



ST. LUKE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 29th September 2023

Week Commencing Monday 2nd October 2023

Monday	Woodwind Lessons Reception Reading Meeting 6pm in School Year 1 Phonics meeting 6.15pm in school Year 2 SATS Meeting 6.15pm in school
Tuesday	Guitar Lessons Year 4 Wider Opportunities Brass Lessons Prospective Parents Visit 10.45am
Wednesday	Percussion/Voice Lessons Year 3 Swimming Lessons
Thursday	Piano/Keyboard/Brass/Violin Lessons Prospective Parents Visit 1.30pm
Friday	Normal School Day



Harvest Worship and Presentation of Reception Bibles

We would like to thank everyone who joined us at our Harvest Worship and presentation of Reception Bibles this afternoon.

All the Harvest gifts that have been sent into school this week will be on display in Church on Sunday.

There will be a family Harvest Festival Service at St Luke's Church on Sunday morning at 10.00am, everyone is welcome to attend.

Any additional harvest gifts can also be taken to St Luke's Church on Sunday morning.

Thank you.



Pupil Premium/Free School Meal Eligibility

Last week your child should have brought home a letter regarding free school meals and Pupil Premium funding. A copy can be found by following this link: https://www.saintlukes.wigan.sch.uk/serve_file/20490342

Free School Meal eligibility is different to the Universal Free School Meals that our Key Stage 1 children receive and we strongly urge Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 parents and carers who meet the eligibility criteria to apply.

There is no harm in applying, even if you do not meet the criteria because eligibility is checked monthly and, should your circumstances and eligibility change, you will be granted eligibility without having to make a further application.

Pupil Premium attracts additional funding for St Luke's and enables us to implement a number of support packages to enhance the education of our children, as well as provide free snack and milk to the children who are eligible.



Year 5 and 6 Relationships and Sex Education Workshops

The children in Year 5 and 6 will be taking part in Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) workshops on Friday 6th October.



The workshops will be delivered by Coram Life Education.

A parents information session will be held by the educator, Karen, at 8.45am on Friday 6th October in the school library should parents wish to attend.

IMPORTANT— Reception 2024 Applications

The application window for Reception 2024 places is open from tomorrow until Monday 15th January 2024. If you have a child due to start school in September 2024, please follow this link to make your application to Wigan Council: <https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Education/Schools/School-Admissions/Primary-schools.aspx>

Applications must be made by Monday 15th January 2024.

As well as completing the online form, applicants are also required to complete and submit our 2024 supplementary information form and provide original copies of the documents requested in our admissions policy which can be found by following this link: https://www.saintlukes.wigan.sch.uk/serve_file/15939206

Eco Schools

Please follow this link to view images from the Wigan Schools Climate Summit this week

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/CxsmNWSq3IL/?igshid=NjFhOGMzYTE3ZQ==>

St Luke's School was represented by the class Eco Warriors.



Teachers to Parents Messaging Service

If you know of anyone having difficulty receiving or not receiving text messages from school please advise them that, if they have installed the Teachers to Parents App on their phone, they need to remove it to receive texts.



Messages should then come through as a regular text message.
Thank you.

Bikes, Scooters and Outdoor Play Equipment

Could we please remind parents, children and siblings that bikes, balance bikes and scooters must not be ridden in the playground when dropping off and picking up.



Children are not allowed to use the outdoor play equipment unless they are supervised by school staff during the school day.

Please note that this is in the interest of the health and safety of all our children and families. Thank you.



Music Fees and Tuition

Music fees are available to pay on School Hub. All lessons must be paid for unless missed due to teacher absence or a school organised event; if this is the case the lessons are usually made up during the term.



Please see separate information sent via text message regarding the music service seven day cancellation policy.

Non-Uniform Day



We will be holding a non uniform day on Friday 20th October to raise funds for the maintenance of our fantastic Forest School learning environment.

Please send in any donations on the day in an envelope labelled 'Forest School Maintenance Donation' (please do not include your child's name). All donations, no matter how small, will be very gratefully received.



Dogs

Please could we remind parents and carers that pet dogs are not allowed on the playground or cycle path for health and safety reasons.

Please can we kindly request that if you bring your dog to school, to drop off or pick up your children, that you do not stand next to the entrance to the school path as we have a number of children in school who feel anxious near dogs.

Thank you for your understanding and co operation.



Parking



Thank you to all of our parents and carers who are careful and courteous to our neighbours when dropping off and picking up from school. Following a request from neighbours, please could we ask that parents and carers are mindful that they do not block driveways or junctions, leave engines idling or drive at speed on residential streets. Thank you.

Voluntary School Crossing Patrol

If anyone would like to volunteer to go on a rota of 'Voluntary Road Crossing Patrol' helpers, please contact Mr Hardaker or the school office.

Full training for this voluntary roll will be given by Wigan Council.



Data Collection Sheets

Data collection sheets have recently been sent home.

Please would you review the contact data on the sheet, add any missing information, make any necessary changes, sign and return to your child's class teacher by Monday morning.

