



St Luke's School



Dear Parents and Families,

A very warm welcome back to all our children, families and staff. We hope you have enjoyed a lovely summer and are feeling refreshed and ready for the year ahead. It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back and see the school filled with happy faces once again. A Special welcome to our new children, families and staff members joining the St Luke's community. We are looking forward to a happy, exciting and successful year together!

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:

- Key Stage 1 Leader (Nursery, Rec, Yr1 & Yr2)
Miss Lucy Scott l.scott@stluke.sch.je
- Assistant Headteacher/Key Stage 2 Leader (Yr3, Yr4, Yr5 & Yr6) **Mrs Walton**
c.walton@stluke.sch.je

If you still don't feel your concern has been answered, then it would be best to next speak to our Deputy Headteacher/SENDCO **Mrs Hepworth** k.hepworth@stluke.sch.je 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

Article 28: All children have the right to learn and go to school.

Article 29: All children have the right to become the best that they can be.



We are a Nut Free School!

A reminder that we have children in school with serious allergies, so we are a **nut free school**. This includes Nutella, pesko etc. Thank you for your support!



School Street.

We are really pleased that CYPES have again agreed to continue running the highly successful School Street at the start and end of the day, making it much safer for our children to come and leave school. Say 'Hi!' to Linda our very friendly Street Steward.



Attendance and Punctuality

Regular attendance and arriving on time are very important for your child's learning and development. Being at school every day helps children build good habits, stay on track with their lessons, and fully participate in all activities. Please ensure your child arrives promptly each morning so they do not miss the start of the day - (registration is at 8:45am). If your child is going to be absent, kindly inform the school as early as possible. Kindly note that if your child's attendance was less than 90% last year or if they had more than 5 lates, Vicki Frederick, CYPES Educational Welfare Officer will be monitoring closely.

Thank you for your support in helping us create a positive and consistent learning environment for all our students!



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Coming into School.

Gates open at 8.30am when the children are able to go straight into their class to unpack their belongings, greet their friends and take part in the early work / activities. Children arriving after 8.50am will need to be signed in at the office by an adult and will be marked as late.

- **Nursery** come in via the roadside gate. A member of staff will be there to greet you.
- **Reception** come in through the main school door and staff members will be there to greet you at the door to EYFS. Parents are encouraged to say goodbye at the door and the staff will support children in coming into class.
- **Year 1 - Year 5** come in through the main gates and walk through the playground – parents are encouraged to say goodbye at the main gate and members of staff are on hand to support children in getting to class successfully.
- **Year 6** enter via the Rectory building.

Once children have been collected at the end of the day please be prompt at taking them off school grounds, as our after school club are waiting to come out to play. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Fundraising



We are currently in the process of organising our fundraising activities for this term/this year. Events are currently 'tbc' (to be confirmed) while we finalise bookings/prizes/etc. Please bear with us and we will get these locked-in/dates sent out ASAP. As per previous years we will be alternating the date of the school Fete: last year it was a Summer Fete (and a very hot day it was!!!) so this year it will be a Christmas Fete. If you have some ideas or suggestions on fundraising activities we would love to hear from you! Either talk class teachers or email us and we can try to include your ideas into the term/year.



Rights Respecting School Update



We are incredibly proud to share that St Luke's Primary School has achieved UNICEF UK's Gold Rights Respecting Schools Award, the highest level of recognition for schools that place children's rights at the heart of everything they do. The assessor praised our school's strong culture of respect, inclusion and positive relationships, highlighting how confidently our children can talk about their rights and the rights of others. The report recognised our commitment to ensuring every child feels valued, listened to and supported, as well as the many opportunities pupils have to shape school life through their ideas and leadership. To celebrate we will be having a "Gold Day" - specific information will be



A few reminders...

Please, please...

- ensure all items of clothing are labelled clearly with your child's first name and surname.
- don't forget sunscreen, sunhats, water bottles and a waterproof.

We need to be prepared for all weather! **Thank you!**



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Building developments over the summer

During the summer holiday a number of important improvements were completed across the school. This includes the installation of new fire doors throughout the building to enhance safety and ensure our compliance with Government Health & Safety policies.

A new electric door has also been installed at our front entrance to improve accessibility and security. The door can be operated using the **Push Button** located at the top of the slope, with a **Release Button** situated on the inside of the entrance.



IMPORTANT UPDATE

St Luke's Church!

You may be aware that St Luke's Church is currently undergoing a restoration building project. As such our access to the Church for our Autumn/Winter annual events will be unable to go ahead as we have in previous years. We are working hard to find ways to still all come together to celebrate (which is why we have kept the dates in our "Dates for the Diary" section – however please be patient with us if we need to change anything). **Thank you for your understanding.**

Celebrating a Remarkable Milestone!

Did you know that **St Luke's Church** will celebrate its **175th anniversary** on 27 April 2027? As part of this special year, **St Luke's School** will also be marking an incredible **165 years** since its establishment in 1861. We have lots of exciting events planned to celebrate these important milestones, and we'll be sharing more details with families throughout the year. Watch this space!



Dates for the Diary...



Autumn Term 2026

September:

Monday 7th - Teacher INSET day - School is closed.
Tuesday 8th - Children start back (normal times).
Thursday 10th - Teacher INSET day - School is closed.
Monday 21st - Year 5 & Year 6 Peer Mediation refresher training day.

October:

Thursday 1st - Year 5 Bikeability (lbc)
Friday 9th - School Photographer (am).
Monday 13th Yr5 visiting the States Chamber.
Friday 16th - St Luke's Day - wear what you like day.
Monday 19th - Year 5 visiting The States Chambers (lbc)

Monday 26th - Friday 30th Half Term Holiday.

November:

Tuesday 3rd - Pupil Survey opens.
Friday 13th Children In Need Day
Monday 16th - Pupil Survey closes/Autumn Reports sent home.
Wednesday 18th - Parent Consultations.
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th - Parent Christmas Decoration Sharing Sessions
Wednesday 25th - Parent Consultations.

December:

Date to be confirmed - EYFS Christingle Service - St Luke's Church (4pm).
Thursday 17th - End of term Church Service (1:45pm).
Friday 18th - Last Day of Term.

January:

Monday 4th - Back to School.