



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

ST LUKE'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Headteacher's Message



St. Luke's
Catholic Primary School

Friday 19th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Year 5 children have had a particularly busy week. On Tuesday, they joined Year 6 at *Crucial Crew*, an event which always provides a fantastic opportunity for pupils to learn important safety messages in an engaging and memorable way. We were very impressed at the way they responded to the activities.

On Wednesday, Year 5 visited St. Nicholas Catholic High School to take part in their Activity Day. The children had a brilliant time trying new activities, including Sports, Science and the Spiritual life of the school. In doing so they were encouraged to work together, experiencing a taste of secondary school life. They represented our school well throughout the day.

Yesterday was another highlight, as Year 5 pupils showcased their musical talents by performing alongside the Hallé Orchestra. This was a truly special experience, and the children should be incredibly proud of their hard work and enthusiasm.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to all of the pupils who represented our school at the district sports event. They demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship, and did amazingly well. We are all very proud of the team spirit they showed.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes

Eileen Murtagh

ATTENDANCE



Overall Attendance this week is **94.27%**
Across the school, **225 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 3	90-95% Attendance Class 2 Class 5 Class 6	96-100% Attendance Reception Class 4
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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

St Nicholas Catholic High School Newsletter

For the latest newsletter [click here](#)

ST LUKE'S LION CUBS

We look forward to welcoming our Lion Cub's back after works to the KS1 playground have been completed on the new day of Tuesday start date TBC.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



2nd July: KS2 End of Year Production 2pm & 6Pm

10th July: Sports Day

13th July: St Catherine's Residential

22nd July: Break up for Summer

We're now on Instagram!

We're excited to share that St Luke's is now on Instagram! Our page will be a great place to keep up with school life, celebrate pupil's achievements, and see photos and updates from events, activities, and special moments across school.

Please make sure you follow us:

stlukescatholicprimaryfrodsham



ST MARY'S CLASS

What we've been learning this week



What a lovely week we have had this week in St. Mary Class!



ENGLISH

In our English lessons we have been continuing with our class story, Goldilocks and just the one bear, which we finished on Thursday. We all really enjoyed this retelling of the story and finding out what Goldilocks has been up to since she ran away from the bear's house. Reception have been looking at how we can order the story and write sentences, independently, to explain what has happened. Year 1 have been writing descriptions as a character from the book, using capital letters correctly for places and character names. Year 2 have been focussing on the skills required to write a diary entry as different characters, still using our mastery key to write in the past tense.



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MATHS

In maths, Reception have still been focussing on number formation, ensuring that we are not reversing specific numbers. We have also been looking at one more and one less to twenty, as well as doubling single digits and how to subitise to ten. Year 1 have been looking at 100 squares and where missing numbers would go. We have also begun to look at how to partition numbers. Year 2 have started their time unit, looking at half an hour, o' clock, quarter past, quarter to and at the latter end of the week we have been looking at the duration of time and how we can compare it.



SCIENCE

In science this week, we are continuing to look at the investigations of Charles Mackintosh and how he managed to create his invention – the waterproof mac coat. We participated in a science experiment where we had lots of different objects and materials and we got to test if they were waterproof or not. In Vines and Branches, we have been looking at the rosary and how people around the world pray. We also looked at the life of Pauline Jaricot and how she has positively influenced the world around her. As a class we created a class tree and wrote on the leaves the names of people we would like to pray for.



ART

In art this week, Reception are focussing on their fine motor skills and how we can cut in certain ways to cause certain effects and manipulate different materials. Year 1 and 2 are going to focus on how we can join paper, as well as creating sculptures and cylinders from paper. In geography, Reception are still focussing on hot and cold countries and how we are similar and different, although this week we looked at the equator, and if we are close to it we should be hot, but if we are far away then we should be cold! Year 1 and Year 2 are still focussing on the similarities and differences between the UK and Egypt, and this week looked at the physical and the human features of both.

