



St Luke's News

November 2023

Dates:

November

w/b Monday 13th

Anti-bullying week:

Monday 13th

SASWT in assembly for anti-bullying week;

odd socks day;

Lunt education officer to visit Y3

re Stone Age Site;

Barrie Marshall talking to Y5

about money management;

Tuesday 14th

Clothes/shoes bag collection—see p.3

Wednesday 15th

School nurse team for

remaining flu immunisations

Thursday 16th

Y6 hockey match;

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 to see

Early Man film

Thursday 23rd

Y1 visit to Knowsley Safari

Park;

St Luke's Choir singing at

Formby Village Christmas

Lights switch-on

Monday 27th

Arts Star Final at Range High

Thursday 30th

6G visit to Liverpool Museum;

Reception visit to Imagine That!

December

Friday 1st

An evening with Anna

Corcoran, FOSLS event

Thursday 7th

6H to Liverpool Museum

Monday 11th

SASWT Christmas Show :To

Nativity and Beyond

Dates cont'd over



The weather seems much cooler now, with autumn well and truly here. Please make sure your child has a warm, waterproof coat every day, as we can't predict one hour to the next, never mind one day to the next! Vests, long trousers, tights, etc. can all help to make sure children are not feeling the cold. Please remember to name all items—we have had some very expensive unnamed coats in the lost property boxes.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM...

Our Y6 pupils led us in a special assembly to mark Remembrance Day. Y6 parents joined us in the hall for a service at 9.15am. and then it was repeated at 10.40am for the whole school so that the traditional



silence could be observed at 11.00am. The silence was observed with respect by all and Catrin played the Last Post and The Reveille with great confidence. The children had written prayers and Noah W read a beautiful poem he had written himself. The whole year group recited *In Flanders Fields* by John McCrae.

Thanks to everyone who bought poppies and other items in school to raise funds for the Royal British Legion.

Dates cont'd

Tuesday 12th

Y2 Nativity to parents at 9.15am and to Rec-Y5 pm

Wednesday 13th

Y2 Nativity to Roots and Shoots and Y6, 9.30am;

Christmas Dinner Day: wear a Christmas jumper or Christmas colours/accessories (no charge);

Christmas Concert at Church, 6pm

Thursday 14th

Y2 nativity to parents, 6.15pm

Monday 18th

Open the Book Team in assembly

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;

Green Christmas: Gillmoss Recycling Centre virtual workshop

Thursday 21st

Term ends, 2pm

After-school club not open

2024 Term begins

Thursday 4th January

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES

We have vacancies for TWO parent governors on our Governing Board, as Michelle Palmer's term of office has come to an end and Barry Hough has stepped down due to family commitments. We would like to thank both Michelle and Barry for their contribution to the Governing Board.

The role of the governor is to support the management and organisation of the school as part of a team appointed by the Church, LA, Community, school staff and parents. The usual term of office is for four years. Full Board meetings take place four times a year, usually starting at 6.00pm. There are two main committees, which each meet termly, so three times a year. Governors would usually sit on at least one committee

The work of the Governing Board forms an important part of the school leadership and is an opportunity for parents to offer their skills and support to ensure the best possible education provision for our pupils. On this occasion, a parent with knowledge and experience of health & safety or building projects or provision for pupils with SEND would complement the current skills' set of the Board. However, this does not preclude parents with other skills/experience from putting their name forward.

Parents having a child registered at the school at the time of nomination are invited to stand as a parent representative on the Governing Board. Elected members of the council cannot be appointed as a governor under this category.

Nominees must seek two other parents/carers of children registered at the school to support them and sign a nomination form, which can be found at the back of this newsletter. This should be returned to Mrs Cowey by noon on Monday 27th November.

If more than two candidates are nominated, it will be necessary to hold an election.

BAG 2 SCHOOL

FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation



St Luke's C E Primary School



Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

The more we weigh the more we pay!

Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

Please return your Bag2School on:

Tuesday 14th November 2023



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ANTI BULLYING WEEK



Whilst we do lots of activities to promote respect, friendship, equality and diversity throughout the year, there is a national focus on anti-bullying over the week beginning 13th November, the theme this year being *Make a Noise About Bullying*. Bullying affects millions of lives and can leave us feeling

hopeless. But it doesn't have to be this way. If we challenge it, we can change it. And it starts by speaking out!

The first day of Anti-Bullying Week, Monday 13th November is Odd Socks Day, to promote uniqueness. We are therefore asking children (and staff!) to come to school wearing odd socks with their uniform to celebrate what makes us all unique. The odder the socks the better! No charge, for this — we are just awareness raising.

Also on Monday 13th November, we welcome Tabz and Hettie from SASWT, who will be leading a special anti-bullying assembly.

