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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 12th December 2025

KS2 Agents of Change

Thank you to all of the families in KS2 who supported the Shoebox Appeal by donating items. The children completed this as part of their Agents of Change project for the term focusing on *Give Something to A Cause*. We know that many families will be very grateful of these gifts.



Pantomime

Children in year 1–6 enjoyed an exciting extra-curricular trip to see Mother Goose at the Mercury Theatre in Colchester on Thursday. Thank you to all of the volunteers who made this trip possible.



PTFA Winter Fair

A huge thank you to our amazing PTFA, volunteers and staff who helped organise and run the Winter Fair last Friday. It was lovely to see so many people there enjoying the festive cheer.



INVESTORS
IN PEOPLE



Christmas Lunch

Thank you to our amazing kitchen team who provided a festive Christmas lunch for over 200 on Wednesday. There was a fabulous atmosphere in the hall! An additional thank you to all of the teachers, LSAs and Mr Bishop (one of our governors) for supporting in the hall to make sure things ran very smoothly.



WOW Moment

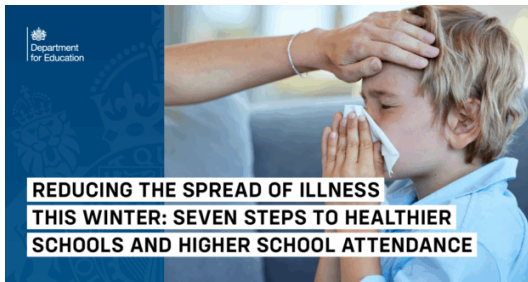
Well done to Lucas in year 2 who has passed his next stage at swimming- we are very proud of you!



Congratulations to Molly in year 5, who has been selected to represent England next year in the Dance World Cup 2026 in Dublin.



The school website (www.stlukesschool.co.uk/medical-covid-19/) has been updated with the following information to help parents at this time of the year:



[Education Hub Blog](#): A helpful blog for parents and staff that looks at:

1. Parents: Communicate to minimise unnecessary absence
The NHS provides clear [guidance](#) on when children are well enough to attend school. Most mild illnesses — such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough — do **not** require time off school, unless a child has a temperature. Parents know their child best, but schools can support parents...
2. Pupils and staff: Vaccinations for protection
Vaccinations are a key line of defence against flu and other preventable illnesses. When children and young people receive...
3. Pupils and staff: Handwashing is a simple but powerful tool
4. Pupils and staff: Catch It, Bin It, Kill It approach to respiratory hygiene
5. Environment: Good ventilation to provide fresh air
6. Environment: Cleaning to keep a safe and healthy school environment
7. Behavioural reminders: Small habits, big impact

[NHS Guidance for Parents](#): Is my child too ill for school? – a useful resource to help parents decide when children should stay at home.

[Preventing and Controlling Infections Guidance](#): Includes advice on vaccination, ventilation, and good respiratory hygiene.

[A–Z of managing Infectious Diseases](#): Practical guidance on managing specific illnesses.

School Council

The School Council met this week for the last time this term, and discussed safety in school and ate a few chocolate treats! This is the last meeting before Christmas; see you on Friday 9th January.



Special Achievement Award

Congratulations to all of the children who received a certificate and prize in our Autumn Best, Neatest and Improved Celebration assembly today. We are very proud of you all! Just a reminder that this is the last meeting before Christmas- I will see you on Friday 9th January!

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
Dec	16 th Dec	EYFS and KS1 Nativity Play- 9.30am		Parent/Carers welcome
	16 th Dec	Christingle Service		
	17 th Dec	EYFS and KS1 Nativity Play- 9.30am		Parent/Carers welcome
	18 th Dec	EYFS and KS1 Nativity Play- 9.30am		Parent/Carers welcome
	18 th Dec	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Party		
	19 th Dec	Christmas Bell Ringing Assembly 9.30am		
	19 th Dec	Carols Around the Tree- 2.45pm on the school playground		Parent/carers welcome
Jan	5 th Jan	Conker Class Reptile Visit		
	14 th Jan	Year 6 Parent/Carer SATs meeting 3.30pm		Year 6 parents only
	22 nd Jan	KS2 WOW Day- VR Head Set		
	26 th Jan	Year 1 Maths Model lesson-9am (more information to follow)		Year 1 parent/carers welcome
	27 th Jan	Year 2 Maths Model lesson- 9am (more information to follow)		Year 2 parent/carers welcome
	28 th Jan	Year 6 Model Maths lesson-9am (more information to follow)		Year 6 parents/carers welcome
	29 th Jan	EYFS Model Maths Lesson- 9am (more information to follow)		EYFS parent/carers
	30 th Jan	PTFA School Disco (more information to follow)		All welcome
	30 th Jan	Year 5 Maths Model lesson-9am (more information to follow)		Year 5 parents/carers welcome

Feb	4 th Feb	Year 4 Maths Model lesson-9am (more information to follow)	Year 4 parents/carers welcome
	5 th Feb	Year 3 Model Maths lesson-9am (more information to follow)	Year 3 parents/carers welcome
	10 th Feb	Year 1 and 2 Beach Hut Design and Technology morning- 9am	Year 1 and 2 parent/Carers welcome
	12 th Feb	Wear it Red for Fred (more information to follow)	
	13 th Feb	INSET DAY	
	25 th Feb	Year 1 and 2 Trip to Mersea Outdoor	
	27 th Feb	PTFA Family Beetle Drive (more information to follow)	All welcome
March	12 th March	PTFA Wonderful Women's Gift Shop (more information to follow)	
	13 th March	PTFA Wonderful Women's Gift Shop (more information to follow)	
	20 th March	PTFA Music Bingo (more information to follow)	All welcome
	24 th March	Baobab Class Assembly- 9am	Baobab parent/carers welcome
	25 th March	Year 3 and 4 Easter Service to parents/carers- 2.15pm in St. Luke's Church	Year 3 and 4 parent/carers welcome
	25 th March	Acacia Class Assembly- 9am	Acacia parent/carers welcome
	26 th March	Marula Class Assembly- 9am	Marula parent/carers welcome
April	18 th April	PTFA Inflatable Assault Course event (more information to follow)	All welcome
May	1 st May	PTFA Party Disco (more information to follow)	All welcome
	13 th May	KS1 Tudor trip to Layer Marney Tower	
	17 th May	PTFA Car Boot Sale (more information to follow)	All welcome
	22 nd May	Carnival Games Day (more information to follow)	
June	16 th June	PTFA Marvellous Men Gift Shop (more information to follow)	All welcome
	17 th June	PTFA Marvellous Men Gift Shop (more information to follow)	All welcome
	20 th June	PTFA Summer Fun Day (more information to follow)	All welcome
July	10 th July	Year 6 Production at the Headgate Theatre (more information to follow)	Year 6 parents/carers
	16 th July	PTFA Summer disco (more information to follow)	



Marvellous Me is an opportunity for us to share the great work and amazing attitude that the children show daily in school. Access codes can be collected at the school office. Links to download the app on iOS or Android can be found here: <https://marvellousme.com/parents/>

Learning Characteristics

Taking Risk	Being Inquisitive	Making Links	Co-operation	Resilience	Reflecting
Christian Values	Responsibility	Compassion	Faith	Forgiveness	Hope
Thankfulness					

