



ST. LUKE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL Newsletter

Friday 13th December 2024

Week Commencing Monday 16th December 2024

- Monday** Percussion Lessons
Junior Christmas Parties—please come to school dressed in sensible, weather appropriate clothes and footwear
- Tuesday** Prospective Parents Visit 10.30am
- Wednesday** Voice Lessons
- Thursday** Christmas Worship 2.15pm in the School Hall (everybody welcome)
- Friday** Non Uniform Day for Young Lives vs Cancer (please send donations in a labelled envelope)
Young Lives vs Cancer Raffle
Friends of St Luke's Christmas Raffle
St Luke's Has Got Talent
School Closes for Christmas at 3.15pm (ASC open as usual)



Christmas Dinner and Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to our kitchen team, Eileen and Jaz, for the beautiful Christmas dinner that they prepared and served for the children on Monday.

We would also like to thank the children from Year 6 who helped the lunchtime staff over dinner time.

Many thanks for all the donations sent in for Save the Children, these will be forwarded to the charity.



IMPORTANT— Reception 2025 Applications

The application window for Reception 2025 places is now open and closes on Wednesday 15th January 2025. If you have a child due to start school in September 2025, please follow this link to make your application to Wigan Council: <https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Education/Schools/School-Admissions/Primary-schools.aspx>

Applications must be made by Wednesday 15th January 2025.

As well as completing the online form, applicants are also required to complete and submit our 2025 supplementary information forms and provide original copies of the documents requested in our admissions policy, which can be found by following this link: https://www.saintlukes.wigan.sch.uk/serve_file/15939206



****Please note: you must complete a Supplementary Information form and submit original documents for siblings, even if you already have a child attending school.**

Packed Lunches



In the interest of health and safety and the safeguarding of all the children in school, could we please ask that *sweets, nuts and products*



containing nuts are not sent into school in children's lunch bags.

Please note that we have a number of pupils and staff with severe nut allergies.

If you are sending grapes or olives in your child's packed lunch bag please could these be sliced into halves or quarters from top to bottom.



Regardless of your child's age these are all potential choking hazards.



Wigan Family Welfare Christmas Gift Appeal

Please follow this link if you would like to donate a Christmas gift to a needy child in Wigan Borough.

<https://familywelfare.co.uk/>

Thank you.



Consultation on Admission Arrangements 2026/2027

The Governors of St Luke's are consulting on their arrangements for academic year 2026/2027, which includes the oversubscription criteria that are used to decide on the allocation of school places.

Changes to the admission arrangements may affect parents and carers applying for places from 2026 onwards.

Please follow this link to see more information:

https://www.saintlukes.wigan.sch.uk/serve_file/32354501



Snowman Salsa and Christmas Raffle



Thank you to everyone who sponsored the children in their Santa Salsa Challenge. We raised an amazing £1,423.20.



Tickets for our Christmas Raffle are now on sale and further information is available on pages five and six of the newsletter.



**FRIENDS OF
ST.LUKE'S**

Registered Charity 1022101



YOUNG LIVES vs CANCER

Young Lives vs Cancer Fundraising Update

Thanks to your generosity we have already raised £835 on our Just Giving page for Young Lives vs Cancer in memory of Zak.

On Friday 20th December we are having a colour themed own clothes day and the children are asked to accessorise their outfits with the colours of the charity, which are turquoise blue, magenta pink, black and white. If you are able to, please send a small donation in a labelled envelope.

Raffle tickets for our hamper raffle are selling well and we will let you know how much the raffle has raised in next week's newsletter. If you would like to buy a raffle ticket they cost £1 each. Please visit the school office or send the money in a clearly labelled envelope with your child's name and year group written on it and school will donate the money raised to Young Lives vs Cancer. The tickets will be drawn on Friday 20th December.

Young Lives vs Cancer has sent us the following message:

'The £800 you've collectively raised so far could pay for 14 overnight stays at one of our Young Lives vs Cancer Homes from Home, like [Jack's House in Manchester](#). That's 14 nights where young cancer patients across the UK can stay with their loved ones, in comfort, knowing that they don't have to face the dreaded 80 mile average travel distance for treatment. It's 14 mornings where they can sit down to have their favourite breakfast around a kitchen table and focus on the day ahead, together.

You're giving children and young people facing cancer, and their families, a respite to have what we all take for granted; those everyday moments of life we treasure, away from cancer, away from uncertainty and fear. You're giving the gift of Home and we can't thank you enough.'

If you would like to donate to our Just Giving page please follow this link:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/st-lukes-c-e-primary-1732193362302?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fst-lukes-c-e-primary-1732193362302&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share





Christmas

RAFFLE TICKETS

The Raffle will be drawn on 20th December 2024

Tickets are just £5.00 each

You can buy raffle tickets at the Christmas fayre and other upcoming school events such as the carol concert and nativity.

You can also purchase 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.

★ *Cash*

You can send cash into school in a clearly marked envelope. Please include the following information:

Number of tickets required

Child's name

Child's year group



Small Society Lottery License Number SSL0212

Christmas

RAFFLE PRIZES

- ★ Boutique tooth whitening treatment from Village Dental Practice, Culcheth
- ★ Kindle Fire - Donated by Pervasive Platforms Ltd
- ★ Christmas cake made by Mrs Parry
- ★ Half an hour beginner horse riding lesson from Lowton Riding Centre **2 chances to win!**
- ★ Afternoon tea for two at Bents
- ★ Set of 2 candles from Banbha candle company
- ★ Pamper Hamper from Asda
- ★ £35 massage voucher from Holistic Wellness for You in Golborne
- ★ Kraken & tumbler set from Morrisons
- ★ Tea and coffee hamper from Morrisons
- ★ Sweet Bouquet donated by Kerry Bell
- ★ Nandos Chicken cheque for 2 x single combo meals **2 chances to win!**
- ★ Bag of ironing (delivered) worth £20 from Culcheth ironing services
- ★ £20 nail/treatment voucher from Florence's salon, Golborne
- ★ £5 Amazon Voucher
- ★ Up to 50% off entrance voucher for Treetops
- ★ Baylis & Harding gift set

St Luke's Church Notices December 2024

Sunday 15th December — Carol Service 6.30pm in Church



Sunday 22nd December—All Age Worship 10.00am in Church

Tuesday 24th December — Family Crib Service 5.00pm in Church



Tuesday 24th December — Midnight Communion 11.30pm in Church

Wednesday 25th December — Family Communion 10.00am in Church



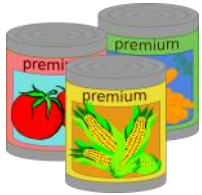
Sunday 29th December Team Service to celebrate the end of 2024 at 10.30am in St Thomas' Church WA3 3TH

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).

