



St Luke's News

December 2023

Dates:

December

Monday 11th

SASWT Christmas Show :To
Nativity and Beyond

Tuesday 12th

Y2 Nativity to parents at
9.15am and to Rec-Y5 pm;
Y5 performing brass concert to
Y1 buddies

Wednesday 13th

Y2 Nativity to Roots and Shoots
and Y6, 9.30am;
Christmas Dinner Day: Mufti
Christmas jumpers or
Christmas colours/accessories
(no extra charge);
Christmas Concert at Church,
6pm

Thursday 14th

Y1 to Church (rehearsal);
Y3 singing concert to school;
Y2 nativity to parents, 6.15pm

Monday 18th

Open the Book Team in
assembly;

Y1 to Church (rehearsal) a.m.
Whole School Christmas
Singing, p.m.

Tuesday 19th

FOSLS Christmas Takeover
Day, wear party clothes (no
additional charge)

Wednesday 20th

Christmas Services, in Church,
led by Y1

9.30 led by 1P: RP,2GN, 3R,
4C, 5H, 6H

10.15 led by 1FO'N:

RI,2M, 3H, 4WM, 5W, 6G;

Wednesday 20th

Green Christmas: virtual
workshop;

Y4 to Range High

Thursday 21st

Term ends, 2pm

After-school club not open

Dates cont'd over

December in a primary school: what a wonderful place to be! LOTS



going on and the children have been getting more excited by the day.

Some classes have already enjoyed the Y2 Nativity and the rest of school will be seeing it this week, as will parents/carers, Roots & Shoots pre-schoolers and some special visitors from Lochardwoods Care Home. The next few days will also see special Christmas assemblies from our friends in Churches Together in Formby and also SASWT (Tabz and Hetty) and our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 13th. The same day sees our talented musicians and choir performing in the Christmas Concert in Church. Our end of term services in Church, on Wednesday 20th December, will be a little different this year, with Y1 children leading (1P leading the first service at 9.30am and 1FO'N leading the second service at 10.15am). Our Y4 children went to the Meeting Room at Church to make 100 Christingles for the service in Church at the weekend, and many of them joined the service and sang for the congregation.

We are grateful to our fantastic FOSLS team for putting together the Christmas Takeover Day, due to take place on Tuesday 19th December. It takes a lot of organisation to make a successful event, and this year's promises to be a very busy and exciting day for the children. **Please see information on the next page for payment details.**

We also had Anna Corcoran's concert - what an amazing talent! Anna entertained staff, parents and friends of the school with a variety of songs, including some Christmas numbers and some special requests from the audience. We are really grateful to Anna for giving up her time completely free of charge, and also for inviting a couple of special guests to join her on stage. The Christmas events, like all of FOSLS fund-raising activities, provide resources we could not otherwise afford from the school budget and we really do appreciate all your support.

Dates cont'd

2024 Term begins
Thursday 4th Jan

January

Thursday 4th
Y3 to Eureka!
Science workshops

Monday 8th
Y4 CHET 2 night
residential visit

Friday 12th
VIBE staying safe
workshop for Y6

Tuesday 15th
Hugh McAuley
football club starts
again

Friday 26th
Y6 to Crosby Plaza -
holocaust memorial
film

February

Friday 2nd
NSPCC Number Day
Mufti (details to
follow from Mr
Hardman)

Tuesday 6th
Safer Internet Day
Rock Kids event
(details to follow)

Half term break:
Monday 12th-Friday
16th February
Holiday Club open—
Tues/Wed/Thurs

Thursday 22nd and
Tuesday 27th
Individual Parent-
Teacher meetings
(face to face)

March

Thursday 7th
World Book Day;
FOSLS story-telling
evening

Tuesday 26th, 2pm
and Wednesday
27th, 6.15pm
Y5 Show

Wednesday 27th
Church: Easter
Services led by Y4—
9.30am 4C, 10.15am
4WM

Term ends 2.00pm
Thurs 28th March

A festive poster for 'FOSLS CHRISTMAS TAKEOVER' on Tuesday 19 December. The background is dark green with white snowflakes and icicles. At the top, Santa Claus is hanging upside down. At the bottom, there are illustrations of Santa Claus and two snowmen. The text is white and red. A red banner at the bottom says '£10 per child' and 'Find out more & book here >'.