Our Y6 Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are available every break and lunchtime, ensuring that anti-bullying isn't something that is only considered once a year at St Luke's!



TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Mr Hardman will be telling the children all about the new TT Rockstars competition which runs from Tuesday 14th until Thursday 16th November, 7:30a.m. to 7.30p.m.



Only one hour's worth of points will count each day, and children can split this hour up into smaller blocks (e.g. 10 mins in the morning, 20 mins in school, 10 mins before tea, 20 mins after tea). Children can score points for any game played. The best pupils and classes in the school will get certificates. If we have some of the top-scoring pupils and classes in the country, we can win fabulous prizes such as Amazon Gift Vouchers worth £100!

EVERYONE in KS2 needs to have a go on each of the three days to boost our chances of winning—and also to improve their times tables' fluency, of course!

ATTENDANCE



We are delighted to report that our school attendance is almost back up to our excellent pre-pandemic levels. Whole school attendance is currently 96.7% and we are aiming for at least 97%. Y2, Y3 and Y4 all have over 97% attendance with Y4 currently the healthiest year group in school at 98.1%. 4C have won the Attendance Bear more than any other class.

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.

MUFTI (non-uniform) DAYS



Friday 17th November

Wear something yellow or something spotty (or official merchandise) for BBC Children in Need

(suggested £1 donation)

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)

GYMNASTICS SUCCESS...

Erin from Y4 was selected to represent her club at the Welsh Open Gymnastics Championships last month. She had a great competition and won a gold medal for her group routine with three team mates. Well done, Erin, we are very proud of you!



...TENNIS SUCCESS...



Oli Hobson, a coach at Formby Village Tennis Club, arranged a children's tournament over the summer. A number of pupils in 3H took part: Matthew, Xander, Harriett, Alfie and Joshua.

Three of the St Luke's children - Matthew, Xander and Harriet - all reached the semi finals, which were held on the same day as the annual tennis club tournament, so all the seniors were there too playing matches.

Both semi final matches were very close. Matthew played Harriett in a neck and neck match, which Matthew eventually won 10-7. Xander also won his game to make it a St Luke's Final! Again, it could have gone either way, but Matthew won 10-9. Harriet took 3rd spot. We were very proud to hear about this St Luke's 1,2,3! Well done to all the children that took part - and thanks to Oli, who the children say is a fantastic coach!

...AND FOOTBALL SUCCESS!

Oliver in Y5 was chosen by the development team he plays for to participate in a four-day trip to Glasgow to play football against Glasgow Rangers and other teams in the area. What a fantastic experience it was for him! On the first day, he scored seven goals during the games played against the Rangers Academy.

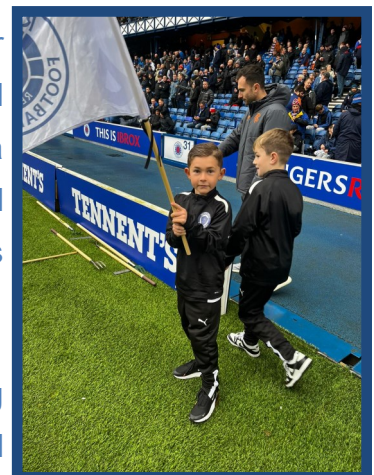
The next day, after playing a mini round robin in the pouring down rain against Rangers Elite and Ayr United Academy, not only did



Oliver get to attend the Rangers v Hearts game, he was also a flag bearer.

Oliver also visited the Rangers training ground where he did some yoga and learned about nutrition, and as you can see from the photos, he also met John Lundstram!

Well done, Oliver!





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 >](#)

**WRAPAROUND CARE
CHRISTMAS INFORMATION**

Please note, there will be NO after-school club on the last day of term, Thursday 21st December and the holiday club does NOT operate at Christmas.

**St Luke's CE Primary School
Nomination for Parent Governor
November 2023**

Nominees must be a parent/carer of a pupil currently on roll at St Luke's. The two supporters must also be parents/carers of a pupil currently on roll at St Luke's.

If there are more than two nominees an election shall be held. In this event you will be asked to provide a brief biographical statement to support your nomination.

	INITIAL AND SURNAME	CHIL(REN) ON ROLL IN SCHOOL	SIGNATURE
Nominee	(capitals)		
Supporter	(capitals)		
Supporter	(capitals)		

Declaration of nominee: I am willing to accept nomination and understand that enhanced disclosure from DBS will be required. I understand that if more than two parents are nominated, there will need to be a ballot of all parents/carers.

Signed.....

Date.....

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO THE HEADTEACHER BY 12 NOON ON MONDAY 27TH NOVEMBER, 2023