ST ELIZABETH'S CLASS



What we've been learning this week



ENGLISH

This week, St Elizabeth class have been enjoying our new English text, 'Blue John.' So far in our story we have learned about how Blue John was formed and where he lives. We have written some lovely descriptions using expanded noun phrases and similes. We have thought about the vocabulary associated with caves including 'stalagtites' and 'stalagmites.' We explored a range of verbs to describe how Blue John moved through the cave when he woke up. We discussed the effectiveness of short sentences and commas to create the illusion of speed. We also started to think about how we would give specific directions or instructions about a task and did a very interesting activity involving a jam sandwich!

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MATHS

In Maths, Year 4 have been exploring shapes in greater detail including some technical vocabulary such as quadrilaterals and polygons. We looked at different types of triangles such as equilateral, scalene and isosceles. Year 3 have been exploring angles including right angles, acute angles and obtuse angles. We made right angle measurers to check different shapes, and we used actions to help us to identify different angles.



RE

In the Vine and Branches, we explored who Saint Paul was and his letters. We also explored the Holy Trinity and how three persons make up one God. We discussed their differences, their roles, and how this relates to different scriptures.



HISTORY

In History, we started learning about William the Conqueror. We researched his life and made a fact file about who he was and what he did. In Geography, we started to think about where our food comes from. We looked at the four seasons and considered fruit and vegetables that grow and thrive during these times. We looked at different food packaging and identified which countries the food had been imported from. Using atlases and blank maps, we started to label which foods originate in each country.



ST CATHERINE'S CLASS



What we've been learning this week

It has been a very busy and rewarding week in St. Catherine's Class, with so many rich learning opportunities both in and out of the classroom.



TRIPS

On Tuesday, the children took part in the Crucial Crew workshop, which provided a fantastic opportunity to learn about important aspects of everyday life. The pupils listened carefully to a range of visitors: the police spoke about the impact of cyberbullying, magistrates explained their role and the importance of following the law, and SP Energy shared key safety advice. The children also explored the impact that drugs and alcohol can have on the brain, judgement and future choices. It was a really worthwhile and thought-provoking experience for all.

Wednesday was an exciting day for Year 5, who visited St. Nicholas' High School for an activity day. They enjoyed a range of sessions, including PE, a reflective RE session with an opportunity for meditation, and a hands-on science lesson where they were challenged to make rockets fly. The children thoroughly enjoyed their time at high school and it gave them a great insight into what life there may be like in just over a year's time.



