



# St Luke's News

October 2023

## Dates:

### October

#### **Thursday 5th**

Themed lunch: World Space Day;  
National Poetry Day

#### **w/b 9th October**

NSPCC assemblies

#### **Monday 9th**

Y3 to visit Church garden

#### **Tuesday 10th**

World Mental Health Day;  
Cross Country event at Merchant Taylor's

#### **Wednesday 11th**

Flu vaccinations, Rec-Y6;  
Y6 to RHS for food technology

#### **Thursday 12th**

Rainbow diversity MUFTI Day;

Times tables meeting for Y3/4 parents/carers

9.00am;

Y5/6 hockey tournament, Formby Hockey Club, pm;

FOSLS Discos:

6.15-7.15pm Y1-Y3;

7.30-8.30pm Y4-Y6

#### **Monday 16th**

Open the Book Team in assembly;

2GN to PDC pm—Jewish Living Experience;

Rev Matt to speak with Y6 re after-life beliefs

#### **Tuesday 17th**

2M to PDC pm—Jewish Living Experience

#### **Wednesday 18th**

Church - St Luke's Day

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

**10.15:**RI, 1FO'N, 2M, 3H,

4WM, 5W, 6G

#### **Friday 20th**

INSET DAY, children not in school—holiday club open

Mon 23rd-Friday 27th

HALF TERM—no holiday club due to heating works

#### **Tuesday 31st**

individual photographs

Dates cont'd over

## PARENT/CARER MEETINGS

There was a good turnout for our recent early maths and early reading workshops for parents and carers of children in Reception and Y1.

Thank you all for the positive feedback and to the staff who prepared and led the meetings. It

is important to us at St Luke's that families and

school can work in partnership for the benefit of the children.



### Maths Meeting for Y3 and Y4 parents/carers

The next of these informative meetings takes place on Thursday 12th October and focuses on the importance of learning our times tables.

This will also include information about the statutory Multiplication



Tables Check undertaken by all pupils in Y4

later in the year, but is just as valuable for

Y3 parents and carers. Please join us in the

hall (side entrance) at 9.00am on Thursday

12th October.

## School Attendance

Parents and Carers will have seen in the news that school attendances are much lower nationally than they were before the pandemic. It is a great concern that so many young people are missing education. However, at St Luke's our current attendance is 96.9%, which is very close to our target of 97%. Thank you for your continued support.

Dates Cont'd

**November**

**Thursday 2nd & Wednesday 8th**  
Parent-teacher meetings (remote)

**Friday 10th**  
Y6 Remembrance Service in school  
9.15am for parents/carers; 10.45 for school

**w/b Monday 13th**  
Anti-bullying week  
**Monday 13th**  
SASWT in assembly for anti-bullying week;

Lunt education officer to visit Y3 re Stone Age Site  
**Thursday 16th**  
Y4 CHET residential visit information meeting for parents/carers (remote)

**Friday 17th**  
Children in Need: Spotty or yellow MUFTI, £1 donation

**Monday 20th**  
School Nurse Team re Y6 heights and weights measures; Open the Book Team in assembly

**Wednesday 22nd**  
Y3 to visit Cineworld re

Early Man film  
**Thursday 23rd**  
Y1 visit to Knowsley Safari Park

**Thursday 30th**  
6G visit to Liverpool Museum

**December**

**Friday 1st**  
An evening with Anna Corcoran, FOSLS event

**Thursday 7th**  
6H to Liverpool Museum

**Monday 11th**  
SASWT Christmas Show to whole school: *To Nativity and Beyond*

**Tuesday 12th**  
Y2 Nativity to parents at 9.15am and to Rec-Y5 pm

Dates cont'd over

# APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE

Is your child born on or between  
**01/09/2019 and 31/08/2020?**

If so, your child is due to start  
school in September 2024!



You MUST apply for a school place  
online before 15 January 2024

For more information or to make an  
application, go to

[www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool)

sefton.gov.uk 0151 934 3590  
admissions@sefton.gov.uk

Sefton Council 

If any parents/carers know a family that would like a guided tour of St Luke's to see a typical working day, please tell them to ring the lovely office ladies to book in: 01704 872692

Dates Cont'd  
December

**Wednesday 13th**  
Y2 Nativity to  
Roots and Shoots  
and Y6, 9.30am;  
Christmas Concert  
at Church, 6pm tbc  
**Thursday 14th**  
Y2 nativity to  
parents, 6.15pm  
**Monday 18th**  
**Open the Book**  
**Team in**  
**assembly**  
**Tuesday 19th**  
FOSLS Christmas  
Takeover Day  
**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  
Thursday 21st  
**Term ends, 2pm**