FOSLS CHRISTMAS TAKEOVER

Tuesday 19 December

(during the school day)

FOSLS ARE SIMPLIFYING CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR BY TAKING OVER THE TIMETABLE - NO LESSONS, JUST ONE DATE, ONE FEE, ALL CHILDREN INCLUDED

Includes;

- Mufti
- Breakfast with Santa (8.15am Rec-Y2)
- Fun Brunch (8.45am Y3-Y6)
- Class parties
- Games
- Crafts & cookie decoration
- Secret room (additional £3.50 charge)
- Christmas movies & more!

PLUS a gift for every child

£10 per child

[Find out more & book here >](#)

MUFTI (non-uniform) DAYS

Wednesday 13th December

Christmas colours /accessories or Christmas Jumper for Christmas Dinner Day (no additional charge)



Tuesday 19th December

Christmas Party clothes for Christmas Takeover Day (no additional charge)

Governor Update

Our new Parent Governors are Andy Green and Tanya Wright. Tanya is currently our Chair and was a co-opted governor, but is now a parent governor, along with Andy, Glynn Stockton and Sarah Walker.

Our new Foundation Governor is Eleanor Gordon and our new co-opted governor is Vicky Ashworth, Assistant head at Range High School. We are very grateful for the work of our governors, which is a completely voluntary role. They support and challenge the school to ensure the best provision for our pupils and staff.

Staffing news

Teaching Assistants

We said goodbye to Miss Winder at the end of November and we welcome Mrs Bajinka to take over her Y6 teaching assistant role. We also have two new teaching assistants in reception: Mrs Harrison (job-sharing with Mrs Carter) and Miss Ryan.

Lunchtime Staff

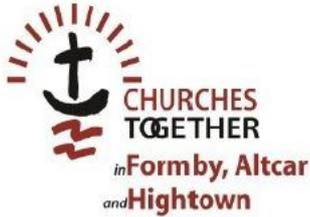
Mrs Bullen is stepping down as a permanent lunchtime supervisor at Christmas. A HUGE thank for her work as our lunchtime lead I'm glad to say, it's not goodbye but a bientot, as she is staying on for Roots and Shoots and also as emergency lunchtime cover – starting the first full week back!! The new lunchtime lead is Mrs Shalliker – thanks to her for stepping up.

This leaves a **VACANCY** for working in school over the lunch period, from 12.15pm to 1.15pm. Each day. The rate of pay is £11.91 p/h. Please contact the office if you or someone you know would be interested.

Teachers

Unfortunately, Mrs Wilson won't be back straight after the holidays as planned, as her recovery is taking longer than she had hoped, but Miss Murdock will continue to teach fulltime in 4WM and Mrs Govan is the contact for all things SEND-related. Finally, we welcome back Miss Hesketh after the holidays, and Miss Pooley has requested a reduction in hours, so will be job-sharing with Miss Irvin. This means Mrs Roberts will remain fulltime in Y3 until the summer.

We do not want to call the class RIP, for obvious reasons, so the two Reception groups have been re-named Sand Dunes (the blue door) and Pinewoods (the white door).



FORMBY VILLAGE



NATIVITY

SATURDAY 16TH
DECEMBER 11 A.M.

FORMBY POOL GARDENS

In partnership with
MAKE NOISE Choirs



FREE ENTRY, ALL WELCOME



Formby Christmas Windows Challenge

Can you **Spot the Star** hiding in Christmas Window displays in Formby village during December to claim a chocolate prize at Formby Pool?



End of Term Services



Our Christmas Services take place on Wednesday 20th December, at St Luke's Church, with Y1 children re-telling the nativity.

