Autumn 1 2026 Newsletter



Our first half term has been busy and full of learning and laughter. Children have settled into their new classes well. The outdoor area outside Year 2 has been a huge success and children and staff have enjoyed teaching and learning through play and curiosity.

We have welcomed our new Reception children – some have siblings already in school, many are new additions to our St Luke's family. I know they have made to feel welcome by other parents, staff and pupils – especially their Year 4 buddies who were delighted to meet them. Both classes have settled into school well and have already received several Golden Tickets.

We have had our first church service - Harvest - lead beautifully by our Year 3 classes; our first school trips to the library and the boat museum and our first immersion day – the Mayans. So many enriching and exciting activities and events!

NOVEMBER 2026

Monday 2nd Back to school

Friday 6th Festival of Remembrance at Formby High

Tuesday 17th Year 4 Anglo Saxon day

Online Parents Evening

Wednesday 18th Deputy Lieutenant of Merseyside visit Year 5

Thursday 19th Year 1 trip to Knowsley Safari Park

Tuesday 24th Online Parents Evening

Friday 27th FOSLS Movie Night

December 2026

Tuesday 1st Year 3 to Plaza cinema

Monday 7th Year 2 Nativity performance 2.15pm

Wednesday 9th Year 6 Ancient Greeks day

Thursday 10th Year 2 Nativity performance 6.15pm

Monday 14th Year 1 lead Christmas service in church

Tuesday 15th Christmas Takeover day FOSLS

Wednesday 16th Christmas Dinner day

Friday 18th School finishes for Christmas 2pm

Year 3

Harvest Service

Last week, our Year 3 children led the Harvest Service at church and we couldn't be prouder!

The children read their lines so beautifully, showing great confidence, expression and enthusiasm. They represented our school brilliantly and really captured the true meaning of Harvest with their kind words, thoughtful messages and lovely singing.

A huge thank you to all of the children for their hard work and for making the service such a special occasion.
We are so proud of you all!





Year 5

We have loved learning all about the ancient Maya civilisation – their origins, their place in history, their longevity and their eventual decline. The highlight of our history topic was definitely our Maya Day, where we had a visit from the Red Queen, a Maya Queen who had time travelled to the future to teach us all about her culture and society. She taught us how to count to 10 in Mayan, then we had a quiz where the children beat the teachers with their counting knowledge.



We then used drama to learn all about the Mayan culture. We split into groups, with each group learning about a different aspect of Mayan life. The groups then produced short plays to perform to the rest of the class so that everyone could learn about their aspect of society. The plays were absolutely amazing and we learnt a lot.

The Red Queen also brought lots of artifacts with her that we were able to examine, investigate and touch. in order to try and work out what they were. We also completed some detailed sketches

The day finished with an opportunity for us to ask the Red Queen questions, which she answered in detail.

What a great day!



Huge congratulations to

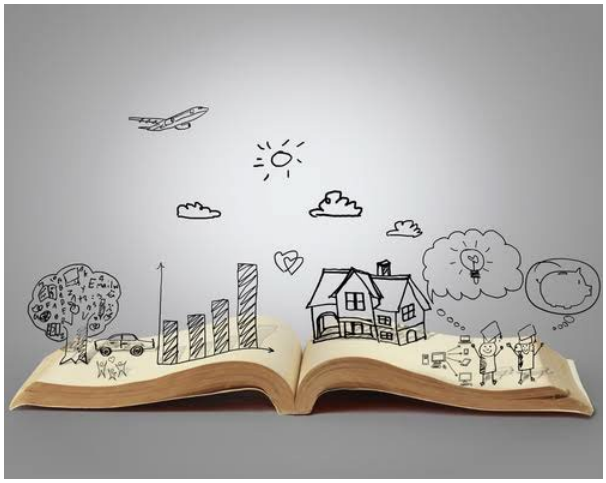
Bella and Henrietta for making it through to the Sefton girls' representative football squad.

Felix making it into the Lancashire hockey squad.

AMAZING ACHIEVEMENTS – WELL DONE!



More congratulations to Penny, Toby, Emilia and Amelia in Year 5 who have entered the Southport 'SOMETHING MIRACULOUS' writing competition and have had their stories selected to be published! We are looking forward to seeing their excellent stories in print – well done to you all!

