**2024 Term begins**  
**Thursday 4th**  
**January**

**NB More dates**  
**may be added in**  
**future**  
**newsletters, so**  
**please keep**  
**checking!**

## KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE -

### NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* Programme

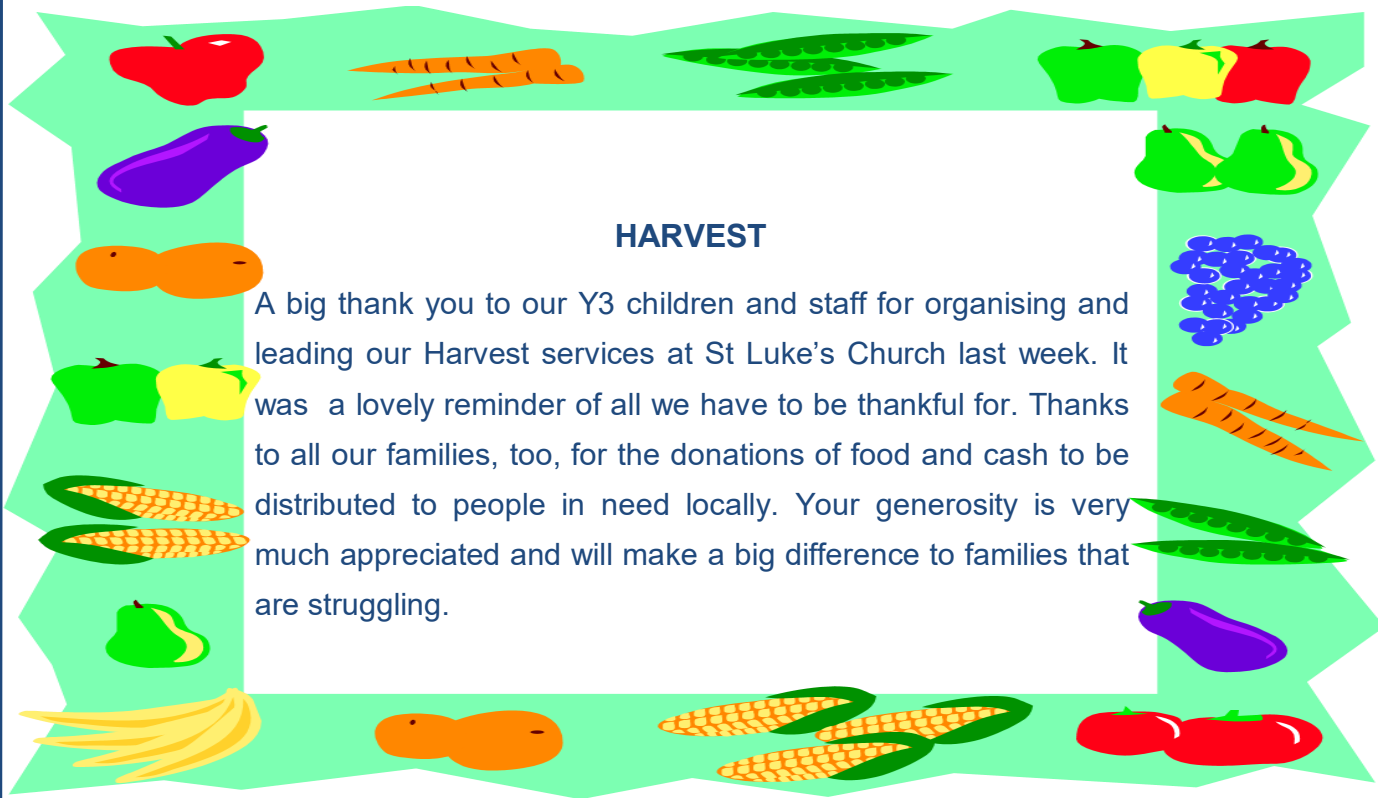
Pupils from Y1 to Y6 will be participating in the **NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe. Programme*** this half term. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a programme for children aged 5-11, which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age- appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom-based activities which we have reviewed. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot *Buddy*. If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme visit [www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout).

### Additional NSPCC resources for families to help keep children safe

The NSPCC have shared the information below on wider NSPCC resources and support for families to help keep children safe.

