



ST. LUKE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 26th January 2024

Week Commencing Monday 29th January 2024

Monday	Woodwind Lessons Orchestra Club
Tuesday	Violin/Guitar Lessons Year 4 Wider Opportunities Brass Lessons Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday	Percussion/Voice Lessons Year 3 Swimming Lessons Year 3 and 4 Football Club Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday	Piano/Keyboard/Brass Lessons Year 5 and 6 Football Club Year 6 Bikeability
Friday	Normal School Day



Christingle Service

The Christingle Service will take place on Sunday 28th January at 10.00am in St Luke's Church.

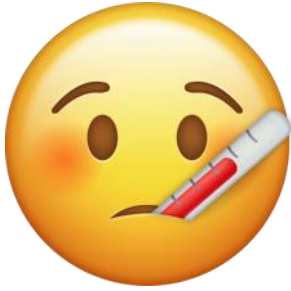
All of our families are welcome to join in this joyous celebration.

To help to raise valuable funds for The Children's Society the children should have brought home a Christingle envelope.

If you would like to make a donation, the envelopes can be returned to school or Church.

Thank you.





Childhood Illness

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea please keep them off school for 48 hours following the last episode.

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. It is also important that parents reinforce the Government hand hygiene advice to prevent the spread of winter germs and threadworms.

If your child has an undiagnosed rash please could they remain off school until it is diagnosed and treated. Thank you.

Year 3 Swimming Lessons

Contributions towards the cost of this terms transport to Leigh Sports Village can be paid on School Hub. We really appreciate the support of all our parents for making this valuable donation.

Thank you.



Year 6 Bikeability



Year 6 will complete their Bikeability training between Tuesday 30th January and Thursday 1st February.

The children will be required to bring their bike and cycle helmet to school during the training. Bikes must have two working breaks and adequately inflated tyres.

Please contact school if your child does not own a bicycle.

Outdoor Play Equipment, Bikes and Scooters

Please could we remind parents and carers that children must not use the outdoor play equipment before or after school. The equipment must only be used during the school day under the supervision of school staff.

For health and safety reasons school aged and pre-school children and their parents must not ride bikes and scooters on the school playgrounds.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.



Healthy School News for parents & carers

January 2024



NHS

Did you know you could apply online for Healthy Start in as little as 5 minutes?



Apply for your prepaid Healthy Start card now at www.healthystart.nhs.uk

The Healthy Start Voucher Scheme is an NHS scheme that was first introduced in 2006, designed to support pregnant people or families with young children on low incomes (up to their fourth birthday) by providing vital financial support to buy certain types of milk, first infant formula and fresh, frozen and tinned fruit, vegetables and pulses.

As food prices continue to rise there is no better time to get this support to our families and provide vital help to those who may be most in need.

Who is eligible for the scheme?

If you are more than **10 weeks pregnant** or have at least **one child under 4 years old** and are in receipt of one of the following **benefits**:

- Income support
- Income based job seekers allowance.
- Pension credit (must include the child addition)
- Universal Credit (if take home pay is £408 or less per month)
- Child Tax Credit (if the family annual income is £16,190 or less)
- The scheme is universal for mothers under the age of 18's (qualify regardless of income level).

[How to apply – Get help to buy food and milk \(Healthy Start\)](#)



Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service provide **FREE Home Fire Safety Assessments**. Assessments include **fire safety advice** on daily activities and the home environment to understand fire risks and **free equipment** depending on the risk. They also check whether the home has adequate working **smoke alarms** and fit them as part of the visit, if needed.

To find out if you, or someone you know, are eligible for a Home Fire Safety Assessment, and to make a referral, visit [HFSA - Greater Manchester Fire Rescue Service](#)



Leigh Bike Library! Based at the Leigh Youth Hub at Leigh Sports Village, our service allows you to loan bikes, helmets, locks and other cycling equipment absolutely **FREE** of charge.

The idea is simple and works very much like a book library - meaning you can borrow a bike and/or other items for up to one month at a time.

Whether it's for commuting or for leisure, our fleet of more than 25 bikes are available in a range of sizes.

You can also take advantage of our 'Dr Bike' service - with free bike checks and basic repairs to keep you on the road.

[Leigh Bike Library \(wigan.gov.uk\)](#)

Parents are urged to take simple steps to give their children the best start to the new school term and protect their communities following the Christmas break.

As levels of winter illnesses including flu, COVID-19 and norovirus continue to rise, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) is reminding parents of 5 simple steps they can take to reduce viruses spreading in the community – helping their children make a healthy start to the year and minimising the impact of illness on attendance as schools head back and parents return to work:

- Teach good hygiene habits
- Stopping the spread of stomach bugs
- Spot the signs of when to keep your child at home
- Get vaccinated
- Use NHS resources

NHS

For more information please visit: [UKHSA reminds parents of back-to-school advice - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

NSPCC

We are looking for new volunteers from Wigan to be Speak out. Stay Safe Volunteers. You would visit primary schools local to you to help us protect a generation of children from abuse and neglect.

In 2022 the NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe volunteers returned to primary schools. As a Speak out. Stay safe. volunteer, you will visit primary schools to deliver Speak out. Stay safe. workshops that teach children about the different types of abuse and how they can speak out and stay safe. Our Speak out. Stay safe. workshops are age-appropriate and memorable and need an energetic and enthusiastic person to deliver them. You'll work alongside other Speak out. Stay safe. volunteers to make sure at the end of each session the children feel empowered and know who they can speak out to if they are worried.

If you are interested in volunteering as a Speak out. Stay safe. volunteer please visit: <https://join-us.nspcc.org.uk/volunteers/vacancy/speak-out-stay-safe-volunteer-information-meeting-wigan/7019/description/>

If you have any questions or experience any issues, please contact the Volunteer Recruitment Team at VolunteerRecruitment@NSPCC.org.uk

Dates For Your Dairy

Sunday 28th January — Christingle Service 10am in St Luke's Church

Tuesday 30th January until Thursday 1st February — Year 6 Bikeability

Monday 5th February — Year 6 Parents Anderton Centre Meeting 6.30pm in School

Tuesday 6th February — Safer Internet Day

Thursday 15th February — School Discos Infants 6.00 —7.00pm and Juniors 7.15 — 8.15pm

Friday 16th February — End of Half Term 3.15pm (ASC open as usual)

Monday 26th February — School Re- opens

Tuesday 5th March — Parents Afternoon/Evening

Wednesday 6th March — Parents Evening

Thursday 7th March — World Book Day (children can dress up as book characters or come to school in their own sensible weather appropriate clothes and shoes)

Wednesday 13th to Friday 15th March — Year 6 Trip to the Anderton Centre

Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th March — Year 5+6 Healthy Relationships Sessions (further information to follow)

Wednesday 27th March — Easter Worship 2.00pm

Wednesday 27th March — Easter Bingo 6.00pm

Thursday 28th March — Break Up for Easter 3.15pm (After School Club Open As Usual)

Tuesday 9th April — School Re-opens for the Summer Term.

Upcoming Sports Fixtures

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 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



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THURSDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2024

INFANTS - 6-7pm

JUNIORS - 7:15-8:15pm

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PAINTS

Please drop children off at the main entrance.
Adults can collect the children from the hall doors
on the infant playground.

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Ages: 5 - 11 year old's

Additional info: awalker@premier-education.com or 07943065443

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Suitable clothing
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