



# ST. LUKE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter

Friday 19th September 2025

### Week Commencing Monday 22nd September 2025

**Monday**

**Normal School Day**

**Reception Reading Meeting 5.00pm**

**Year 1 Phonics Meeting 5.00pm**

**Year 6 SATs Meeting 5.30pm**

**Year 5+6 Golborne High School presentation 6.00pm in St Luke's School**



**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**

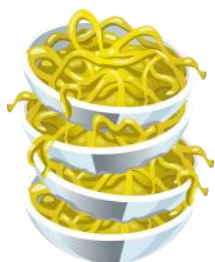
**Friends of St Luke's Meeting 6.30pm. Everybody Welcome**

**Friday**

**Percussion Lessons**

**Year 6 Golborne High School Primary Progression Day**

### Pasta Party Themed Lunch



**On Thursday 2nd October we will be having a 'Past Party' themed lunch.**

**If your child would like to join in with the pasta party please order their meal on School Hub in advance. Thank you.**

## **St Luke's Receives the Churches Together Growing in Faith Award**

**We are thrilled to announce that St Luke's has been awarded with the 'Churches Together Growing in Faith Award'. This exciting recognition highlights our ongoing commitment to nurturing spiritual growth, fostering strong community values, and creating an environment where faith can flourish.**

**The award celebrates the dedication of our staff, students, and local church partners in promoting a shared journey of faith, kindness and service to others. It is a testament to the collective efforts of everyone at St Luke's who strives to live out the values of compassion, respect, and understanding.**

**We are immensely proud of this achievement and look forward to continuing our mission to inspire young hearts and minds, building a foundation for both academic and spiritual growth.**

**We celebrated this wonderful achievement as a whole school on Wednesday afternoon in a special worship which was attended by Reverend Helen Coffey, members of St Luke's Church and Rev Dawn Harrison who presented the award on behalf of Liverpool Diocese.**

**We are delighted to inform you that we are the very first Church and School in the Liverpool Diocese to have achieved the 'Churches Together Growing in Faith Award'.**



### Friends of St Luke's Meeting

Everybody 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.

The Friends of St Luke's are a group of parents, grandparents and carers who organise fundraising events for our school children and their families to take part in during the school year. The events organised over the past twelve months have included Film Nights, Mother's and Father's Day Sales, the Summer Festival, Cash for Clothes Collections and Pre Loved Uniform Sales amongst many other fantastic and much valued fundraising activities.

Parents, grandparents and carers are welcome to come along to share ideas and offer help in the organising of events where they can.

All funds raised are used for the benefit of the children at St Luke's.



### 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.

We have a number of people in school with severe nut allergies and any exposure to nuts could cause a life threatening event. Thank you.

### 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.

If your child is absent from school please remember to cancel their meal before 9.30am in order that you are not charged for it.



### 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.

### 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.



### 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](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, Outdoor Play Equipment and Pet Dogs

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.

Please could we also remind parents not to bring pet dogs onto the school grounds or cycle path and to be mindful of adults and children who may be afraid of dogs when dropping off or waiting for their children at the school gate .



Thank you.





### Dates For Your Dairy

**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 — Pasta Party Themed Lunch**

**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 — Non Uniform Day to Raise Funds for Lunch Time Play Equipment**

**Friday 24th October — End of Term 3.15pm**

**Monday 3rd November — Return to School**

### St Luke's Church Dates For Your diary

**Sunday 28th September — Family Service 10.00am at St Luke's Church**

**Sunday 12th October — Harvest Festival 10.00am at St Luke's Church**

**Sunday 12th October — Team Communion Service 6.30pm at St Mary's Church**

**Tuesday 14th October — Pregnancy and Baby Loss Awareness Service 7.00pm at St Luke's Church**

**Sunday 9th November — Remembrance Service 10.00am at St Luke's Church**



## 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](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**

**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:**

[Earlyhelpdevelopmentteam@wigan.gov.uk](mailto:Earlyhelpdevelopmentteam@wigan.gov.uk)



# What to do when...



Education from  
the National  
Crime Agency

## ...your child is asking for their first phone

Use **UKSIC**'s advice page for things to consider:

[www.saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/phones](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/phones)

## ...you're worried about who your child is talking to whilst gaming

Read our article to learn more about safer in-game chat:

[www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/in-game-chat/](http://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/in-game-chat/)

## ...your child wants to join social media

Use our article for what to consider:

[www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/is-my-child-ready-for-social-media/](http://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/is-my-child-ready-for-social-media/)

Know more about how each social media platform works with **Internet Matters** guides:

[www.internetmatters.org/advice/apps-and-platforms/social-media/](http://www.internetmatters.org/advice/apps-and-platforms/social-media/)

## ...you're worried your child might see something inappropriate online

Read our article for advice and guidance:

[www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/im-worried-my-primary-aged-child-might-see-something-inappropriate-online/](http://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/im-worried-my-primary-aged-child-might-see-something-inappropriate-online/)

## ...you're worried your child might share a nude image, or already has

Watch our short films for advice:

[www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/nude-selfies-a-parents-guide/](http://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/nude-selfies-a-parents-guide/)

Remember, under 18s can report nude images shared online to **Report Remove** for help to take it down:

[www.childline.org.uk/remove](http://www.childline.org.uk/remove)

## ...you want to protect your child from online blackmail

Read our guidance for parents and carers on financially motivated sexual extortion:

[www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/FMSE/](http://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/FMSE/)

Share our online blackmail article for 11-18s with your young person:

[www.ceopeducation.co.uk/11\\_18/lets-talk-about/sexual-abuse/online-blackmail/](http://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/11_18/lets-talk-about/sexual-abuse/online-blackmail/)

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