



St Luke's School



School website = www.stluke.sch.je

Facebook = [St Luke's School Jersey](https://www.facebook.com/StLukeSchoolJersey)

Dear Parents and families,

Welcome back everyone and welcome to our new families joining us this year. You are most welcome to our very special community that will only strengthen in the months and years ahead. I am available to be contacted via admin@stluke.sch.je and I will do my best to help directly, or to ensure one of my well-placed colleagues will do so.

On behalf of all the staff we wish you all a very happy, successful term.

School website = www.stluke.sch.je Facebook = [St Luke's School Jersey](https://www.facebook.com/StLukeSchoolJersey) Twitter = [@a_stluke](https://twitter.com/a_stluke)

Questions, worries or general feedback.

It is always best to speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance if the issue relates to your child. If you would like to talk to someone else, then the Key Stage Leader would be your next port of call:

EYFS Lead Teacher (Nursery, Rec & Yr1) - Miss Scott
l.scott@stluke.sch.je
Middle Phase (Yr2 & Yr3) & Upper Phase (Yr4, Yr5 & Yr6) - Miss Bateman & Miss Round are jointly leading.
m.bateman@stluke.sch.je & c.round@stluke.sch.je

If you still don't feel your concern has been answered, then it would be best to next speak to Mrs Hepworth or to myself directly.

If your concern is relating to a learning or additional learning need please raise this in the first instance with your child's class teacher. They can then organise a meeting between yourself, class teacher and SENDCO (Mrs Hepworth).

Positive relationships are the key to a happy and successful community, one that puts children first and ensures that each and every student fulfils their potential, and feels valued.

Developing our relationship with you as parents is vital. You have a number of opportunities to engage in the year ahead, including Information Evenings, PTA events, parental forums, school surveys and many more. However, if you need advice or feel something is not quite right, please be reassured that you can and should reach out to us. My team and I are here to listen. I hope to chat to you at the front gate in the mornings, on the side-lines of sports fixtures, at assemblies, at PTA socials and many others in the year ahead.

No nuts, please!

Please can we remind everyone that St Luke's is a peanut and nut free school. We have several children with allergies so **please don't put any in lunchboxes**. Thank you for your support with this.



Coming into School

Nursery come in via the roadside gate.
Reception come in through the main school door.
Year 1—Year 6 come in through the main gates.





Dates for the Diary

11th October - PTA meeting to plan events
14th October - family & individual photos
17th October - Nasal Flu vaccination
18th October—**ST Luke's Day**
21st October - School Closed

24th—28th Oct - Half Term Holiday

30th October - Class Council Elections

9th November - Parent Consultations (online)
11th November - PTA movie night (tbc)
16th November - Parent Consultations (Online)
22nd November - PTA meeting

8th December - Christmas Party Day
14th December - Christmas Church Service
16th December - Last Day of Term

19th December - 4th January - Christmas Holidays

5th January - Back to School

Half Term

Reminder...

There is an additional school closure day on Friday 21st October, agreed by the Government of Jersey for teachers and teaching assistants as part of the 2022 pay settlement (as shared on the gov.je website).

Therefore, the Autumn Half-term begins for children and these staff at the close of school on Thursday 20th October.

Full term dates (including INSET days) can be found at www.gov.je/education/termdates

Voice21: Oracy Skills

This year we are working in partnership with the UK **Voice21** programme to develop Oracy across the school.

What is Oracy?

Oracy is a combination of learning to talk and learning through talk. This means that children will be taught specific speaking and listening skills and that talk will be used as a central part of their learning across the curriculum. Learning through talk will be visible in all subjects in school from PSHE to Maths and PE to Writing.

Why does Oracy matter?

Oracy improves children's outcomes in all areas of learning. It also fosters wellbeing and confidence enabling all children to have a voice and to be heard. Oracy equips children with the skills they need in their lives beyond school and to be active members of the community

What can you do at home?

You can help your child by actively engaging in conversation with your child. Ask your child to explain their reasons and teach them that it is good to disagree and to change your mind. Initiate some discussions and debates - dinner time is a great time to do this as a family. Discuss new words and support them to broaden their vocabulary.

Some ideas to try:

Would you rather ...? (live in the countryside or the city, live in Ancient Greece or Ancient Egypt)

Which book character would you invite to your birthday party? Why?

Take it in turns to say a different word for a common word. For example: looked could also be peered, noticed, spotted.

Play role play games that involve speaking such as playing shops, making telephone calls or acting out known stories.

Talk about books and life experiences.