



# NEWSLETTER



Friday 7th February 2025

## Sir Stanley Matthews Day

Last week, we celebrated former pupil Sir Stanley Matthews by officially opening our STAN HUB. 'Sir Stanley Matthews Day' began with an official breakfast with special guests, Sir Stan's daughter, Jean Gough, Emily Verow CEO of Three Spires Trust, Lord Marcus Watts, ASM Sports, former staff and of course our wonderful children both past and present.

Sir Stan's message of humility, respect and kindness are still relevant to our children today. Above any talent, kindness and respect both on and off the football pitch, in and outside of the classroom are key to a better more peaceful world. Thank you to all who made today possible for our children.



## In the spotlight!- History!

Hello, I am Miss Hirst, a Year 3 teacher and the History lead at Hanley St. Luke's. For the past five years, I have had the privilege of leading our History curriculum, a subject that I am truly passionate about. History breathes life into our overall topics and serves as an engaging hook for many of our English writing activities.

For me, the best thing about History is that it truly is for everyone! Whether children are poring over old family photographs, learning about kings and queens, or revelling in the fascinating tales of yesteryear, they find something relatable and exciting in its stories. In recent years, I have worked to enhance our history curriculum through initiatives such as our 'Local History Day', which fosters a strong sense of belonging while exploring the rich heritage of The Potteries. As we move forward, we are committed to creating a curriculum that celebrates the diversity within British History, ensuring all of our children at Hanley St. Luke's feel represented and connected to their past. [Click here to find out more about our history curriculum.](#)

## Online Safety Parent Workshop

Our online safety workshop will provide parents and carers with information about how to support their child online. We will cover topics such as online bullying, mental health and social media, as well as signposting to resources and organisations for help and support.

Please come and join us!

Thursday 13th February @ 2.15pm

## Upcoming Events

- Number/ Maths Day 7th February
- Safer Internet Day 11th February
- Online Safety Parents Workshop 13th February



# Hanley St Luke's C of E Academy



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## Children's Mental Health Week

This week is Children's Mental Health Week 2025, this year's theme is 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'. This is about empowering children and young people to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them.

Click the link below to access fun and engaging resources for families, parents and carers to take part in Children's Mental Health Week .

[For more information click here.](#)



## Goodbye and Good Luck!



We bid a heartfelt farewell to Mrs. Haynes, who has retired after many years of dedicated service to our children and families. Having once been a pupil at HSL herself, Mrs. Haynes returned to work here, bringing warmth, humor, and a vibrant personality that will be greatly missed by all.

We also extend our best wishes to Miss Hunt, who will be leaving us on Wednesday, February 12th. As a cherished member of our staff for nearly 30 years, Miss Hunt has been a committed KS2 teacher and a leader in sports and PE. Her many achievements, including a prestigious platinum School Games award, are a testament to her commitment and passion. Miss Hunt has made a lasting impact on the lives of countless students, and her presence will certainly be missed.

Please join us in expressing our sincere gratitude to both Mrs. Haynes and Miss Hunt for their exceptional dedication and years of service to our school and community.



## Other key information...

### NSPCC Number Day

On Friday 7th February we will be taking part in lots of maths games and activities and using our STEM lab to investigate and solve problems practically. As an NRICH Problem Solving School, reasoning and problem solving is at the heart of our maths curriculum and this day will be a special opportunity to apply our skills and raise a little bit of money for a worthy charity too. If you wish to donate see the link available via Dojo.

### Swimming Lessons

We are pleased to share that ALL our children will be having swimming lessons. From our nursery children to our Year 6 children. Swimming lessons will start week beginning 10th February and children will have a lesson every week for 6 weeks. Look out on class dojo pages for what day your child will be swimming on and for information on what they will need.



## Meet our African Snails and Stick Insects!

Well done to Riley C in year 3! He is the winner of the naming competition for our school pets~ our African snails... all classes voted and these names were the unanimous favourites! They are now called: Pikachu, Charmander, Charizard and Bulbasaur. We now have stick insects too! Our stick insects were kindly donated to school by Lucy Barker- Green Y5 and her family. Thank you so much. It is another wonderful opportunity for our children to enhance their understanding of caring for animals and the science links such as life cycles and animal types.

## Useful websites

- <https://play.trockstars.com/auth>
- <https://play.numbots.com/#/intro>
- <https://satscompanion.com/>

