a mix of familiar favourites and new options, showing that nutritious food can still be varied, filling and appealing. Many schools already do this well, and the new standards aim to make that consistent everywhere. For example, items like spaghetti Bolognese, Mexican style burritos, cottage pie with root-veg mash, jerk chicken with rice and peas and roasted chickpea or a vegetable and mozzarella wrap.

Please use the survey link to share your views: [School Food Standards: updating the legislative framework - Department for Education - Citizen Space](#)



Big Question

Each week we have a big question to focus on linked to RE and spirituality. The purpose of this is to create respectful, critical thinkers who are religiously literate, curious and excited about RE. This week the big question is:

Is it possible for everyone to be happy at the same time?

It would be wonderful for families to discuss this question and share their thoughts.



School Council

This week the School Council met to vote on how they can support the renovation of the pond after their visit from Ollie last meeting. They have decided to organise a Just Collect Pennies race. More information to follow. They also viewed some of the new equipment that they have purchased.



Special Achievement Award

Congratulations to all of the children who received a certificate in the celebration worship today: Ronnie H, Eva, Skye P, Elliott P, Daniel, Harrison C, Thomas K, Ellie, Daniella, Alex B, Ashmi, Ruben H, Axl, Jessica, Jacob R, March, Xander and Theo Mc.

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 2025/2026 are published on our website.

EYFS – Reception Conker		KS1 – Years 1 & 2 Oak, Sycamore and Silver Birch	LKS2 – Year 3 & 4 Apple, Plum and Elder	UKS2 – Years 5 & 6 Marula, Baobab and Acacia
		Event		Parents Invited / Additional
May	11 th May- 14 th May	Relaxed SATs breakfast for all Year 6 children- 8.15am in the hall		
	13 th May	KS1 Tudor trip to Layer Marney Tower		
	14 th May	EYFS, Year 1 and year 2 Model Reading and Phonics lesson 2.20-3pm		EYFS, year 1 and year 2 parents and carers
	17 th May	PTFA Car Boot Sale		All welcome
	18 th May	Class Photos and Year 6 Photos		
	19 th May	Sports Day 9-3pm		All welcome
	21 st May	PTFA Meeting- 7.30pm in The Link		All welcome
	22 nd May	Carnival Games Day (more information to follow)		
	22 nd May	EYFS Superhero Dress-Up Day		
June	4 th June	UKS2 School Trip to Westminster in London 7.30am-4pm		
	8 th -12 th June	Book Fair in School (after school)		
	9 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check		
	9 th June	Parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm (more information to follow)		All welcome
	10 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check		
	10 th June	Year 6 School Trip to Crucial Crew- 8.15am start		
	11 th June	Parents Evening 5.30pm-8.30pm (more information to follow)		All welcome
	12 th June	Non-Uniform Day in aid of PTFA Family Fun Day (letter to follow)		
	15 th June	Year 6 Community Challenge Team Building Day (specific pupils, letter to follow)		
	16 th Jun	PTFA Marvellous Men Gift Shop (more information to follow)		All welcome
	16 th Jun	KS2 Consortium Sports Afternoon (invite only)		
	17 th Jun	PTFA Marvellous Men Gift Shop (more information to follow)		All welcome
	20 th Jun	PTFA Summer Fun Day (more information to follow)		All welcome
23 rd June	Year 3 and 4 Egyptian Day- Portals in the Past			
July	8 th July	Year 5 Taster Morning at Thurstable (9.45-12.45)		

	9 th July	Conker Class trip to Danbury Park	
	10 th Jul	Year 6 Production at the Headgate Theatre (more information to follow)	Year 6 parents/carers
	13 th July	Meet The Teacher 3.30pm KS1 4pm LKS2 4.30pm UKS2 (letter to follow)	All welcome
	15 th July	Year 6 Leavers Service- 6pm in the church	Year 6 parents/carers
	16 th Jul	PTFA Summer disco (more information to follow)	
Sep	24 th Sep	Flu Vaccine Day	

Learning Characteristics

- Taking Risk
- Being Inquisitive
- Making Links
- Co-operation
- Resilience
- Reflecting





PTFA CAFE

Sports day Menu

Bacon rolls available between 9:00 - 10:30

12:00 - 13:30 open for snacks and drinks

HOT FOOD

Bacon roll £3.00
limited availability

SNACKS

Greggs sausage roll	£1.50
Greggs vegan sausage roll	£1.50
Ice lollies	£1.00



DRINK

Cappuccino	£1.50
Latte macchiato	£1.50
Americano	£1.50
Hot chocolate	£1.50
Tea	£1.00
Cans	£1.00
Bottle drinks	£1.00

Sweet shop will be open at the end of the day

Marshmallow	£1.00
Cables	£1.00

Cash and card accepted