



Following in the footsteps of Jesus, we learn, love and laugh together

Friday 30th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

We began our week with our Collective Celebration of the word. This week we heard in St. Matthews Gospel about Jesus being the light of the world. Therefore, throughout the week we have been thinking how we can live out the Gospel values and to be a shining light to others.



These are some of the ways our pupils suggested:

Being a good friend

Being respectful

Taking care of others

This morning we celebrated Matheo who lived out their Gospel values by following in Jesus' footsteps of being the light. Matheo has been respectful, kind and helped others, Well done!

On Tuesday, two of our Sports Ambassadors attended Helsby High School to take part in the Bronze Ambassadors Sports training. Both Harry and George had an enjoyable day, they came away with lots of ideas that will impact their role as Sports Ambassadors here at St. Luke's. Thank you to all the who supported this event in any way.

Presentation of the Lord

To celebrate this feast the children will be attending mass on Monday 2nd February at 9:45am, all parents are welcome to attend.

Parents Evening

Our spring parents evening is on **Wednesday 11th March and Thursday 12th March**. The booking form will go live just prior to the half term break.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely

Eileen Murtagh



Attendance

Overall Attendance this week is **93.43%**

Across the school, **184 minutes** of learning time was lost this week through late arrivals.

Don't underestimate the importance of 100% attendance. Even one day missed can have an effect on learning.

98% attendance means **4** school days missed

95% attendance means **10** school days missed

90% attendance means **19** school days missed

80% attendance means **38** school days missed

5 minutes late each day means **3** school days missed



Lower than 90% attendance

Class 5,6

90-95% Attendance

Class 1, 2, 3,

96-100% Attendance

Reception and Class 4

Please be aware that requests for children to take holidays during term time will be classed as an unauthorised absence.

Please be aware that unauthorised absences that exceed 5 school days during term time will receive a fixed penalty notice (FPN).

Reminder - Dental or medical appointments

If you will be taking your child for an appointment please send us an email with the booking/screen shot for our files. Thank you

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St Luke's Lion Cubs

Great to see everybody at Lion Cubs this week. Look forward to welcoming everyone back next week for some more fun!



Little Church

We look forward to welcoming everyone on Sunday 1st February for Children's Liturgy during 11:00am Mass at St Luke's

Dates for your Diary

3rd February: Tempest Photographs

5th February: FOSL Valentines Movie Night

11th February: St Mary's Residential meeting

12th February: Disney KS1 Girls Football

13th February: Half Term

3rd March: St Mary's Class Residential

6th March: St Elizabeth's Residential Meeting

St Luke's Lion Club event

11th February: Valentines Tea Party



St Mary's Class



We have had a very productive week in St Marys! On Monday, we explored Mondrian style art work on the iPads! We worked hard to consider colour, size and style when creating our pieces and they turned out wonderful! We then replicated them in real life in Friday's art lesson where we explored Primary Colours.

In English this week, we have finished the Lion Inside and discovered that the Lion in the story was afraid of mice! We wrote some sentences about them becoming friends at the end of the story. Reception looked at making sure they had finger spaces and a full stop at the end, Year 1 used the conjunction 'and' as well as adjectives and Year 2 used expanded noun phrases and subordination by using the word 'because'.

In Maths, we have continued developing skills in our new topics. Reception have been subitising to 5, Year 1 have been exploring addition within 20 by counting on and by using their number bonds and Year 2 have started their topic on Money where they have been finding pounds and pence.

In Personal Development this week, we all looked at our differences and realised that our differences make us unique and make the world an interesting and fun place to be! We listened to the story 'The Perfect Fit' where the characters realise that because of their differences, they can have even more fun together.

In Science, we explored the senses and which body part is responsible for which of the senses. We went on a senses walk in the school grounds, focusing on what we could see, hear and smell at first. It was lovely to be out in nature, even if it was a little cold! Reception were able to draw what they heard, smelt and saw and wrote a label for each. Year 1 and Year 2 did the same with the extension of explaining which part of the body was responsible.

As part of our provision this week, we have all enjoyed a variety of activities including a 'tricky word disco' where we danced around and when the music stopped, found a tricky word to read and wrote it down. We have worked hard in reading sessions and in phonics sessions to decode words using our sounds. In handwriting, we have practised our common exception words, helping us to form our letters correctly but also how to spell those tricky words!

Well done for working super hard St Mary's class! See you all next week for some more amazing learning!



St Elizabeth's Class



This week, St Elizabeth class have been working on the present perfect tense in English, as well as inverted commas. We have reached the point in our story where the volcano is about to explode, and we have been exploring how this would have looked and felt. At the start of the week, we wrote a diary entry from the main character's point of view about what his journey was like from the theatre to the boat. At the end of the week, we wrote a news report from the boat to describe the events of the explosion. For fluency Friday, we explored the verb 'to be' in the present tense form and how to ensure we use this in our writing.

In Maths, both classes have reached the end of our multiplication and division topic. This week we have been dividing two-digit and three digit numbers, and exploring remainders. Year 3 have been exploring correspondence problems and exploring different combinations.

In the Vine and Branches we explored the Parable of the Lost Treasure and the Parable of the Pearl. We discussed how they relate to the Kingdom of God and how they show that we should be willing to make sacrifices for the things that really matter. We retold the parables in our books.

In D&T we have started to make our castles! We explored different nets and how they can be used to create different shapes and build a strong structure. We designed our nets before gluing them together. We discussed the importance of having a strong base and started to compare our initial designs with our final product taking shape.



St Catherine's Class



It has been another busy week in school, with pupils showing great positive attitudes to learning across the curriculum. The classrooms have been full of focus, enthusiasm and a willingness to embrace challenges.

In Maths, our learning has centred on fractions and decimals. Year 5 have been working hard on adding and subtracting mixed numbers. This proved tricky at times, but the group demonstrated excellent resilience and determination as they worked through increasingly challenging questions. Year 6 focused on decimals, including adding, subtracting and rounding, and were able to apply their knowledge confidently to a range of reasoning and problem-solving activities.

Maths knowledge played a vital role for four Year 6 pupils who represented St. Luke's in the inter-primary maths quiz on Thursday afternoon. Competing alongside other primary schools, the team took part in a variety of rounds, including the relay and buzzer rounds, earning points along the way. Although we narrowly missed out on a place in the final, the team's determination and enthusiasm to succeed shone through, and they were excellent representatives for our school.

A highlight of the week for many pupils was our Science lesson focusing on the different parts of the heart. After an initial discussion about its main function within the circulatory system, the class were split into groups and given playdough to create their own models and diagrams of the heart. It was fantastic to see such strong teamwork and to hear pupils using accurate technical vocabulary when explaining the heart and its functions.

Finally, a special mention goes to two of our Sports Ambassadors who completed their Bronze Sports Ambassador training at Helsby High School on Tuesday. They are looking forward to using their new skills to support others and help develop sporting skills across the school.



Award Winners

Well done to this week's award winners...



Headteachers Awards



Subject Awards



Sports Ambassadors



Award Winners

Raise the Praise Champions



Pride Award



Maths Team

