



ST. LUKE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 1st March 2024

Week Commencing Monday 4th March 2024

Monday	Woodwind Lessons Orchestra Club **Please ensure that you have paid for snack and milk and notified the school office if your child would like it
Tuesday	Violin/Guitar Lessons Year 4 Wider Opportunities Brass Lessons Parents Afternoon/Evening
Wednesday	Percussion/Voice Lessons Year 3 and 4 Football Club Parents Afternoon
Thursday	Piano/Keyboard/Brass Lessons World Book Day — Please wear Non-Uniform/Fancy Dress Year 5 and 6 Football Club
Friday	Reception Class Mother's Day Worship — Reception class Parents and carers welcome to attend (for health and safety reasons can we politely request that only Reception class families attend—thank you)
Sunday	Family Mother's Day Service 10.00am at St Luke's Church



World Book Day

World Book Day will take place on Thursday 7th March.

Children can come to school dressed as a book character or in sensible, weather appropriate clothes and footwear.





Measles

In recent weeks there has been much publicity about the spread of measles in the UK.

Measles is a highly infectious disease, spread by airborne droplets. More information is available from the NHS: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

If you and/or your child have had both doses of the MMR vaccine it is unlikely that you or they will contract measles. However, if you or they have not had both doses you are at risk of catching the illness, which can be very serious in some cases.

To check your child's vaccination status please consult either their 'red book' or contact their GP. To check your own status please contact your GP.

If you think that you or your child may have contracted measles, or you have any of the symptoms, please do not visit your GP, A&E or Walk-in Centre, instead please stay at home and telephone 111 or your GP surgery.

Thank you.

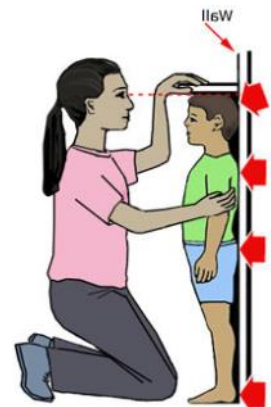


National Child Measurement Programme: Height and Weight checks for children in Reception and Year 6

The school Nursing Team will visit school on Tuesday 5th March to carry out the Reception and Year 6 Child Measurement Programme. More information can be found by following these links:

https://www.saintlukes.wigan.sch.uk/serve_file/23534256

https://www.saintlukes.wigan.sch.uk/serve_file/23534540



Reception Class Mother's Day Presentation

There will be a Reception class Mother's Day presentation on Friday 8th March at 10.00am in the school hall.

The parents and carers of the Reception Class are welcome to attend.

Could we politely request that only relatives of the Reception Class attend due to health and safety reasons.



St Luke's Church Mother's Day Service

There will be a family friendly Mother's Day service at 10.00am in St Luke's Church on Sunday 10th March. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Birthdays



At St Luke's school we enjoy celebrating all of the children's birthdays with them in class and during dinner times.

As we have achieved Healthy School status and are also a Nut Free school could we please request that if you would like to send a treat into school for your child's class on their birthday that you send a book for them to read as a class, or an item of sports equipment to be shared by the class.

Unfortunately we are unable to share food items such as sweets and chocolate between the children due to the number of children with allergies and specific diets.

Please note that you are under no obligation to send anything into school when it is your child's birthday.



St Luke's Church Children's Sunday Club

Sunday Club takes place every second and fourth Sunday of the month in Church Lane Community Centre.

All children and their parents are welcome to attend.





Safeguarding



Parental Information

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.



Nut Free School

Could we please remind 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. 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.

As you will be aware there have been a number of diagnosed cases of Scarlett Fever in school recently. If your child has an undiagnosed rash please could they remain off school until it is diagnosed and treated.

Nationally diagnosed cases of measles are on the increase.

If your child has not been doubly vaccinated against measles please consider contacting your GP or School Nurse to find out about the benefits of being fully vaccinated against this serious illness.



School Meals

Our school meals are prepared daily on site and provide the children with a healthy and nutritious lunchtime meal. Please follow the link to view the new menus for the summer term. The new menu will be available to pre order on School Hub from Monday 25th March.



https://www.saintlukes.wigan.sch.uk/serve_file/24494453

Snack and Milk

Snack and milk for this half term should have been paid by 9.00am this morning on School Hub. If you have paid after this time please telephone the school office on 01942 201140 in order that your child continues to receive snack and milk.

