

12th February 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Families of St Luke's

It has been a very busy few weeks since the start of the New Year! We have enjoyed a wide range of workshops and events across the school — from the Puppets workshop in Year 1, to the Year 6 SATS information meeting, Scootability in Year 2, Aston Villas Football workshops for all and Brass lessons in Year 4. The list goes on!

We would like to extend a warm thank you to you all for your continued support and to wish you a wonderful half-term break.

Please remember that school will be **closed** to pupils on **Friday 13th February**, as this is an INSET Day for teachers and staff.

Attendance

Attendance data 25-26		Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26
Thurnby St Luke's	Reception	97.5%	97.3%	89.8%	95.9%	96.6%	
Thurnby St Luke's	Year 1	97.5%	95.3%	91.4%	94.6%	93.3%	
Thurnby St Luke's	Year 2	95.7%	95.4%	93.2%	94.8%	97.1%	
Thurnby St Luke's	Year 3	96.1%	94.6%	94.6%	93.8%	95.3%	
Thurnby St Luke's	Year 4	98.1%	93.5%	96.4%	95.6%	96.8%	
Thurnby St Luke's	Year 5	96.8%	96.0%	94.4%	91.6%	90.4%	
Thurnby St Luke's	Year 6	93.6%	91.5%	93.8%	92.4%	93.1%	
		96.5%	94.8%	93.4%	94.1%	94.7%	0.0%
	Without Early Years	96.3%	94.4%	94.0%	93.8%	94.3%	0.0%

Jewellery on PE Days

We have noticed that some children are wearing jewellery to school on days when they have PE. For health and safety reasons, children should not wear jewellery during PE lessons.

The only exception is jewellery worn for religious reasons. In these cases, items should be removed during a PE lesson in line with school policy.

We ask that all necklaces are removed on PE days. As part of our school policy, only **stud earrings** are permitted, and these must be removed for PE lessons, preferably before children come in to school, as they pose a safety risk during physical activity.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep all children safe during PE lessons.

Year 1 Puppet making afternoon 🙌 🐻

On Wednesday Year 1 had a fabulous afternoon making hand puppets. After learning about puppets and practising different stitches in class, we then planned and created beautiful puppets. Thank you to all the parents that joined us.



Parents Evenings

Parents evenings will take place on **Tuesday 24th** and **Wednesday 25th March**. Further details will be shared shortly, including information on how to book appointments. Please save the dates

Important: Please Send All Emails to School Office Only 📧

We kindly ask that all school-related communication be sent directly to the school office email address and not to individual staff members' personal email accounts.

Using the school office email ensures that your message is received, recorded, and responded to promptly, especially if a staff member is unavailable. This helps us maintain clear, organized, and efficient communication for everyone.

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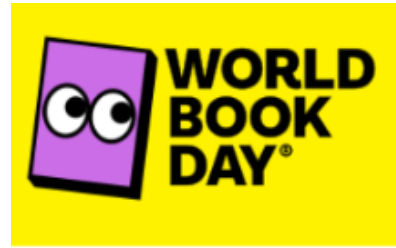
Parking

We kindly ask that you do not park in the Memorial Hall car park during school times.

This area does not belong to the school and using it for parking creates safety concerns for our children, particularly at home time when there is increased traffic and movement.

The safety of our students is our top priority. We appreciate your cooperation in using designated school parking areas only and helping us ensure a safe environment for everyone.

Thank you for your understanding and support.



It is officially the National Year of Reading!

We hope to make World Book Day an amazing day, so please see below for our upcoming events. It's going to be a great week!

At St. Luke's, we understand the importance of reading, both for pleasure and for learning. We see this week as a wonderful opportunity to celebrate reading, books, authors, and learning with aspiration.

📖 Book Swap

As in previous years, children absolutely love a good book swap! We are ready to receive your books from **Monday 23rd February**. Please send in with your child, a book(s) that they would like to swap, and they will be given a token in receipt ready for Book Swap Day.

Thursday, 6th March — World Book Day! 📖

Come dressed up as your favourite book character! Children will engage in classroom activities, meet up with a Reading Buddy from another key stage, and join countless other primary schools for live online events led by authors and BBC presenters.

Also, don't forget to use the book tokens sent home today with your child. The tokens will be ready to use from the **12th February** onwards, so please check your child's book bag.



Festival Assembly Timetable 2025-2026

Event	Date
Mother's Day- Whole School	Friday 13 th March 2026 PM
Easter Service -Year 5	Thursday 26 th March 2026
Father's Day-Whole School	Friday 19 th June 2026 PM

Dates for your Diary

Event	Date
Parents Evening	Tuesday 24 th and Wednesday 25 th March 2026
Sports Day	Friday 12 th June 2026 AM
2nd Sports Day (back up)	Friday 19 th June 2026 AM
Year 6 Production	Thursday 25 th June 2026
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	Thursday 9 th July 2026

Term Dates

School Closes February half-term	Thursday 12 th February 2026 at 3.30pm
Teacher Training Day	Friday 13th February 2026 SCHOOL CLOSED
February Half-term	Monday 16 th February -Friday 20 th February 2026
School Opens	Monday 23 rd February 2026 at 8.50am

A Reading from Scripture.

"Teach me knowledge and good judgment."

Psalm 119:66

A Prayer for the Week

Dear God,

Thank you for all we have learned this term.
For the teachers, friends and families who support us.
As we rest during half term, help us to relax, stay safe,
and enjoy time with those we love.
Refresh our minds and hearts,
so we return ready to learn, grow, and do our best.
Amen.

Have a lovely half term

Mr G Skye, Mrs H Padam and all the St Luke's Staff

