



# ST. LUKE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL Newsletter

Thursday 2nd April 2026

## Week Commencing Monday 13th April 2026

**Monday School Closed to Pupils**

**Tuesday School Re Opens to Pupils**

**Violin/Piano/Keyboard Lessons**

**Please Note that there are no Guitar Lessons or Year 4**

**Wider Opportunities Brass Lessons this Week**

**Wednesday Please Note that there are no Voice or Percussion Lessons  
This Week**

**Thursday Please Note that there are no Brass Lessons this Week**

**Friday Normal School Day**



**Thank you to everybody who sent in Easter Eggs for our non-uniform day last Friday.**

**The response to our appeal was absolutely amazing! We received enough eggs and Easter treats for prizes at the Easter Bingo, as well as being able to donate some to the local food bank run by All Saints Church and some to St Rocco's Hospice.**

### Easter Bingo

**Thank you to everyone who attended the Easter Bingo yesterday evening. Everybody appeared to have great fun.**

**We would also like to thank the school staff and Friends of St Luke's for organising this fantastic annual event.**



## Easter Egg Decorating Competition

Thank you to all the children who brought in decorated eggs for our 'Decorated Easter Egg' competition.

There were lots of fantastic entries and we were impressed by the amount of effort and hard work that had gone into designing all of the entries.

Congratulations to the winners and to all the children who entered the competition.



## Personal Toys and Belongings

Could we please remind parents that children should not bring personal belongings such as toys, fidgets, books and teddy bears into school.



Each class in school has soft toys, books and fidget toys that the children can access if and when necessary during their school day.

Following the amazing generosity of our parents at last October's non uniform day, which raised funds for lunchtime toys and equipment, both the Infants and Juniors have a fantastic selection of activities and toys to keep them entertained over lunchtime — thank you.

Our Rainbow Room is also fully equipped with mindfulness resources for children of all ages.

Unfortunately, school is unable to take any responsibility for any personal items a child may bring into school that are misplaced, lost or damaged.

Please could we also remind parents and carers to ensure that all items of clothing worn for school are labelled with your child's name, including shoes — quite often children do have the same style.

Sports kits brought into school for after school clubs must also be clearly labelled with your child's name and placed in a named bag.

To avoid confusion at lunchtime, please could all lunch bags be labelled as children occasionally have the same one. In the interest of health and safety this also applies to the labelling of water bottles brought into class.



Thank you for your continued help and support.



### Walking, Cycling and Public Transport.

We'd like to remind all families that choosing to walk or cycle to school, even a few times a week, helps to significantly ease congestion around our school.



We have bicycle parking racks available behind the school and the cycle path running between St Catherine's and St Luke's provides a safe and convenient route for many of our pupils.



Walking, cycling or using public transport not only supports a calmer, safer environment at drop off and pick up times but also gives children a healthy and active start to their day.

Thank you for helping keep our school community safe and moving smoothly.

### Leigh Bike Library – Free Bike Loans

Would you like to loan a bike? Leigh Bike Library at Leigh Youth Hub (Leigh Sports Village) offers free loans of bikes, helmets, and locks for up to two months with the option to buy the bike at a reduced cost.

A range of sizes are available (including adults!) and the free Dr Bike service provides basic checks and repairs.

Open 1st Saturday each month (9am–12pm) and 1st & 3rd Monday (5pm–7pm, excluding bank holidays).



### Music Lessons



If you applied for your child to start guitar lessons after the Easter holidays the lessons will begin on Tuesday 21st April.

Violin, keyboard and piano lessons will begin on Tuesday 14th April and percussion will start on Wednesday 29th April. All other lessons will begin week commencing Monday 20th April.

Music fees for the next half term will be available to pay on School Hub and pupils will be billed for the correct amount of lessons to be taken.

Please note that all lessons should be paid for in advance and any lessons missed due to teacher absence or a school organised event or trip will be made up at a later date.

Thank you.



### Easter Raffle



A big thank you to  
'The Good Estate Agent' who  
donated a fabulous, luxury  
Easter hamper for us to raffle to  
raise money for school funds.



Thank you also to Mrs Kelly who donated a basket of Easter treats for our  
second prize.

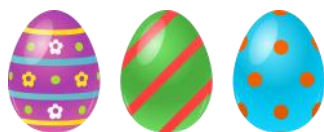
Our third prize was an M&S Speckled Eggs Easter Egg.

Thank you to everybody who bought tickets for the raffle. We raised an  
amazing £205, which will be used to benefit all the children in School.

### CO-OP Funeral Care Easter Colouring Competition

All the children in school entered a colouring competition organised by the  
CO-OP Funeral Care last week.

The staff at CO-OP Funeral Care had a difficult job choosing winners from  
both the infants and the juniors due to the high standard of colouring  
submitted.



Congratulations to the two winners and to all the  
children who took part.

### Snack and Milk



Snack and milk for the next half term are now  
available to order and pay on School Hub.



Please ensure that snack and milk are paid for by  
*8.00am Tuesday 14th April 2026* in order for your  
child to continue to receive it.

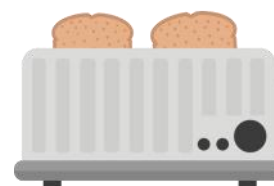
Please contact the school office if you pay after the cut off point.

Please note that snack and milk must be ordered/paid for before children  
can receive it due to school budgets and ordering — unfortunately we will  
no longer be able to offer snack and milk to the children if it has not been  
ordered in advance.

If you are experiencing any difficulty in paying this bill  
please contact the school office in confidence.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Thank you.