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| <p><b>Parent/Carer support</b><br/>Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers.<br/><a href="http://www.nspcc.org.uk/parents">www.nspcc.org.uk/parents</a></p>  | <p><b>Activities to extend learning at home</b><br/>Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe.<br/><a href="http://www.nspcc.org.uk/activities">www.nspcc.org.uk/activities</a></p>   |
| <p><b>Online Safety Hub</b><br/>For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more.<br/><a href="http://www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety">www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety</a></p>   | <p><b>Childline – under 12's</b><br/>Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content.<br/><a href="http://www.childline.org.uk/buddy">www.childline.org.uk/buddy</a> (5-7)<br/><br/><a href="http://www.childline.org.uk/kids">www.childline.org.uk/kids</a> (7-11)</p> |
| <p><b>Talk PANTS with your children</b><br/>Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides simple but important messages. Download the free resources at <a href="http://www.nspcc.org.uk/pants">www.nspcc.org.uk/pants</a></p> |  |



## HARVEST

A big thank you to our Y3 children and staff for organising and leading our Harvest services at St Luke's Church last week. It was a lovely reminder of all we have to be thankful for. Thanks to all our families, too, for the donations of food and cash to be distributed to people in need locally. Your generosity is very much appreciated and will make a big difference to families that are struggling.

## ST LUKE'S DAY

Our next visit to Church will be on Wednesday 18th October, to celebrate St Luke's Day. Again there will be two services and the children will walk to church with their buddies.

**9.30 service:** RP, 1P, 2GN, 3R, 4C, 5H, 6H

**10.15 service:** RI, 1FO'N, 2M, 3H, 4WM, 5W, 6G

If you are able to help walking the children from school to church, please contact your year group email address

Rev Matt leads this service and he will be fresh from his visit to Rwanda. This is the photo he sent just prior to his departure earlier this week. The St Luke's Bear will also be enjoying the Rwandan experience and will return to school with Matt to tell the children all about it!



## CONGRATULATIONS ISLA!



Isla in Y6 is a successful and dedicated member of Southport Gymnastics Competition Squad. She works extremely hard and trains for over 15 hours every week, including evenings and weekends, often having to swap social events with her friends for training. Isla competes on four pieces: Vault, Bars, Beam and Floor.

Last month, Isla competed in her first North West individual Challenge Bronze level event in Wigan, which is a high level considering she is still only 10. She came away with bronze medals for Vault and Floor (after completing her twisting back somersault tumble for the first time) and here she is in the photo with her medals.



On 3rd November Isla will be competing again at this level at a big competition in Newcastle. We wish her lots of luck and admire her dedication to the sport!

## SCHOOL COMMUNICATION



We have been contacted by a parent who says they are feeling overwhelmed by the amount and frequency of messages they receive from the school Spider app. It is difficult to distinguish what is urgent and what can wait, which understandably adds stress to family life, especially for working parents. We appreciate that this parent is probably not alone in feeling this way and we are grateful that it has been brought to our attention. They have suggested maybe trying to limit the messages to one day each week, which we could certainly try. If anyone has other suggestions that might help, please email the office and we will see what we can do to improve things!

## PARENT GOVERNOR GLYNN'S PENNY FARTHING RACE

We will all remember Glynn's cycle-race-with-a-difference from a previous newsletter. He has sent us this update:

I am delighted to let you know that I had a successful Great Race! I really surprised myself by finishing 17th out of 44 solo riders in the three hours of non-stop racing. My tortoise and hare tactic of just-keep-peddalling meant that I even did more laps than half of the team entries!

My total distance was 55 laps / 31 miles (for context, the winner did 77 laps).

More importantly, a fantastic £1780 has been raised so far in Charlotte's memory for SUDC and the Lullaby Trust. That really motivated me to dig deep.

I must also thank everyone who helped this happen, be it time freed up to practise, help with the pit stops, post-race pizza or encouraging comments along the way - we rarely succeed without the support of others.

Many thanks to all the St Luke's parents, carers and staff that donated. There is still opportunity to support the charities through this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/team/>



## PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

After half term we will be sending out information about a parent governor vacancy that is arising. Penny Farthing riding is not essential!

Michelle Palmer is stepping down as parent governor now that her son has moved on to high school. Her term of office comes to close at the end of November and we would like to thank her for her service to the school including supporting attendance and provision for pupils with SEND.

## DT PROJECTS PAYMENT REQUEST

The cost to school for equipment for Design Technology projects has massively increased. The major cost is for parts such as motors and batteries, or materials including wood and wood glue. We have a vibrant DT curriculum and do not want to ask children to dismantle their finished projects so



that we can re-use the expensive parts, as they will have worked hard to complete them and will be very proud of their work. We are therefore asking for an annual donation of **£10 per pupil** to contribute to these costs. Payments can be made on the Spider app. If your child is eligible for pupil premium, we will take the payment from the additional funding school receives, so there is no need to pay. If any other family is finding it difficult to make the payment, please speak to Mrs Dwan, our Parent Support Adviser, in strictest confidence. Please note Reception parents and carers already make a “snack” contribution and their design-and-make activities do not have the same cost implications, so these payments are for Y1-Y6 only. Thank you for support.