We very much appreciate your prompt payment as we are required to buy provisions and pay staff wages to provide the daily snack and we simply do not have the cashflow to facilitate late payments across the school.

If you are experiencing any difficulties in making the payment by 6.00pm on Sunday, please contact the school office.



School Trips

As in previous years we are busy planning exciting and educational school trips whilst trying to keep within an acceptable budget.

Over the coming weeks letters will be sent home with your child about their class trip, which will also include information about a contribution towards the cost of the trip. This year we will be providing parents with two options of contributing towards the cost of their child's school trip: a one off contribution or weekly/monthly payments towards the total cost. Both options will be available on School Hub.

Your generous and valuable contributions are essential in enabling us to arrange the class trips and we are very grateful for your support over previous years. Unfortunately, school no longer has the funds to subsidise trips, which means that if we do not receive enough contributions towards the cost of your child's class trip we may have no option but to cancel it. We are requesting that all contributions are paid a month in advance of the trips taking place so that we can pay both the venue and coach company, this is why we are providing advanced notice of the trips.

Please contact the School Office in the strictest confidence, if you are experiencing difficulty in contributing towards the trips to discuss payment options.



Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

Dates For Your Dairy

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

Friday 15th March — Comic Relief Non-Uniform Day

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 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



FoSL Mother's Day Sale



Friends of St Luke's are holding a Mother's Day gift sale in school every day next week.

The children can bring in some money and buy their Mum, Grandma or carer something nice from our lovely range of presents.

Your child will be able to choose from a great range of presents & take it home, wrapped & ready for Mother's Day.

Gifts range from £2 to £5, so something to suit every budget.

There's a £5 price limit for every child to ensure there are enough gifts for everyone to purchase something.

So save yourself the hassle of wandering around the shops looking for something special when we have got it all here.

All profit made will go straight back into school, benefiting the children too!

See the FoSL Facebook page for more updates.
www.facebook.com/groups/lowtonfosl/



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ST. LUKE'S
Supper Club 2022/23

WONKY BARS

WILL YOU FIND
A GOLDEN
TICKET?

LOTS OF
PRIZES
TO BE WON

CONGRATULATIONS!
WONKY'S GOLDEN TICKET
GREETINGS TO YOU, THE LUCKY FINDER OF THIS GOLDEN TICKET
YOUR PRIZE AWAITS YOU!

Prizes kindly donated by:


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Howe Bridge
Leisure Centre


TreeTops
For and with children

AND MORE...

 **Nando's**

**£2 per bar, on sale after school on
World Book Day. Thursday, 7th March**

**Beat the queues and pre-order your bars!
More info to follow...**

FRIENDS OF ST LUKE'S

Grab yourself a delicious Wonky bar on World Book Day, Thursday 7th March, and you could be in for an extraordinary treat! Hidden within some of the chocolate bars are Golden Tickets that unlock a world of fantastic prizes. Only **£2** per bar, will you be a winner?

There will be a limited number of Wonky chocolate bars on sale after school on Thursday 7th March, so to beat the crowds and ensure you're in with a chance to win you can pre order your bars now. Just fill in the slip below and return to school by end of day Tuesday 5th March, along with payment.

Children will be given the pre ordered Wonky bars at end of school day on Thursday 7th March. Please note we cannot guarantee availability of allergen free bars at the afterschool sale, so we strongly suggest pre order for these.

Wonky bars are £2 per per bar. Payment can be made in the following ways:

PayPal

Pay lowtonstlukespta@hotmail.com

Could you please ensure you select family and friends to avoid us having to pay PayPal charges.

Please use your child's full name and year group as the payment reference.

Bank Transfer

Account Name: Friends of St Lukes

Account Number: 00854006

Sort Code: 30-19-56

Please use your child's full name and year group as the payment reference.

Cash

Please only use the cash option if you do not have the facility to pay via the other options.

This must be given in a sealed envelope with the correct money for the amount of bars you wish to purchase, again with your child's name and year group. This can be passed on to your child's teacher.



Child's name:

Year group:

Number of bars:

Payment: PayPal

Cash

Bank transfer

Please list any allergies: