



# NEWSLETTER



Friday 28th March 2025

A message from  
Mrs Cooper

## Easter Bonnet Parent Workshops

We're excited to invite all parents and children to our Easter Bonnet Craft Workshop! Join us for a fun-filled session where families can create colourful and creative Easter bonnets together. This hands-on activity is a wonderful way to celebrate the season and bond with your little ones. All materials will be provided, so bring your imagination and enjoy a day of crafting!

Dates for Easter Bonnet Workshops

**Nursery- Monday 7th April at 1.30pm**

**Reception - Tuesday 8th April at 1.30pm**

**Year 1 - Wednesday 9th April at 1.30pm**

**Year 2- Thursday 10th April at 1.30pm**

Please check your child's class dojo for more information.

Dear Parents and Carers,

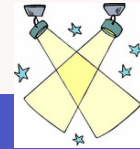
Our newsletter is designed to share information and celebrate success. I do hope you find each fortnightly addition informative and interesting. Our 'In The Spotlight' feature is an opportunity for us to share different areas from our curriculum and the teachers who lead on this.

Yes, our teachers do hold additional responsibilities as well as their teaching responsibilities! They are supported by a large team of skilled practitioners.

In this season of LENT we pray for each and every member of our school community.

Wishing you a peaceful weekend.

Mrs Cooper



## In the spotlight!- PSHE!

Hello! I'm Mrs Wilson and, along with my fab team of Mrs Higham and Mrs Stevenson, we lead the school in PSHE. For anyone who doesn't know, that lovely acronym stands for Personal, Social, Health and Economic education. Amongst many other things, that includes all the different sorts of friendships and relationships that we experience; how to look after ourselves both physically and emotionally; how to look after our personal health (from teeth cleaning and healthy and balanced diets to physical exercise and First Aid;) how to be good citizens in both the local and global sense; how our legal and parliamentary systems work and how the financial world works. There's more – so much more! PSHE has close links with Computing as we look at keeping ourselves safe online, and in our school and we also have close links with RE as we build on the spirituality of each individual.

I believe that PSHE is at the core of every lesson: how we relate to our friends and also our teachers has a huge impact on how much we enjoy school and therefore how much we learn.

We are currently re-writing our PSHE provision to very closely reflect and support our HSL community which is very exciting, so watch this space!





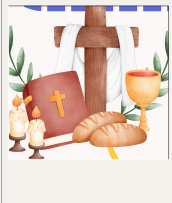
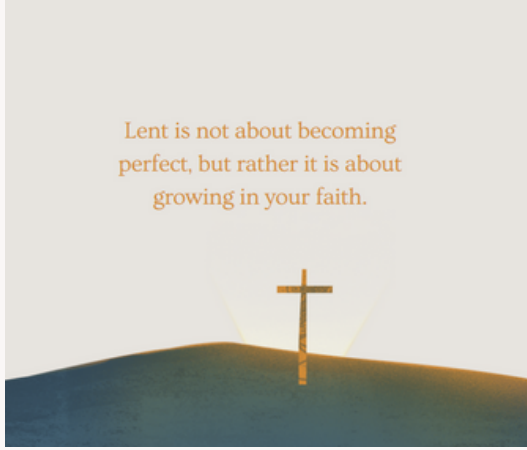
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## Lent



Lent is not about becoming perfect, but rather it is about growing in your faith.



## A Week of Musical Excellence!

Last week, our Year 5 and 6 recorder players performed at the Recorder Festival at Victoria Hall, showcasing a repertoire of songs as part of a massed group and a special solo performance of Yellow Submarine. They played beautifully and enjoyed the experience of performing on a large stage.

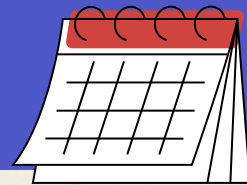
Meanwhile, our choir took part in Stoke Gotta Sing at the Mitchell Arts Centre, delivering a fantastic performance that made us all incredibly proud. They looked smart in their new uniforms and had a wonderful time singing in front of an audience. Well done to all involved in both events!



## Key dates for this half term...

This half term is going to be extremely busy so here are some key dates and trips so you can plan ahead. Please check your child's class dojo for more information.

- RSE Meeting for Parents - Tuesday 1st April at 9.30am in the STEM Lab.
- VR Headset Experience for Key Stage 2 in school- Monday 7th April & Tuesday 8th April
- Y6 visit Stanley Head - Wednesday 9th April
- Half term - Monday 7th April - Friday 25th April 2025
- School opens on Monday 28th April 2025



## Well done Year 6!



A huge well done to our Year 6 students for their incredible effort and perseverance during their two weeks of mock SATs! You have shown great determination, resilience, and hard work throughout this period, and we couldn't be prouder of you. Your commitment to doing your best is truly inspiring, and all your hard work will surely pay off. Keep up the fantastic effort—you are amazing!



## The Parent Portal on Arbor

The Parent Portal and Parent App allow parents to manage their child's school activities, including registration for clubs, payments, and monitoring attendance and progress. [Click here for more information.](#)





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## Year 5 Relationships and Sex Education Meeting for Parents.

In the summer term, our Year 5 children learn the facts about how human reproduction occurs.

All Year 5 parents are invited into school each year to view the materials that we use at Hanley St Luke's and to ask any questions that they may have.

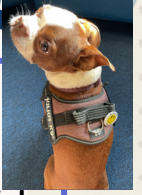
This year the meeting will be happening in the **STEM Lab on Tuesday 1st April at 9:30am**. It usually lasts no longer than 30 minutes.

We look forward to seeing as many Year 5 parents there as possible



## Our Wellbeing Ambassadors!

Wonderful Y6 wellbeing ambassadors. These wonderful children and Bruce (when he visits!) are good for the wellbeing of all at HSL. They help with interventions, are buddies for other children, they check the buddy bench and that all children have someone to play with and talk to. They also check in with staff and ask wellbeing questions every day! They all have a wellbeing badge to wear proudly so children know who they can approach for help. Bruce loves wearing his special wellbeing champion badge. He always makes us feel better 🍷💙🍷💙



## Attendance- every day counts!

Attendance is everybody's business at HSL. It is so important for your child to be here and on time as much as possible for their own learning, progress and confidence. Let's aim for at least 97% attendance together in 2025! Meet our attendance champions for HSL- Miss Facey, Mrs Cartwright- Davies, Miss Sleightholm & Mrs Burton. We are here to help so if you need any advice or support with your child's attendance get in touch...

[Click here for find out more information.](#)

Your Child's Good Attendance and Punctuality is YOUR Legal Responsibility.

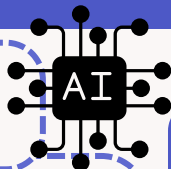
Ensure your child is on time and attending as much as possible.

### Late to school = lost learning

| Minutes late              | Impact on attendance in a year |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 5 minutes late per day =  | 3 days lost each year          |
| 15 minutes late per day = | 9 days lost each year          |
| 30 minutes late per day = | 19 days lost each year         |
| 45 minutes late per day = | 28 days lost each year         |
| 60 minutes late per day = | 38 days lost each year         |

Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!!

## What is AI?



The world is changing fast, and AI is a big part of that change. Three Spires Trust is preparing children for the future with a Next Generation Curriculum focused on AI, Financial Literacy, Oracy, and Careers. This will help them develop essential skills, use AI wisely, and succeed in a fast-changing world.

[Click here to find out more about AI.](#)

## Useful websites

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

