



ST. LUKE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 12th September 2025

Week Commencing Monday 15th September 2025

Monday	Prospective Parents Visit 1.30pm
Tuesday	Violin/Guitar/Piano/Keyboard Lessons Year 4 Wider Opportunities Brass Lessons
Wednesday	Voice Lessons Year 3 Swimming Lessons
Thursday	Piano/Keyboard/Brass/Woodwind Lessons Prospective Parents Visit 1.30pm
Friday	Percussion Lessons



Year 6 High School Applications



The online application form for year 7 2026 is now open.

Please follow this link [Secondary schools
\(wigan.gov.uk\)](https://www.wigan.gov.uk/secondary-schools) for the online application form.

Applications must be submitted by 31st October 2025.

Snack and Milk



If you have not already paid for snack and milk but would like your child to have either or both at morning break these are available to pay on School Hub. Please contact the school office if you make a late payment for snack and milk in order for your child to receive it.



Please note that Reception children do not need to pay for milk until the half term after they turn five.

Music Tuition

If your child applied to continue or start music lessons this half term, lessons should have begun this week.

Music tuition fees are available to pay on School Hub.

Please note that lessons must be paid for in advance.

Please contact the school office if you have any questions regarding your child's music fees or lessons.

Thank you.



Annual Flu Vaccination



Intra Health will visit school on Wednesday 1st October 2025 to administer the NHS National Flu Immunisation Schedule. Please follow this link for further information and to either give or decline consent for your child to receive the vaccination.

You must give or decline consent for this vaccination by Sunday 21st September.

<https://nhsImms.azurewebsites.net/session/46b9c71f>

Childhood Illnesses

Could we please remind parents and carers that if children are off school following sickness or diarrhoea they must remain off school for 48 hours following the last incident.



If your child is suffering from a high temperature or headache please seek medical advice before sending them into school

— please do not mask the symptoms by administering paracetamol.

Please could we remind parents to be vigilant in checking for and treating headlice and threadworms.

Advice and medication can be sought from your GP, School Nurse or Pharmacist. Information on childhood illness and infection can be found by following this link: https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Guidance_on_infection_control_in%20schools_poster.pdf



Class DOJO

Could we please remind parents and carers that if they have an important message regarding their child that they should always contact the school office rather than using class DOJO.

If a teacher is off site, in a meeting or busy teaching their class they may not see the DOJO message until much later. It could take up to two school days for a DOJO to be responded to.

We would also like to ask that DOJO messages are not sent to class teachers during the evening, we appreciate that this is usually when parents are at home, but it can also be quite disruptive to our teachers family time.

Please note that you must notify the school office of all absences, appointments and holiday requests, these must not be sent via class DOJO.



Bikes, Scooters and Outdoor Play Equipment

Could we please remind parents and children that bikes and scooters must not be ridden on the playground when dropping off and picking up and e-scooters are not allowed anywhere on the school site.

In the interest of the health and safety of all of our children and families children are only allowed to use the outdoor play equipment during the school day, when they are supervised by school staff. Please do not allow your children to play on the equipment before or after school.



Thank you.

Friends of St Luke's Meeting

Everyone is invited to join the Friends of St Luke's at their first meeting of the new school year on Thursday 25th September at 6.30pm in school.



Nut Free School



Could we please remind all parents and carers that we are a nut free school.

Please check packaging and ingredients lists before sending items into school in lunch boxes.

School Dinners

Please order your child's meal on School Hub before 9.30am each day. Failure to do so could result in your child having a sandwich and fruit for their lunch rather than a hot meal.



Please note that school meals can be ordered in advance.

Please Note Change of Time

Please note that the Reception Reading meeting and the Year 1 Phonics meeting will be held at 5.00pm in school on Monday 22nd September, NOT 6.00pm as previously stated.

We are sorry for any inconvenience caused by the change of time.

Thank you for your understanding.



