



ST. LUKE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 8th December 2023

Week Commencing Monday 11th December 2023

Monday

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day — Please come to school in your uniform with a Christmas Jumper

Christmas Dinner

Woodwind Lessons

Orchestra Club

Year 1 and 2 Gymnastics Club



Tuesday

Guitar Lessons

Junior Carol Service 2pm in School and 6.30pm in Church

Year 4 Wider Opportunities Brass Lessons

Year 3 and 4 Basketball Club

Wednesday

Percussion/Voice Lessons

Junior Carol Service 10.00am in School

Year 3 Swimming Lessons

Year 5 and 6 Circuit Training Club



Thursday

Non-uniform Day — Infants bring in chocolate and Juniors bring in bottles to be used in the tombolas

Violin Lessons

No Piano/Keyboard/Brass/Lessons

Year 5 and 6 Basketball Club

Christmas Event 3.15pm at School



Friday

Christmas Parties — Please come to school in sensible weather appropriate non-uniform



Week Commencing Monday 18th December 2023

Monday **Christmas Worship 2.00pm in the School Hall — all of our families are welcome to attend**

Piano/Keyboard Lessons



Tuesday **St Luke's Has Got Talent**

School Closes for Christmas — After School Club is open as usual

Week Commencing Monday 1st January 2024

Monday **School Closed**

Tuesday **School Closed**

Wednesday **School Closed**

Thursday **School Re opens**

Friday **Normal School Day**



We would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Thank you to all of our families for your continued support this term, it is very much appreciated.

A massive thank you to The Friends of St Luke's who have worked tirelessly this term organizing fantastic events for our children and their families. Raising valuable and much needed funds for our school which in turn will benefit all of the children.

We look forward to seeing you all back at school on Thursday 4th January.





Infant Nativity and Junior Carol Service



Well done to the all the Infants and the Infant staff on their fantastic Nativity production of 'Barmy Bethlehem'.

Each production was well attended and everyone appeared to really enjoy the show.

We would like thank all the parents for the fantastic costumes that they provided for the children.

We are looking forward to the Junior Carol service which will take place on Tuesday afternoon in school at 2.00pm, Tuesday evening at 6.30pm in St Luke's Church and on Wednesday morning at 10.00am in school.

The Junior Carol Service on Wednesday morning will be followed by the Grand Christmas Draw.



Christmas Chrimbola 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



Raffle tickets can be bought by either following the link sent out earlier this week via text message or by sending cash into school in a labelled envelope.

Thank you.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Please wear your Christmas jumper with your school uniform on Monday. If you are able to, please send a small donation for Save the Children in a labelled envelope.

Jumpers can be shop bought, homemade or simply decorated with tinsel and Christmas baubles.

Thank you.



Christmas Dinner



Christmas dinner is on Monday 11th December.

Dinner can be pre-ordered and paid for on School Hub.

Please check with your child which options they would like when ordering school meals.

Thank you.



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 \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk). For useful handwashing tips please have a look at the following NHS video [How to wash your hands - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk) ‘



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.



Christmas Parties



If you are able to donate £2.00 per child towards the cost of the Christmas parties, please would you pay this on School Hub or send cash in a labelled envelope. This will go towards the cost of refreshments and prizes for the children to enjoy at their Christmas parties on Friday 15th December.

Autumn Term Dates for your Diary

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



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**



School Meals and Christmas Dinner



Please ensure that that you order your child's school dinner before 9.30am everyday on School Hub..

Meals can be ordered up to 2 weeks in advance.

Thank you.

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 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.**