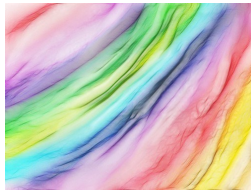
## ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADORS ORGANISE A COLOUR RUN!

Our Y6 Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are working towards a quality mark in recognition of the work they do in school. They are currently working on their “Respect” badge and the theme has been a celebration of diversity. They have already led a special assembly to raise awareness of diversity and protected characteristics. Last Friday they organised a “colour run” for Y6, which was a lot of fun as well as continuing to raise awareness. Coloured powder was thrown by the Ambassadors as everyone completed several laps of the playground — then they also had a turn at being covered in paint! By the end of the session, a rainbow of colours covered the playground! A big thank you to Mr Green for helping the children to organise the event, and to the Ambassadors for their commitment to the important role they play each day.

**Our MUFTI Day on Thursday 12th October also has a rainbow theme to celebrate diversity. Rainbow clothes, rainbow hair—anything goes! Donations via Spider or in the buckets at the gates will be gratefully received.**

## MUFTI (NON-UNIFORM) DAYS THIS TERM

(donations via Spider or in buckets at the gate, unless otherwise stated):



### Thursday 12th October:

Rainbow theme to celebrate diversity

### Friday 17th November:

Children in Need

Wear spots/yellow or Children in Need merchandise



### Tuesday 19th December:

Christmas Takeover Day

Wear your party clothes or Christmas Jumper (already covered in FOSLS payment)



### Wednesday 13th December

Christmas Dinner Day

Christmas Jumpers—no charge

## FOSLS 100 CLUB: AUGUST/SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER WINNERS

Congratulations to the latest winners of the 100 Club:

**1st Prize (£35):** Mrs Iddon / L. Landers / Miss Winder

**2nd Prize (£20):** Mrs Edger /Mrs Edger / Mrs Edger!!

**3rd Prize (£15):** Mrs L Hunter / K Irwin / Mrs A Jump



## LATE GATE



Thank you for supporting our punctuality drive. More pupils than ever are now in class and getting stuck into their “Morning Motivator” activities from 8.45a.m. This is crucial basic skills time and sets the scene for the rest of the day. However, it is a fine balancing act: don’t get here too early, as the gates only open at 8.35a.m. when the playgrounds can be supervised. If lots of people arrive earlier than this, the pavement can become congested and unsafe.



# Formby Pantry- Help with the cost of living

## FORMBY FOOD PANTRY- what is it?

If money is sometimes tight a food pantry can help you to save on your weekly shop and leave money for other essentials.

## **How does it work?**

Members join for a year and can shop weekly or less often with fresh, chilled, frozen and long life items available. £5 buys up to £20 of food.

We also have surplus fresh food from supermarkets so it helps the environment too. You can enjoy our weekly café and chat and support with other members and volunteers. Many also benefit from debt and benefit advice and our seasonal support like our winter warmer programme.



## **What members say**

*"The volunteers at the Pantry were lovely, it gave me back confidence and self esteem. It doesn't matter who you are from any background, any of us might need a bit of help."*

*"The food Pantry has been amazing and a lifesaver for me. I'm not on my own."*



To join phone **01704 264505** or visit [www.compassionacts.uk/foodpantry](http://www.compassionacts.uk/foodpantry)

To **volunteer or donate**, drop in to see us on a Thursday.

At the **Gild Hall Activity Centre**

Church Road, Formby, L37 3NG (behind the Gild Hall)

On **THURSDAYS 11 a.m.- 12.45 p.m.**

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**23RD – 26TH OCTOBER**

**£20 PER DAY**

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OUR SOCCER CAMPS ARE FOR BOYS AND GIRLS OF ALL ABILITIES, AGED BETWEEN 5-11 YEARS OF AGE

TYPICAL SOCCER CAMPS RUN FROM 10AM – 3PM

**BOOK ONLINE AT [HUGHMCAULEYFOOTBALL.COM](http://HUGHMCAULEYFOOTBALL.COM)  
OR CALL US ON 07814 016 994**



**BUILD A CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX FOR A CHILD IN NEED IN UKRAINE**

**SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

**10am to 4pm**

**Formby Methodist Church, Elbow Lane**

**FREE REFRESHMENTS & BACON ROLLS ALL DAY  
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