Dates For Your Dairy



Wednesday 17th September— Year 3 Swimming Lessons Begin

Monday 22nd September — Reception Reading Meeting 5.00pm

Monday 22nd September — Year 6 SATs Meeting 5.30pm

Monday 22nd September — Year 5+6 Golborne High School presentation 6.00pm in St Luke's School

Monday 22nd September — Year 1 Phonics Meeting 5.00pm

Thursday 25th September — Friends of St Luke's Meeting 6.30pm in School

Friday 26th September— Year 6 Golborne High School Primary Progression Day

Thursday 2nd October— Harvest Worship and Presentation of Reception Bibles 2.00pm

Tuesday 21st October — Parents Evening

Wednesday 22nd October — Parents Afternoon/Evening

Friday 24th October — End of Term 3.15pm

Holidays in Term Time

We cannot authorise any holiday during term time unless it is deemed that there are very exceptional circumstances. Regardless of the circumstances parents and carers must now complete an application for absence form, a minimum of 20 days before the planned absence, which can be found by following this link: https://www.saintlukes.wigan.sch.uk/serve_file/28834045. Paper copies are available from the school office.

Where we cannot authorise an absence and an absence occurs of five or more unauthorised days, then the Local Authority may issue an Education Penalty Notice to each parent/carers.

The national framework states that the following will not be deemed to be exceptional circumstances and must be recorded as unauthorised absence:

- Family holiday
- Availability of less expensive holiday
- Availability of holiday accommodation
- Parent/carers' working commitments
- Holiday pre-booked by another family member

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please telephone the school and select 'option 1' to report your child's absence, stating the reason for the absence – you are required to do this each day unless it has been agreed by us that this is not necessary if the absence is likely to be long term.

We request that, where possible, any dental, GP and other medical appointments are made outside of school time. If an appointment in school time is unavoidable, we request that details are provided to us as soon as possible.



Prospective Parents Visits

Monday 15th September 1.30pm
Thursday 18th September 1.30pm
Thursday 25th September 1.30pm
Wednesday 1st October 10.30am
Thursday 2nd October 10.30am
Monday 6th October 10.30am
Thursday 9th October 1.30pm
Monday 13th October 1.30pm
Thursday 16th October 1.30pm
Monday 20th October 1.30pm
Thursday 6th November 1.30pm
Thursday 13th November 1.30pm
Monday 17th November 10.30am
Thursday 20th November 1.30pm
Monday 24th November 10.30am
Thursday 27th November 1.30pm
Monday 1st December 10.30am
Monday 8th December 10.30am

Please telephone the school office on 01942 201140 to book on to a tour.





News from St Luke's Church



Lowton and Golborne Food Bank

St Luke's Church collect food items weekly for the food bank run by All Saints Church in Golborne. All the items collected are distributed to those who are in need within the Lowton and Golborne area.

If you would like to contribute towards the Food Bank, items can be brought to St Luke's Church before or after the services on Wednesday or Sunday morning (services run from 10.00am until approximately 11.00am) or be taken to St Luke's Church Thursday Coffee Morning. Thank you.



Coffee Morning

Every Thursday St Luke's Church Fellowship Room (access on Slag Lane opposite Lowton West School), is open during the morning school run from 8.45am until 10.00am for tea, coffee and a chat.

Forget-Me-Not Café

The café has relocated to Broadmead on Golborne Road where there should be adequate on site car parking spaces for everyone.



St Luke's Church Services

Church services take place at 10.00am on Wednesday and Sunday — everybody welcome.

Refreshments will be served after the services in the Fellowship Room.



Vestry Service

Weddings and Baptisms can be booked every Tuesday evening between 7.00pm and 8.00pm in St Luke's Church Fellowship Room (access on Slag Lane).





Say It Better

Do you want to create a calmer, happier home?

Join our exciting new three-week course for couples, designed to help you communicate more positively, strengthen your relationship, and build a more peaceful home environment.

Whether you're navigating everyday stress or simply looking to reconnect, this course offers practical tools and supportive guidance in a relaxed, friendly setting.

Register your interest today by contacting:

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