The children have made a fantastic start to life at **'big school'** and we are so proud of how well they have settled into Reception! They have made new friends, discovered new hobbies and created lots of lovely memories along the way. One of our exciting highlights has been our first trip to the Co-op to help enhance our daily snack time. The children have loved creating their own shopping lists, exploring the shop and choosing some of their favourite snacks!

We have also thoroughly enjoyed our learning around **Harvest Festival**, discovering where and how different vegetables grow and why harvest is such an important time of year. After using our senses to explore a variety of vegetables, the children put their chef hats on, chopped up the vegetables and made their very own delicious vegetable soup! We can hardly believe how much the children have packed into their first half term, and we are already looking forward to welcoming them back for more exciting learning as we explore **Fire, Ice and Celebrations Around the World!**

Outstanding Start to the Cross-Country Season!

We have had a phenomenal start to this year's cross-country season, with over 65 children from Years 3–6 participating in the first three races. Their hard work, determination and commitment are already paying off, with some fantastic results across all year groups.

Current Team Standings

With three of the five races completed, our teams are performing exceptionally well:

- **Year 3/4 Girls:** 3rd place
- **Year 3/4 Boys:** 2nd place
- **Year 5/6 Girls:** 1st place
- **Year 5/6 Boys:** 1st place

These are outstanding achievements, particularly given the impressive competition from 27 schools across Sefton.

We are incredibly proud of all our runners and the dedication, resilience and sportsmanship they have demonstrated throughout the season. It is wonderful to see so many children striving to improve their personal bests while representing our school with such enthusiasm and determination.

A special mention goes to **Henrietta in Year 4 and Matilda in Year 6**, who have both achieved the remarkable feat of winning all three of their races so far. An outstanding achievement by both girls — congratulations!

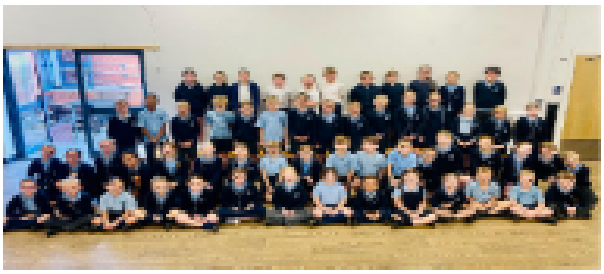
Selected to Represent Sefton

We are also delighted to announce that the following children have been selected to represent Sefton at the **British Athletics Cross Challenge in Liverpool this November**:

- **Year 4:** Henrietta F, Timothy D and Theo T
- **Year 5:** Joseph M, Mustafa I and Mila M
- **Year 6:** Matthew R, Joshua H, Matilda T and Heidi L

This is a fantastic accomplishment, and we are extremely proud of each of you. We wish you all the very best as you take on this exciting challenge.

Well done to all our cross-country runners! We look forward to seeing what the final two races of the season bring, and we will all be cheering you on every step of the way!







What a busy and exciting start to Year 4! We have settled into our routines and enjoyed lots of fantastic learning.

In **Maths**, we have explored place value, rounding, addition and subtraction. In **English**, we have used *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse* to inspire our writing.

In **Geography**, we have learnt about rivers and the water cycle, while **Science** has taken us on a journey through the states of matter. In **Art**, we have experimented with different tools and techniques to create exciting marks and textures.

We have also met our buddies at church for the Harvest celebration and St Luke's Day.

We are so proud of everyone's hard work and enthusiasm. Have a wonderful half-term break!







