



St Luke's News

January 2024

Dates

January

Thursday 4th

Y3 to Eureka! Science workshops

Monday 8th

Y4 CHET 2 night residential visit

Friday 12th

VIBE staying safe workshop for Y6

Monday 15th

Rev Matt leading worship and visiting reception

Tuesday 16th

Y2 visit to Formby Library;
Singing presentation from Stephen Mannings, Liverpool Cathedral Choir;

Hugh McAuley football club starts again

Wednesday 24th

6G Golden Ticket reward: board games

Thursday 25th

Y5/6 dodgeball tournament, Stanley High School

Friday 26th

Y6 to Crosby Plaza - holocaust memorial film

Monday 29th

Rev Matt leading worship and visiting reception

Wednesday 31st—

Friday 9th February

Bikeability training for selected Y5/6 pupils

Wednesday 31st

Y5/6 Girls' Futsal tournament at Formby High School

February

Friday 2nd

NSPCC Number Day
Mufti fundraiser

Tuesday 6th

Safer Internet Day;
Rock Kids event

Friday 9th

Reception presentation to parents, 9.00am in the hall—use side entrance, please! Repeated later in the morning for the school to see.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Happy New Year to all our families. It has been lovely to hear the children's holiday news and to see them back in school and eager to learn. Thank you for the kind and generous gifts given to staff prior to the Christmas break: this really is appreciated.

We have received a weather warning of possible snowfall in the coming days. Even with no snow, it is feeling very cold, so please ensure your child has a warm coat every day.

Team Around the School (TAS)

A reminder of this new support system for families: TAS aims 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.lloyd@sefton.gov.uk or Rachel.traynor@sefton.gov.uk Both Eileen and Rachel are in school every Tuesday morning

Lunchtime Assistant Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Assistant to support children over the lunch break, supervising



their dining and playtime, 12.15-1.15pm. We have a wonderful team of much-valued staff, working to ensure our children's safety and enjoyment at lunchtimes. The rate of pay is £11.91 p/h. Please contact the office if you, or someone you know, may be interested.

Dates cont'd
February

Half term break:

**Monday 12th-
Friday 16th**

Holiday Club open
Tues/Wed/Thurs

Monday 19th

Open the Book
Team leading
worship

Tuesday 20th

Sports hall athletics
for Y5/6 at
Greenbank High
School.

Thursday 22nd

and Tuesday 27th

Individual Parent-
Teacher meetings
(face to face)
Book Fair Open

March

Monday 4th

School Council
visiting Parliament
in London;
SASWT leading
worship re the
Bible/World Book
Day

Wednesday 6th

Rec to the Atkinson
Theatre - Gruffalo

Thursday 7th

World Book Day;
FOSLS story-telling
evening, 6.30pm

w/b Monday 11th

Science Week
(details to follow
from Miss Murdock)

Monday 11th

Choir taking part in
Range High
School's Spring
Spectacular;

Thursday 14th

Y6 to Slavery
exhibition, Liverpool

Friday 15th

Red Nose Day—
MUFTI

Monday 18th

Open the Book
Team leading
worship

Tuesday 26th,

2pm and

Wednesday 27th,

6.15pm: Y5 Show

Wednesday 27th

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

Thursday 28th

Term ends 2.00pm

Christmas



We were very proud of our Y1 pupils for leading our Christmas Services in Church in the last week of term. They spoke with great confidence and re-enacted key parts of the Christmas story. Our Y2 pupils had earlier wowed their audiences with their musical interpretation of the Nativity.

The winners of The Barbara Mossop were presented with their prize monies and trophy in church. This annual colouring competition is judged by local artist, Joan MacDonald, who said: "Congratulations to all those who took part in the competition. Everyone has obviously tried hard, and your pictures were a pleasure to view. Well done to you all!"

Attendance

You will be aware from national news coverage that the government is asking all schools to tighten up on attendance procedures to make sure more children are in school more of the time. There is still a large discrepancy between attendance rates now to before the pandemic. With the recent spate of bugs and colds, our whole school attendance has dropped to 95% which is well below our target of 97%. Worryingly, we have 36 children whose attendance is less than 90%, the government's threshold for "persistent absence". Every three weeks we look at each child's attendance and Mrs Dwan will contact parents in writing where there is a concern. 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.



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. Thanks for your support.

Y6 VIBE Workshops



The team from Vibe came to work with both Y6 classes on personal safety this week. They talked about the dangers of carrying a knife and the importance of sticking together and sticking to your plan when going out, as well as being prepared in advance to deal with any tricky situations they may find themselves in.

Self Esteem and Anti-bullying Event

Tuesday 6th February

Rock Kidz are providing us with an upbeat, high energy dance day, so children need to come dressed in comfortable clothes they can really rock in! This is also Safer Internet Day, so there will be lots of activities going on about keeping ourselves safe online, including a presentation from our IT Ambassadors.

