



ST. LUKE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 1st December 2023

Week Commencing Monday 4th December 2023

Monday	Woodwind Lessons Orchestra Club Year 1 and 2 Gymnastics Club
Tuesday	Guitar Lessons Year 4 Wider Opportunities Brass Lessons Year 3 and 4 Basketball Club
Wednesday	Percussion/Voice Lessons Year 3 Swimming Lessons Year 5 and 6 Circuit Training Club
Thursday	Piano/Keyboard/Brass/Violin Lessons Year 5 and 6 Basketball Club Year 5 and 6 Basketball Competition Infant Nativity 1.45pm and 6.00pm in School
Friday	Infant Nativity 10.00am in School



Santa Dash

Thank you to The Friends of St Luke's for organising this fantastic, fundraising event. The children have had a great time taking part in the Santa Dash today and are all delighted with their medals and Santa hats.

A big thank you to all of our families for your support and sponsorship of this event. The funds raised will be used to benefit all the children in school.

Sponsor money can still be paid into school via Pay Pal, our Just Giving site or by cash sent into school in a labelled envelope. Thank you.



The Challenge Cup

We were so lucky to have a former player from Leigh Leopards visit us this week in school.

He brought the Challenge Cup for all the classes to have a look at.

It was so exciting to see and learn about the history of the Challenge Cup.



Ready, Steady, Santa Dash!



Children ready to start the Santa Dash this morning.





Christmas Event

On Thursday 14th December, the Friends of St Luke's will be holding a tombola and Secret Santa Shop event after school in the playground. Refreshments will be available and all of our families are invited to attend.

The children can come to school in sensible, weather appropriate clothes and footwear on that day and we are asking the infants to bring in chocolate and the juniors to bring bottles that can be used as tombola prizes.

If anyone has any teddies that they no longer need, these can be sent into school for the Teddy Tombola and new unwanted gifts such as toiletries, candles, hats, scarves and gloves can be sent into school for the Secret Santa Gift Shop.

Thank you.



Christmas Raffle

We are looking for donations for our Grand Christmas Draw. If you know of anyone or any business who is 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.

Do you currently receive Child Tax Credits and haven't applied for free school meals?

Currently, anyone on Child Tax Credit can earn up to £16,190 a year and be entitled to free school meals. When they are moved over to Universal Credit this changes to £7,400 a year and they would no longer be entitled to free school meals under Universal Credit.

Even if your child is in Reception or Key Stage 1, you can still apply before the move to Universal Credit and if successful your child could receive free school meals from Year 3.

Being eligible for free school meals brings additional funding to school, which is used to support eligible children with their learning.

All applications are dealt with in the strictest confidence. Please contact Mrs Vize in the school office.



Handwashing and Infection Control Guidance

Wigan Council has issued the following guidance on the importance of handwashing to achieve infection control:

‘As we go into winter, common illnesses can keep children and teenagers away from their classmates and studies. One of the best things we can all do to avoid illness is to practice good hand hygiene.

Good hand hygiene helps stop infections from spreading, which means less disrupted learning time.

Teach your child to wash hands properly for 20 seconds and stay away from others when sick. The e-bug resources for all ages can help you to explain and discuss hygiene habits – and why they are important - to your child or teenager.

To avoid catching bugs or passing it on to others wash your hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and warm water. This is most important following an episode of diarrhoea or vomiting, after using the toilet, before eating or preparing food, after changing nappies, as well as cleaning up vomit or diarrhoea. Alcohol-based hand sanitisers are not effective against some infections.

Anyone who has diarrhoea and/or vomiting should stay at home. Do not return to work or send children to school until 48 hours after the symptoms have stopped and do not visit your GP or hospital while symptomatic. If you are concerned about your symptoms, talk to your GP by phone, contact NHS 111 or visit the NHS web pages [Diarrhoea and vomiting - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#). For useful handwashing tips please have a look at the following NHS video [How to wash your hands - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#) ‘



Autumn Term Dates for your Diary

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

Thursday 14th December — Christmas Event (straight after school

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.

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

**Thursday 11th January — Friends of St Luke's Meeting
3.30pm in school**



Christmas Services at St Luke's Church

Sunday 17th December — Candles and Carols 6.30pm

**Sunday 24th December — Family Crib Service
5.00pm**

**Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve
Communion 11.30pm**

**Monday 25th December — Christmas Day Family
Communion 10.00am**



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 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



IMPORTANT— Reception 2024 Applications

The application window for Reception 2024 places is open 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



****Please note that you must complete a Supplementary Information form and submit original documents for siblings, even if you already have a child attending school.**