All parents are welcome to attend.

9.30: RP, 2GN, 3R, 4C, 5H, 6H — led by 1P

10.15: RI, 2M, 3H, 4WM, 5W, 6G — led by 1FO'N

Dreaming of a Green Christmas!

All classes will be joining in this virtual live session, along with schools across the region. It will be coming live from Gillmoss Recycling Discovery Centre and broadcasting to classrooms all over the Liverpool City Region. There will be quizzes to test pupils' knowledge about recycling and climate change and amazing facts about our waste habits at Christmas time! There will also be a craft activity we can join in making during the session to take home for Christmas, so look out for that coming your way!



Formby Christmas Windows

Thanks to our after-school club children who produced the artwork for Churches Together in Formby, for the village window display.

Our window is The Cutting Gallery in Halsall Lane.

Children can get a chocolate at Formby Pool if they spot Stella the star in all the windows



Attendance



After several bouts of sickness and sore throats, our whole school attendance has dipped slightly to 96%. Y4 remains the healthiest year group in school at 97.5%. 4C have won the Attendance Bear (best weekly attendance) more than any other class, with 3R hot on their heels!

Could we please remind parents that the government does not allow us to authorise term time holidays, unless there are extraordinary reasons. Any requests for leave must be made in writing prior to any arrangements being confirmed.

IMPORTANT: If your child is absent for any reason, please ring the office rather than sending an email to the office or year group. You can ring at any time and leave a voice message. This will be picked up first thing each morning, whereas emails can take a while to be discovered in a busy inbox! Thanks for your support.

Parking for Wraparound Club

Parents /Carers must not park on the school driveway when dropping off/picking up for Wraparound as it presents a danger to others coming and going.

If you arrive for After-School pick up after 5pm and there is room in the staff carpark without blocking cars in, you are welcome to use it. This is not possible for Breakfast Club as it is a busy time for staff arriving and all spaces are needed.

Parking for School

The staff carpark can only be used by disabled drivers using the designated spaces. When parking on the road, please be courteous of our neighbours: we have been getting complaints that neighbours cannot get off their own driveway because someone is parked across it. In a couple of cases, the parent has refused to move and insisted they won't be long! This does not fit with our school ethos and our Christian Values of kindness and respect!

Thank you!

Thank you for your support in our recent charity events: £145 was raised by school from the donations of 290kg of unwanted clothing; a total of £289.29 was raised for Children in Need and the British Legion donations for Remembrance were also very generous: total to be announced next month!

Team Around the School (TAS)

We are glad to be a part of this Sefton pilot, which involves multiple professionals coming together to make sure that worries are dealt with at the earliest point and families receive the help they need. Some examples of worries we can help with include: family routines, health, drug/alcohol misuse, emotional wellbeing, housing support, parenting, speech and language development, money worries, managing behaviour and parental relationships. This is not an exhaustive list! If you'd like a chat, please contact Eileen Eileen.lloyd@sefton.gov.uk or Rachel: Rachel.traynor@sefton.gov.uk Both Eileen and Rachel are in school every Tuesday morning

Summer Holidays



After the recent cold spell, many of us are dreaming of some summer sunshine! For anyone booking holidays for next summer, our return to school is Tuesday 3rd September 2024 - Monday 2nd being an Inset day, when staff are in but school is closed to pupils.

The full list of 2024-25 dates is on the school website.

100 Club

Congratulations to the latest winners:

November:

1st Prize (£35): D. Evans; **2nd Prize (£20):** M&C Webberley;
3rd Prize (£15): R .Slater

December: 1st Prize (£35): A Jump; **2nd Prize (£20):** D. Evans; **3rd Prize (£15):** Jean Cox

January: 1st Prize (£35): K&J Sefton; **2nd Prize (£20):** Carol Kerr; **3rd Prize (£15):** SK Walls



Wishing all our parents a very happy Christmas. Term ends at 2.00pm on Thursday 21st December

(after-school club **not** available).

We return on Thursday 4th January.