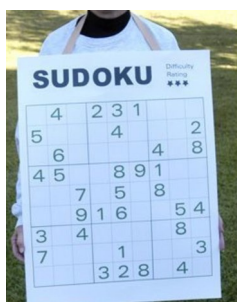


NSPCC Number Day

Friday 2nd Feb



For a suggested donation of £1, which will go directly to NSPCC, we are taking part in a special day of maths and number puzzle activities. We would like the children to come to school dressed as a number in some way! This can be an item that already has a number on it, or you can use your imagination and adapt an outfit to include a number!

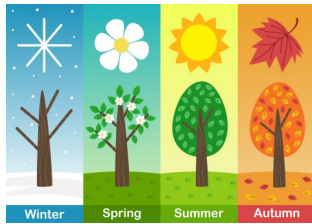


Choir Bringing a Smile!

Just before the holiday, Mrs Harper took some of our fabulous choir to sing at Locharwoods Care Home. After entertaining the residents with Christmas songs, the children spent some time chatting with them. A great time was had by all!



Children Presenting to Parents this Term



Reception parents will be invited into school to see their children's first St Luke's "performance" all about the seasons: **Friday 9th February, starting at 9.00am in the hall**. Please use the side entrance and feel free to come into the hall once you've seen your child into class. They will repeat the performance later in the morning for the whole school.

The Y5 extravaganza, the Olympics-themed *Go For Gold* takes place in the last week of term, **Tuesday 26th March at 2pm and Wednesday 27th March at 6.15pm**. Expect some fantastic signing, dancing and acting - and some very corny jokes! Y5 will have already performed to the school earlier in the week.



Y4 pupils take the responsibility our Easter Services on **Wednesday 27th March**, 4C leading the 9.30am service and 4WM at 10.15am. We will make sure siblings in school attend the service involving their brother or sister.

End of the School Day

Please leave the school grounds promptly after collecting your child, so that we can lock the gates and ensure the site is safe for our after-school club.

Please do not let your child play on the field, the climbing frames or with school's PE equipment. They have LOTS of opportunities for this during the day!

FOSLS Update

The Christmas Takeover Day was a huge success and the children (and staff!) certainly had a day to remember! An impressive £3060.19 was raised by FOSLS, which is testament to all the work that went into the preparations ahead of the day as well as the day itself. A massive thank you to all involved! As a result, we were able to give *Go Outside UK* the go ahead to complete the work at the front of the main playground. It looks fantastic and Y1 children are really enjoying using the equipment in continuous provision time, with the rest of the school joining in at breaks! We received generous individual donations from two parents, which meant the whole project could be completed in one go. They do not wish to be named, but we are very grateful for their generosity.

The next FOSLS meeting takes place on Wednesday 17th January, 7.00pm at Queens Road Social. Please feel free to come along and find out more about how fundraising helps your children. We are always open to new suggestions!

RESPECT Badge Achieved by our Anti-bullying Ambassadors



Following on from the campaign to raise awareness of diversity and the importance of valuing and respecting people for who they are, our team of Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have been awarded the respect badge. The team is supported by Mr Green and is now deciding which badge to work towards next!

Well done everyone, and thank you for helping to keep playtimes enjoyable for all.



Mr Gary's Green Team

Another group of children has stepped up to take on additional responsibilities at breaks and lunchtime, working alongside our Site Manager, Mr Gary, to keep our school site spick and span. Whilst most of our children are careful not to drop litter, we do get litter blowing into the playground and sometimes taken out of bins by pesky seagulls! The Green Team also sort any lost property, and we have plans to take them in the minibus to do a clean-up at the beach or station.



Important Dates for Y6

It seems like only yesterday that our Y6 pupils were starting school, yet here they are, entering their last two terms of primary education! It is a special time for Y6 and there are several key dates for parents to note.



The day off in lieu of Dearne Valley is a change of date to that previously advised due to a clash with the taster day at high schools.

13th-16th May: KS2 SATs (date of parents' information session to be confirmed)

Friday 17th May: post SATs celebration at Duke St Park

Monday 10th June: Y6 leavers' service at the Cathedral: parents / carers invited

Sunday 23rd - Wednesday 26th June: Dearne Valley Residential Visit

Thursday 27th June: Y6 taster day at high schools (NB independent schools dates will vary)

Friday 28th June: Y6 not expected in school, day off in lieu of the Sunday at Dearne Valley)

Tuesday 16th July: Leavers' Show for school (morning) and for parents/carers/staff (6.15pm)

Wednesday 17th July: Leavers' Service in Church 9.30am 6H; 10.15am 6G

Thursday 18th July: Last day, staff guard of honour at 2pm, followed by party bus/celebration organised by parents.

Parent-Teacher Meetings

This term, parent-teacher meetings will be face-to-face in school: these take place on 22nd and 27th February. The booking page on School Spider will open on Monday 22nd January. The Book Fair will also be available over this period, after school every day and during the two parents' evenings.

MUFTI (non-uniform) Days this term

Friday 2nd February

NSPCC Dress as a Number Day £1 suggested donation

Tuesday 6th February

Rock Kidz Comfortable dance wear! £1 suggested donation