Please ensure that you have a minimum of two people listed as emergency contacts.



If your child has a diagnosed medical condition please indicate this on the data collection sheet, even if you have previously told us about the conditions.

Thank you.

Upcoming Friends of St Luke's Fundraising Events

Thursday 12th October — School Discos



The infant disco will start at 6.00pm and finish at 7.00pm, the junior disco will start at 7.15pm and finish at 8.15pm.

Children should be brought to the main entrance to be dropped off. After the discos they should be collected by an adult from the hall doors on the infant playground.

The cost of the disco is £1.50 per child and children can bring pocket money to spend at the tuck shop (please send change where possible).

Thursday 2nd November—Friends of St Luke's Meeting

All parents, grandparents and carers are welcome to come along to this meeting which will take place at 7pm in school.

The Friends of St Lukes are desperately in need of new members and any support, no matter how small, will be welcomed.

Thursday 9th November — Film Night

Film Night will take place in school at the end of the school day, all children attending St Luke's School are able to attend. Further information regarding cost, films and finish times will follow.

W/C Monday 20th November—Santa Run

Further information to follow.

W/C Monday 11th December — Elfridge's

Elfridge's will be open each day this week in school for the children to buy Christmas gifts for family members. Further information will follow.

Thursday 14th December — Christmas Event

We are asking the children to come to school in non-uniform on Thursday 14th December and the infants bring in chocolates and the juniors bottles that we can use on a tombola.

After school the children will be invited to watch a streamed pantomime (similar to the Film Night experience) in school and once collected by their parents there will be the opportunity to have a go on the tombola that will be running in the playground. Further information will follow.

*****We are looking for donations for our Grand Christmas Draw, if anyone knows of anyone or any businesses who are able to donate a prize for our draw, which raises valuable funds each year for our school, please contact the school office or members of FoSL. Thank you.***

Autumn Term Dates for your Diary

Monday 2nd October — Reception Reading Meeting 6pm and Year 1 Phonics Meeting/Year 2 SATS Meeting 6.15pm in School

Wednesday 11th October — Yellow Fish Assembly and Workshops

Saturday 14th October — St Luke's Church Celebrates 290 Years

Sunday 15th October— St Luke's Day and Celebration Birthday Service at St Luke's Church

Tuesday 17th October— Parents Afternoon/Evening

Wednesday 18th October— Parents Evening

Friday 20th October — School Closes for Half Term

W/C Monday 6th November — Music Week

W/C Monday 13th November — Anti Bullying Week

Friday 17th November — Children in Need

Thursday 7th December — Infant Nativity 1.45pm and 6.00pm in school

Friday 8th December — Infant Nativity 10.00am in school

Monday 11th December — Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 12th December — Junior Carol Service in school 2.00pm

Tuesday 12th December — Junior Carol Service in Church 6.30pm

Wednesday 13th December — Junior Carol Service in school 10.00am

Friday 15th December — Christmas Parties

Monday 18th December — Christmas Worship 2.00pm in school

Tuesday 19th December — St Luke's Has Got Talent

Tuesday 19th December — End of Term 3.15pm

Thursday 4th January — School Re-opens to Children



Sports Report

There will be a number of Sports Competitions taking place over the next academic year, if your child is chosen to take part in one of these competitions you will be notified.

The events will take place during the school day and transport will be provided by school.

Thursday 12th October — Year 1 and 2 Curling

Thursday 19th October — Year 5 and 6 Hockey

Thursday 9th November — Year 3 and 4 Fencing

Thursday 23rd November — Year 5 and 6 Basketball

Thursday 7th November — Year 5 and 6 Basketball

Thursday 18th January — Year 3 and 4 Dodgeball

Thursday 14th February — KS2 Highland Games

Thursday 14th March — Reception Sports Festival

Thursday 28th March — Year 5 and 6 Netball

Thursday 16th May — Year 5 and 6 Rounders

Thursday 13th June — Year 5 and 6 'Kwick' Cricket

Thursday 27th June — Year 2 and 3 Football



Prospective Parents Visits

If your child is due to start school in September 2024, or you know of anyone due to start school, we will be holding a number of prospective parent visits during this term.

The visits will be held on the following dates and booking is essential as there are limited places available on each tour. Please contact the school office on 01942 201140.

Tuesday 26th September 10.45am

Thursday 28th September 10.45am

Tuesday 3rd October 10.45am

Thursday 5th October 1.30pm

Tuesday 10th October 1.30pm

Thursday 12th October 1.30pm

Tuesday 17th October 10.45am

Thursday 19th October 1.30pm

Tuesday 31st October 10.45am

Thursday 2nd November 1.30pm

Tuesday 7th November 10.45am

Thursday 9th November 10.45am

Tuesday 14th November 10.45am

Thursday 16th November 1.30pm

Tuesday 21st November 10.45am

Thursday 23rd November 1.30pm

Tuesday 28th November 10.45am

Thursday 30th November 1.30pm