




ST. LUKE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL Newsletter

Friday 13th September 2024

Week Commencing Monday 16th September 2024

Monday	Woodwind Lessons	
Tuesday	Violin/Guitar Lessons Year 4 Wider Opportunities Brass Lessons	
Wednesday	Voice/Percussion Lessons Year 3 Swimming	
Thursday	Piano/Keyboard/Brass Lessons	
Friday	Prospective Parents Visit 1.30pm Year 6 Primary Progression Day at Golborne High School	

Nut Free School



Could we please remind all 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.



Year 6 High School Applications and Primary Progression Day

The online application form for year 7 2025 is now open.

Please follow this link [Secondary schools \(wigan.gov.uk\)](https://www.wigan.gov.uk/secondary-schools) for the online application form. Applications must be submitted by 31st October 2024.

Year 6 should have received a separate letter regarding their Primary Progression Day at Golborne High School on Friday 20th September.





Snack and Milk

Snack and milk should now have been ordered and paid for on School Hub. If you have not paid and would like your child to continue with snack or milk please contact the school office. Thank you.



Please Note the Change of Times for Planned Meetings

Meetings to be held on Monday 23rd September

Reception Reading Meeting 5.00pm

Year 6 SATs Meeting 5.30pm

Year 1 Phonics Meeting 5.30pm

Golborne High School Meeting 6.00pm

We are sorry for any inconvenience caused by the change of these meeting times.



Headlice and Threadworms



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. Thank you.

Bikes, Scooters and Outdoor Play Equipment

Could we please remind parents and children that bikes and scooters must not be ridden on the playground when dropping off and picking up.

In the interest of the health and safety of all of our children and families children are only allowed to use the outdoor play equipment during the school day, when they are supervised by school staff. Please do not allow your children to play on the equipment before or after school. Thank you.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

St Luke's Church is holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning tomorrow, Saturday 14th September, between 10.00am and 1.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

There will be stalls, raffles and refreshments.

If you are able to donate any cakes or biscuits please take them to Church today, Friday 13th September, between 4.00 and 5.00pm. Thank you.



Music Tuition

If your child applied to continue or start music lessons this half term most lessons have now started. Voice lessons will start week commencing Monday 16th September - we apologise for any inconvenience caused by the teacher absence this week, the missed lessons will be made up.

Music tuition fees are available to pay on School Hub.

Please note that lessons must be paid for in advance.

Thank you.



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 is 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.



Holidays in Term Time

Last 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.

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. 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).





St Luke's Church Notices September/October 2024



**Friday 13th September — Knit and Natter 2.00 —
4.00pm in the Fellowship room**

Saturday 14th September — Macmillan Coffee

Morning in Church 10.00am — 1.00pm. There will be stalls and raffle prizes.

**Please bring any donations of cakes to Church on Friday 13th September
between 4.00 — 5.00pm. Thank you.**

**Wednesday 18th September — 'Prayer Course 2' 7.00pm in the Rectory for
refreshments finishes at 9.00pm. For further details contact Reverend Helen or a
Church Warden.**

**Sunday 22nd September — All Age Harvest Praise Service 10am in St Luke's
Church**

**Tuesday 24th September — Ecumenical Prayer Service at 3.00pm in All Saints
Church Golborne. The theme this year is to 'Hope and Act with Creation' and the
symbol is 'The First Fruits of Hope'.**

**Saturday 28th September — Lorraine, Jeanette and Louisa are walking 50km in
the Chilterns in under 12 hours. If you would like to sponsor them there is a
sponsor form in Church. All money raised will go towards Church repairs and
upkeep.**

**Sunday 29th September — Education Sunday, the service will be held at St
Luke's School at 10.00am. Everyone is welcome to attend and please bring cake
and biscuits to celebrate after the service**

**Friday 4th October — LGN Community Choir and the Ukuleles' concert 7.30pm in
St Luke's Church. Tickets cost £7.00. Please contact 01942 720947 for further
information**

**Sunday 6th October — Harvest Celebration with Holy Communion 10.00am in St
Luke's Church**

**Tuesday 15th October — Wave of Light Service in St Luke's Church. This is a
service of remembrance for those affected by the loss of a child of any age and at
any time. Refreshments from 6.30pm, wave of light candle and memorial service
7.00 — 7.30pm. Families are welcome and there will be activities for children to
do in memory of their siblings.**

**Saturday 19th October — Last Night at the Proms. Three Towns Choir and
Golborne Bands are performing at Lowton Social Club. Tickets are free, please
contact 01942 510210.**

Dates For Your Dairy

Friday 20th September — Year 6 Primary Progression Day at Golborne High

Monday 23rd September — Year 6 SATs Meeting 5.30pm

Monday 23rd September — Reception Reading Meeting 5.00pm

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

Monday 23rd September — Year 1 Phonics Meeting 5.30pm

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

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.