### The Friends of St Luke's 'Happy's Circus'

Please contact members of the the Friends of St Luke's or the school office if you are able to help in any way on the run up to, or on the day of , 'Happy's Circus'.

Volunteers are needed to help on the day with setting up and tidying up, ticket collection, the sale of refreshments and many other roles. If you are able to spare an hour or two the committee would be very grateful — *many hands make light work.*



### Filming and Photographs on School Premises

To help safeguard all children and protect the wider school community, we politely remind parents, children and visitors that you must not take photographs or record videos while on school premises without prior permission, this includes the playgrounds at pick-up and drop-off time. This applies to all devices, including cameras, mobile phones, smart glasses, and any other recording equipment.



Thank you.

### Childhood Illnesses



Please could we remind parents to be vigilant in checking for and treating headlice and threadworms and reminding your children to wash their hands.



If your child is suffering from a high temperature or headache please seek medical advice before sending them into school — please do not mask the symptoms by administering paracetamol.

Could we please also remind parents and carers that if children are off school following sickness or diarrhoea they must remain off school for 48 hours following the last incident.

Advice and medication can be sought from your GP, School Nurse or Pharmacist. Information on childhood illness and

infection can be found by following this link: [https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/](https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Guidance_on_infection_control_in%20schools_poster.pdf)

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## Contacting Class Teachers

**As parents and carers will be aware, we have an open door policy here at St Luke's School.**

**If you would like to talk to your child's class teacher, either before or after school, please contact the school office to make an appointment.**

**If you have an urgent message that needs relaying to your child's teacher at the start of the day, this can also be done via the school office so that the class and teacher can begin their day on time.**

**Could we please remind parents and carers that if you have an important message regarding your child that you should always contact the school office rather than using class DOJO, for example a change in pick up and collection arrangements.**

**If a teacher is off site, in a meeting or busy teaching their class they may not see the DOJO message until much later. It could take up to two school days for a DOJO to be responded to.**

**We would also like to ask that DOJO messages are not sent to class teachers during the evening, we appreciate that this is usually when parents are at home, but it can also be quite disruptive to our teachers family time.**

**Please note that you must notify the school office of all absences, appointments and holiday requests, these must not be sent via class DOJO.**

**Thank you for your support and cooperation.**



**SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026**

**ST LUKE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHURCH LANE,  
LOWTON**



**Gates Open: 12pm**

**Circus Doors Open: 1.30pm**

**Show Starts: 2pm**

**Tickets:**

**£12 per ticket**

**£45 for a family of 4**

**Free for children aged 2 & under**



**HAPPY'S  
CIRCUS**



**FRIENDS OF  
ST. LUKE'S**

Registered Charity 1022101

**Please follow this link if you would like to pre order your tickets for  
the circus**

**[https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofstlukeslowton/index.cfm?  
event=event&eventId=110694](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofstlukeslowton/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=110694)**

**Tickets are £12 each or 4 for £45 (family ticket).**

### Gardening Club



**Gardening Club will take place every Thursday after Easter until May half term.**

**If your child has applied to take part in this club you will be informed if they have a place.**



### Wigan Family Hub

**As part of the Family Hub offer, the Mental Health Support Team in Schools is offering a series of parent/carer workshops to provide a practical workshop looking at stress and perfectionism for parents/carers whose children attend a Wigan borough school/college.**

**We are pleased to offer a practical workshop which is designed to help parents/carers understand the impact of stress and perfectionism on children and young people. We will provide strategies to help support resilience and healthy coping mechanisms. This workshop is 60 minutes long and will be delivered by the Mental Health Support Team in Schools as part of the Wigan Borough Family Hub offer. If your child is struggling with stress and perfectionism, this will be a useful, informative workshop for you! We look forward to meeting you.**

**Please see below Eventbrite links to book, booking is essential.**

**Dates of each session and Family Hub are detailed below, all sessions must be booked via this link -**

**[Wigan Mental Health Support Team in Schools Events - 2 Upcoming Activities and Tickets | Eventbrite](#)**



# If you're considering adoption, we'd love to hear from you.

We welcome enquiries from a range of backgrounds.

Single, married, LGBTQ+, renters, homeowners; enquire to adopt today!

Full training and long-term support will be provided.

[www.togetherforadoption.co.uk](http://www.togetherforadoption.co.uk)  
01942 487272  
Scan to find out more



# St Luke's Church



## Lowton and Golborne Food Bank

St Luke's Church collect food items weekly for the food bank run by All Saints Church in Golborne. All the items collected are distributed to those who are in need within the Lowton and Golborne area.

If you would like to contribute towards the Food Bank, items can be brought to St Luke's Church before or after the services on Wednesday or Sunday morning (services run from 10.00am until approximately 11.00am) or be taken to St Luke's Church Thursday Coffee Morning. Thank you.



## Coffee Morning

Every Thursday St Luke's Church Fellowship Room (access on Slag Lane opposite Lowton West School), is open during the morning school run from 8.45am until 10.00am for tea, coffee and a chat.

## Forget-Me-Not Café

The café has relocated to Broadmead on Golborne Road where there should be adequate on site car parking spaces for everyone.



## St Luke's Church Services

Church services take place at 10.00am on Wednesday and Sunday — everybody welcome.

Refreshments will be served after the services in the Fellowship Room.



## Vestry Service

Weddings and Baptisms can be booked every Tuesday evening between 7.00pm and 8.00pm in St Luke's Church Fellowship Room (access on Slag Lane).



## Café Church

Café Church will take place every second Saturday in St Luke's Church.

*The next Café Church will be held on Saturday 11th April at 10.00am.*