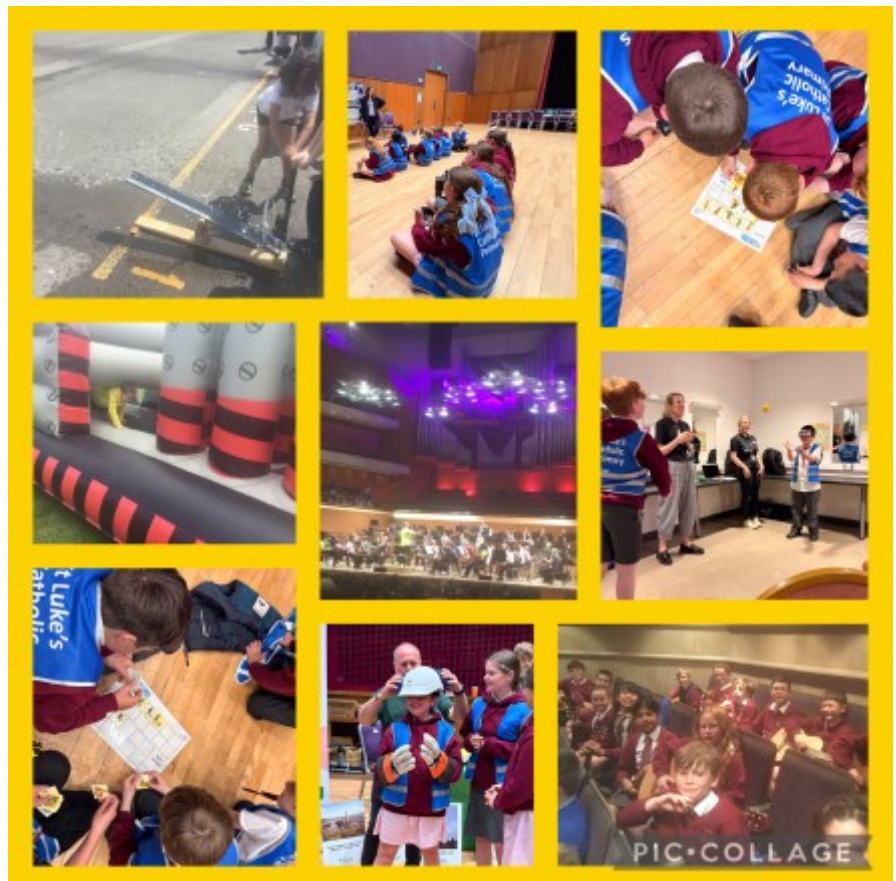
MUSIC

Thursday brought another fantastic opportunity for Year 5, who performed at the Bridgewater Hall in Manchester alongside the Hallé Orchestra. This was an amazing experience for the children, who performed with great enthusiasm and confidence as part of a World Cup-themed event. They were inspired by the musicians and represented the school wonderfully—it was a truly memorable occasion.



DRAMA

While Year 5 have been busy enjoying these opportunities, Year 6 have been equally busy in school rehearsing for their end of Key Stage 2 production, Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies. The children are working incredibly hard to learn their lines and come together as a team, and it has been lovely to see their commitment and enthusiasm. We look forward to welcoming you to the production in a few weeks' time—it is certainly not to be missed!



AWARDS

Who are we celebrating this week?



HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Academic Excellence



SUBJECT AWARD

Exceptional Achievement



DISTRICT SPORTS



AWARDS

Who are we celebrating this week?



RAISE THE PRAISE CHAMPIONS

Celebrating Positivity and Kindness



PRIDE AWARD

Respect . Integrity . Determination



SPORTS AWARD

Teamwork . Effort . Success





FRIENDS OF ST LUKE'S

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY UPDATES



Save the Date!

The Friends of St Luke's (FOSL) are excited to announce our

Colour Run on Monday 20th July at 3:20pm!

Get ready for an afternoon of colour, fun and fundraising as pupils, families and staff come together for this exciting event.

Make sure to mark your calendars you won't want to miss out!



LOCAL NEWS

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY UPDATES



EMPOWERING GIRLS THROUGH FOOTBALL

JOIN WEAVER PANTHERS
Recruiting girls aged 9/10 (current Y5 cohort)

Join us at Weaver Panthers FC – where fun, friendship, and teamwork come first! We welcome girls of all abilities in an inclusive, supportive environment that helps you build confidence, develop your skills, and make lifelong friends on and off the pitch.

TRAINING SESSIONS
At The Orange Senior School, Bradburns Lane, Hartford, CWB 8JL

WHEN

- Wednesday evenings 6pm – 7pm
- Sunday mornings 9.30am – 10.30am

WHO
All girls of any ability level are welcome to attend

All coaches are DBS checked and safeguarding compliant.

Contact Emily: 07496563624




Join us...

First gymnastics UK
SMILE MOVE GROW

AWARD WELCOME

We're **First Gymnastics**. **Smile Move Grow** is our ethos and having fun is the most important thing... Moving around and learning new skills comes next... And then it's about Growing in capability... composure... confidence... transferable skills that help with other sports and dance too. First Gymnastics Monthly Subscription, in Helsby is £36.75. This covers weekly term-time classes. Each session lasts approximately 55 minutes, with the age group classes following on from each other.

Helsby High School

DBS
Checked Coaches

COACH

Wednesday Evening... Saturday Morning



Weekly Gymnastics Classes for Girls and Boys

Min: Apr 4-6
Min: Apr 7-9
Min: Apr 10-12

Book a FREE trial session



Children can join their age group Class at ANY stage of the School Year without needing any prior Gymnastics experience

Important national changes to Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility that will come into effect from September 2026. These changes have been introduced by the Department for Education and will be implemented locally by Cheshire West and Chester Council.

If your household already receives FSM: You do not need to take further action for September 2026 unless contacted. Cheshire West and Chester Authority have confirmed that continued eligibility will be checked through their internal systems.

- If your household does not currently receive FSM but may be eligible from September 2026: Please visit the FSM website to apply and to view updated information. It is advised to apply as soon as possible.
- Families must apply through the council - entitlement is not automatic.

FSM application Link:

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/freeschool-meals>