



# ST. LUKE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter

Friday 6th September 2024

### Week Commencing Monday 9th September 2024

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Woodwind Lessons</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Violin/Guitar Lessons</b> <b>Year 4 Wider Opportunities Brass Lessons</b> <b>Cash for Clothes Collection</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Voice/Percussion Lessons</b> <b>Year 6 Swimming Assessments</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Piano/Keyboard/Brass Lessons</b> <b>Prospective Parents Visit 1.30pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Normal School Day</b>



We would like to welcome everyone back to school and hope that you have all enjoyed the summer holiday.

We are looking forward to all the exciting events we are planning for the forthcoming school year and to welcoming our new Reception class into school next week.



**Snack and Milk**  
Snack and milk for this half term are now available to pay on School Hub. Please ensure that this is paid for by 9.00am on Monday morning in order for your child to continue to receive their snack and milk. If you pay after this time please inform the school office.



Thank you.

## Music Tuition

If your child applied to continue or start music lessons this half term lessons will start week commencing 9th September.



Music tuition fees are available to pay on School Hub.

Please note that lessons must be paid for in advance.

## Statutory Tests 2025



This academic year the statutory test periods will be:

Year 1—week commencing 9th June 2025

Year 4—week commencing 9th June 2025

Year 6 — week commencing 12th May 2025

We kindly ask that you do not make appointments during the school day and avoid absences for your children during these periods. Thank you.

## Friends of St Luke's ASDA Fundraising

Between now and November ASDA are offering 0.5% of your total spend to a school cash pot of your choice. This does not affect your personal cash pot so you will still continue to earn your cash rewards.



All you need to do is click on the link when you log into your ASDA App and assign St Luke's School using the postcode WA3 2PW.



Thank you for your continued support it is very much appreciated.

## Friends of St Luke's Cash for Clothes



Your child should have brought home a 'Recycle 4 School' bag. Please fill the bag with unwanted clean clothes, footwear, bags, belts and underwear and return to school on Monday 9th September. The bags will be collected and weighed then school will receive a cash amount per kilo, all money raised will benefit the children in school.

Please follow this link for further information

<https://www.recycle4school.org.uk/#how-it-works>

## Holidays in Term Time

Earlier this week we sent a letter from Wigan Council which explains a new national framework for penalty notices for school absence, which follows changes in the law as to how we must manage and record absences from school: [https://www.saintlukes.wigan.sch.uk/serve\\_file/28741313](https://www.saintlukes.wigan.sch.uk/serve_file/28741313).

We cannot authorise any holiday during term time unless it is deemed that there are very exceptional circumstances. Regardless of the circumstances parents and carers must now complete an application for absence form, a minimum of 20 days before the planned absence, which can be found by following this link: [https://www.saintlukes.wigan.sch.uk/serve\\_file/28834045](https://www.saintlukes.wigan.sch.uk/serve_file/28834045). Paper copies are available from the school office.

Where we cannot authorise an absence and an absence occurs of five or more unauthorised days, then the Local Authority may issue an Education Penalty Notice to each parent/carer.

The national framework states that the following will not be deemed to be exceptional circumstances and must be recorded as unauthorised absence:

- Family holiday
- Availability of less expensive holiday
- Availability of holiday accommodation
- Parent/carer's working commitments
- Holiday pre-booked by another family member

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please telephone the school and select 'option 1' to report your child's absence, stating the reason for the absence – you are required to do this each day unless it has been agreed by us that this is not necessary if the absence is likely to be long term.

We request that, where possible, any dental, GP and other medical appointments are made outside of school time. If an appointment in school time is unavoidable, we request that details are provided to us as soon as possible.

## News from St Luke's Church



### Lowton and Golborne Food Bank

St Luke's Church collect food items weekly for the food bank run by All Saints Church in Golborne. All the items collected are distributed to those who are in need within the Lowton and Golborne area.

If you would like to contribute towards the Food Bank, items can be brought to St Luke's Church before or after the services on Wednesday or Sunday morning (services run from 10.00am until approximately 11.00am) or be taken to St Luke's Church Thursday Coffee Morning. Thank you.



### Coffee Morning



Every Thursday St Luke's Church Fellowship Room (access on Slag Lane opposite Lowton West School), is open during the morning school run from 8.45am until 10.00am for tea, coffee and a chat.

### Forget-Me-Not Café

The café has relocated to Broadmead on Golborne Road where there should be adequate on site car parking spaces for everyone.



### St Luke's Church Services

Church services take place at 10.00am on Wednesday and Sunday — everybody welcome.

Refreshments will be served after the services in the Fellowship Room.



### Vestry Service

Weddings and Baptisms can be booked every Tuesday evening between 7.00pm and 8.00pm in St Luke's Church Fellowship Room (access on Slag Lane).



### Dates For Your Dairy

**Wednesday 11th September — Year 6 Swimming Assessments**

**Monday 23rd September — Year 6 SATs Meeting 5.00pm**

**Monday 23rd September — Reception Reading Meeting 5.30pm**

**Monday 23rd September — Year 5+6 Golborne High School presentation  
6.00pm in St Luke's School**

**Monday 23rd September — Year 1 Phonics Meeting 6.15pm**

**Tuesday 24th September — Friends of St Luke's Meeting 6.00pm in School**

**Sunday 29th September — Education Sunday Service in School at 10.00am  
Everyone Welcome**

**Monday 30th September — Lowton C.E. High School Open Evening at  
Lowton High**

**Tuesday 15th October — Parents Afternoon**

**Wednesday 16th October — Parents Evening**

**Friday 18th October — End of Term 3.15pm**

**Monday 28th October — Return to School**



### Prospective Parents Visits

**Thursday 12th September 1.30pm**

**Friday 20th September 1.30pm**

**Tuesday 24th September 1.30pm**

**Tuesday 1st October 1.30pm**

**Thursday 3rd October 11.00am**

**Tuesday 8th October 1.30pm**

**Thursday 10th October 11.00am**

**Tuesday 15th October 11.00am**

**Tuesday 29th October 1.30pm**

**Thursday 31st October 1.30pm**

**Tuesday 5th November 1.30pm**

**Tuesday 12th November 1.30pm**



**Please telephone the school office on 01942 201140 to book on to a tour.**