Year 1

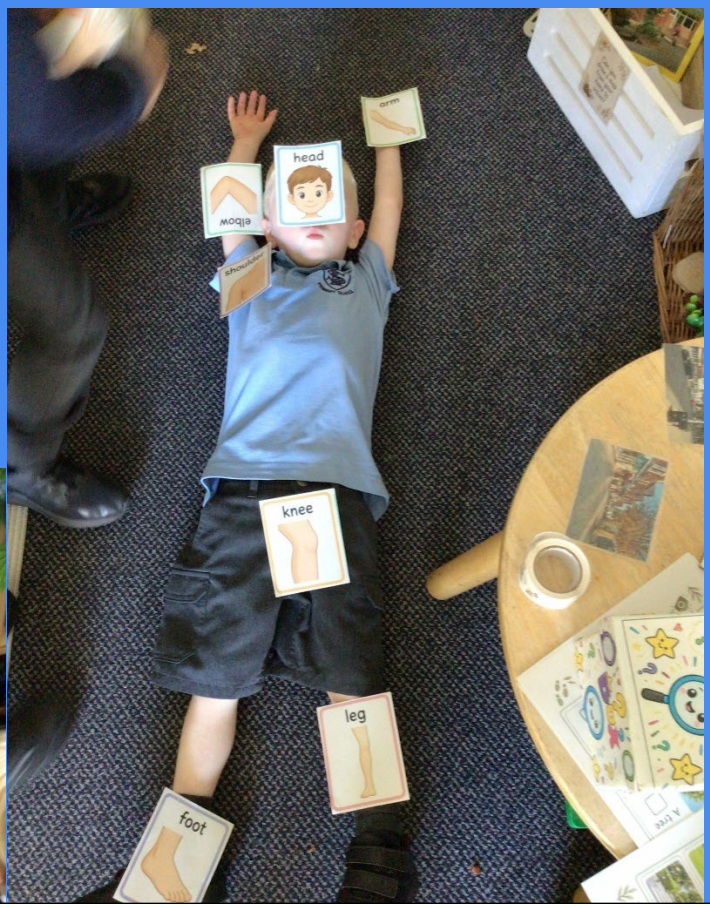


We have absolutely loved getting to know all of the children and watching them settle so beautifully into their new classrooms. It has been wonderful to see how quickly they have adapted to their new routines, grown in confidence and embraced all the exciting learning opportunities available to them.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed our Learn and Explore sessions, making the most of the continuous provision across both classrooms and our outdoor learning area. It has been lovely to see them developing new skills, becoming increasingly independent and showing such enthusiasm and curiosity in their learning.

One thing we have been particularly impressed with is how confidently the children have been taking photographs of their own work and practical activities and uploading them to Seesaw to celebrate and evidence their learning. Their independence, consistent effort and pride in their achievements have been fantastic to see!

Year 1







Fall highlights

In English, we have loved exploring the wonderful stories Ruby's Worry and Perfectly Norman. The children have produced some beautiful writing inspired by these books, and we have been incredibly impressed with the progress they are already making with their sentence structure and punctuation. They are working so hard to remember their capital letters, finger spaces and full stops, and we couldn't be prouder of their efforts!

Throughout the half term, the children have continued to develop their confidence, creativity, independence and problem-solving skills through play and practical learning experiences. It has been a joy to watch new friendships blossom and see the children supporting one another as they explore and learn together.

We are so proud of every single child and everything they have achieved during their first half term in Year 1. Thank you for your continued support at home. We hope you all have a lovely, well-deserved half-term break, and we look forward to another fabulous term filled with exciting learning, new experiences and lots of fun

A wonderful Autumnal poem

Autumn Acrostic Poem

By Thomas 3H

All of the deciduous leaves change colour.

Until they fall off the trees.

The days get shorter.

Underneath the hedges animals hibernate.

Many farmers harvest their crops.

Now it is time to stay in and keep warm and cosy.



As parent/carers may get the opportunity to have a clear out over the holiday, we have organised another collection for Thursday 5th November. Any plastic bags can be used and left outside the Office by the uniform cupboards, after 2nd November. Any adult & children clothing, paired and clean undamaged shoes, handbags and belts, soft toys and toys in new & working condition, jewellery & accessories, purses and watches, cosmetics (unused) & Perfumes & Toiletries sets

As well as giving school a better price per kg of clothing etc a blood cancer charity will benefit also.

'Sammy's project is launched and fully operated by charity Leukaemia & Myeloma Research UK without involving any commercial parties. '

Thank you.

We hope you all have a wonderful half term. See you in November!



Sport at St Luke's

Clubs:

Y5/6 Friday after school girls' netball club

Wednesday lunchtime junior tennis club with Ollie/ Friday lunchtime junior girls' football club

Y6 boys' Thursday after school football club

Mr Smith's Tuesday after school junior football club

Mr Smith's Wednesday after school infant football club.

Sporting competitions :

Y5/6 mixed North Sefton tag rugby tournament - 3rd place.

Y3/4 mixed North Sefton tag rugby tournament - 5th place.

Y4/5/6 mixed North Sefton hockey tournament - 2nd place.





