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Friday 9th May 2025

Dates for School Sports Day

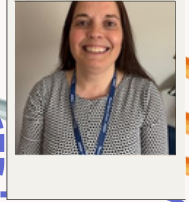
We're excited for our upcoming Sports Days!

EYFS and Key Stage 1 will enjoy a fun-filled day of activities run by ASM, while Key Stage 2 will head to Northwood Stadium for their events.

Please check your child's Class Dojo page for more information and updates.

- KS2 Sports Day - Wednesday 18th June.**
 - Year 3 & 4 - 9.30am - 11am
 - Year 5 & 6 - 11am - 12.30pm
- EYFS Sports Day - Tuesday 24th June start 9.15am**
- KS1 Sports Day - Friday 27th June starts 9.15am**

A welcome message from Mrs Forrester



Hello, I'm Mrs Forrester and I joined Hanley St Luke's at the start of the Summer Term as Vice Principal, working with Miss Facey and Mrs Cooper. It is a privilege to join such a lovely school community with wonderful children. All staff, students and parents have made me feel very welcome.

I will be leading English across the school and this is a subject that I am really passionate about. I love to see children so engrossed in a book that they can't put it down; joining in with stories and rhymes; performing on a stage or producing a wonderful piece of descriptive writing. English provides so many opportunities for the children to express themselves.

I have been teaching for 27 years and have been an Assistant Headteacher and English lead in my previous schools. I am also a KS2 writing moderator for the city. Teaching for me is not a job, it is my vocation and I love coming to work every day. Personally, I am married, have two amazing children, aged 16 and 13 and a beautiful and lively little Cockapoo. I love just spending time with my family and I enjoy sports, especially playing netball, swimming and running. I am also a big Stoke City fan!

I am so excited for the months and years ahead at Hanley St Luke's. It is a very special school and I am proud to say I work here.

In the spotlight!- SEND (Special Educational Needs)

Here at Hanley St. Luke's, the SEND team is made up of the SENDCo (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator) and two assistant SENDCos: Mrs Barlow, Miss Johns and Miss Jennings. Our role is to oversee the support and provision for children with additional needs and ensure that they are championed within our school. We have been working hard with other staff across Three Spires Trust, including the director of SEND to make sure we can offer your children the very best and most up-to-date support, including some new and exciting interventions to support mental health and wellbeing. We have also been investing in staff training and new equipment and resources in school to ensure all pupils can access our rich curriculum and engage in the wider school life. Miss Johns is working hard to become our Autistic Spectrum Disorder Advocate in school and has a wealth of knowledge around a variety of specific learning difficulties, Miss Jennings specialises in Social, Emotional and Mental Health, as well as Speech, Language and Communication needs and Mrs Barlow oversees the provision for the whole school, with many years of teaching experience across the key stages feeding into this. For more information, [click here](#).



Mental Health Week- Wear It Green Day

Mental Health is important to us all at HSL.

On Friday 16th May, all children can wear own clothes and GREEN to celebrate mental health week.

We will take part in special activities and a green/ mental health themed menu at lunch!

Upcoming Key Events

- Year 6 SATS Week 12th May - 16th May
- Year 4 Multiplication Check Begins 2nd June
- Phonics Screening Check 9th June - 13th June





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A prayer for our Year 6

Dear God,

As our Year 6 children begin their SATs,
We ask You to fill them with peace and calm.
Help them to remember all they have learned,
And to do their best with confidence and
courage.

Be with them when they feel nervous,
Remind them that their worth is not measured
by these tests,
But by the kindness they show, the effort they
give,

And the hearts they touch every day.
Bless their teachers and families who support
them,

And guide each child to believe in themselves.
Give them rest, focus, and strength throughout
this week.

And may they know that You are always by their
side.

Amen.

Our VE Day Celebrations

Yesterday, we celebrated VE Day in a fun and meaningful way. The children dressed up in red, white and blue clothing and took part in a range of activities to learn about the importance of VE Day and our shared history. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to reflect on the past and understand the significance of this moment in time.

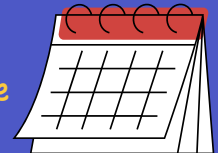
A huge thank you to everyone who helped to organise it. We had great fun!



Key dates for the Summer Term

The Summer 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.

- Year 6 SATS Week - Monday 12th May to Friday 16th May
- Mental Health Awareness Week - Monday 12th May
- INSET DAY (School closed) - Monday 2nd June
- Year 4 Multiplication Check - Week beginning Monday 2nd June
- Year 1 Phonics Screening Check - Week beginning Monday 9th June
- Y6 Barclays Workshop & Parent Roadshow Workshop - Thursday 26th June



First Aid on Arbor

First aid incidents are now recorded and sent to you through Arbor. Please check your emails, including your junk folder, for any updates.

If you're not receiving messages or need help with Arbor, contact the school office.

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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Mental Health Support

We are excited to welcome Emily Machin, our Mental Health Support Team (MHST) Trainee Therapist, to the HSL team.

Emily will be working closely with us to support our children, through work with them, our families and staff with engaging workshops, tailored interventions, and supportive training opportunities.

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



Good Luck Year 6!

As SATs week approaches, we want to wish all our amazing Year 6 pupils the very best of luck! You have worked incredibly hard, and we are so proud of all your efforts. Remember, these tests are just one part of your journey – do your best, stay positive, and believe in yourself. You've got this!

To our parents and carers – your support is so important during this time. Please ensure your child is in school every day next week and arrives on time, ready to start the day calmly and confidently. A good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast each morning will also go a long way in helping your child feel focused and prepared.

Thank you for your continued support.

Let's help our Year 6s shine!



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!!

School Uniform Reminder

Here's a reminder of our school uniform now the weather is starting to get a bit warmer. Please ensure all uniform, coats and bags are labelled.

[Click here](#) to see our school uniform and to read our uniform policy.

Useful websites for revision

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