



ST. LUKE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 8th March 2024

Week Commencing Monday 11th March 2024

Monday **Woodwind Lessons**
Orchestra Club



Tuesday **Violin/Guitar Lessons**
Year 4 Wider Opportunities Brass Lessons

Wednesday **Percussion/Voice Lessons**
Year 3 and 4 Football Club
Year 6 at The Anderton Centre

Thursday **Piano/Keyboard/Brass Lessons**
Year 5 and 6 Football Club
Year 6 at The Anderton Centre
Reception Sports Festival at Leigh Sports Village

Friday **Comic Relief Non-Uniform Day - please wear sensible non-uniform and, where possible, bring in a donation for Comic Relief**



Year 6 Home from The Anderton Centre



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.

All of our families are welcome to attend and enjoy this special service.





Comic Relief Non-Uniform Day

Please come to school dressed in sensible, weather appropriate clothes and footwear on Friday for Comic Relief. If you would like to and are able to please send donations for Comic Relief in a labelled envelope. Thank you.

Friends of St Luke's Mother's Day Sale

Thank you to the Friends of St Luke's for organising another fantastic Mother's Day sale in school this week.



We very much appreciate all the time and dedication that the Friends give to organising the annual Mother's Day sale in school.

Valuable funds have been raised from the sale and lots of Mums, Grandmothers and important family members are going to receive thoughtful gifts on Mother's Day, chosen especially for them.

World Book Day

At St Luke's we celebrate the love of books and reading all year round.



World Book Day gives children and staff who would like to a chance to dress up as a favourite book character or to wear non uniform.

All the children and staff had a fabulous day celebrating World Book Day in school yesterday.

The children should have all brought a £1.00 World Book Day voucher home with them this week.



Wonky Bar Sale



Everybody who ordered a 'Wonky Bar' should now have received it.

If your child has won a prize please send the golden ticket into school so that their prize can be redeemed.

Once again, thank you to the Friends of St Luke's for all the time and effort they have put into organising another amazing fundraising event for school.

Year 6 Residential Trip to the Anderton Centre

We would like to wish all of Year 6 and the staff accompanying them a wonderful three days at the Anderton Centre. We look forward to hearing all about it on your return to school.





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.



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.





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 Scarlet 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 Friday 1st March 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

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

