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Friday 5th September 2025

Welcome message

 Welcome to a New School Year! 

As we open our doors to a fresh academic year, we're thrilled to welcome back our wonderful pupils, families, and staff. The summer break has been a time of transformation across our school, with extensive renovations completed in all Year 5 and 6 classrooms and surrounding areas—creating vibrant, modern learning spaces that reflect our commitment to excellence. We're also delighted to announce the launch of Forest School provision for all pupils, from Nursery through to Year 6. This enriching experience will now be a core part of our curriculum, alongside:

-  STEM learning in our dedicated STEM Lab
-  Performance opportunities led by expert staff
-  Forest School through our new Hub and specialist lead
-  Mental health and wellbeing support, including the acclaimed MIND UP programme and support from the NHS Mental Health Support Team therapists.

In addition, we're proud to share that we've identified three exceptional maths teachers who will play a key role in raising attainment and inspiring a love of numeracy across the school. Our Academy Development Plan this year focuses on strengthening Early Reading through the implementation of a new phonics curriculum—SuperSonic Phonic Friends—and a renewed emphasis on high-quality teaching of reading and writing throughout all year groups.

We're also expanding our Family Learning Offer, with exciting opportunities in DIY, cookery, and English, designed to bring families together and support lifelong learning.

With all these developments, we're energised by the prospect of building on last year's successes and continuing to seek every opportunity for our children to flourish in an environment that is loving and caring. Our school is a place people want to be!

Thank you for being part of our journey—here's to a joyful, inspiring, and impactful year ahead!

Mrs Cooper

Principal





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Computing Quality Framework Mark

Hanley St Luke's Academy is proud to have been awarded the national Computing Quality Mark by the National Centre for Computing Education (NCCE), recognising the high standard of computing education we provide. To achieve this, we completed a thorough evaluation across seven key areas, including leadership, curriculum, teaching, and support for all pupils. This award celebrates the dedication of our staff in helping children build essential digital skills and preparing them for future learning and careers. Well done to everyone involved!



P.E Days

	Indoor	Outdoor
Monday	-Indoor Y4 (pm)	Outdoor Year 6 (pm)
Tuesday	Indoor Year 2 (pm) Hall	Outdoor Reception (pm) Outdoor Year 5
Wednesday	Indoor Year 1 -Indoor Year 6 (pm)	Outdoor Y2 Outdoor Y3 (pm)
Thursday	-Indoor Year 3 (pm)	-Outdoor Year 4 (pm)
Friday	-Indoor Rec - Indoor Y5 (pm)	-Outdoor Year 1 (pm)

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Holiday Activities petition

Please read the information regarding a petition to further extend the current Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF)

The programme has become imperative in supporting the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children and families during holiday periods providing not only meals, but also opportunities to engage in activities in safe spaces , raise aspirations and develop skills which all are free of charge. As a much-valued partner, the relationships we have built with those most vulnerable in our city have enabled our project to be recognised as a lead nationally for HAF with myself appointed on the National steering panel and the National award panel. HAF provides over 45,000 free places annually, BUT the current funding stream is due to end after the Christmas period. We are asking whether you could sign the petition that is addressed to Prime Minister directly to request continuation of funding for this vital project supporting our most disadvantaged children and families. The Hubb have an extensive network of over 200 different organisations so together we can provide a powerful voice to bolster the request. It takes 30 seconds to complete.

The link to the petition can be found at <https://docs.google.com/forms/u/0/d/e/1FAIpQLScPvOd4as-UMootROoyR4tnIdiPcR5QE3wpHW3H3wdI2yWHEA/formResponse>

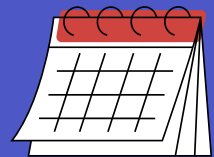
Attendance...everyday counts!

September will mark a fresh start- and a great opportunity to build strong attendance habits for the year ahead.

Our goal is for every student to achieve at least 96% attendance, as regular school attendance is essential to learning, progress, and wellbeing.

We understand that challenges can arise, and we're here to support you. If you need any help or guidance please don't hesitate to reach out.

Let's work together to make next academic year a successful and improved year for punctuality and attendance. We still have 1 more week of opportunities until then. Will your child's class be the attendance cupcake winners this time?



School Uniform

Here is a link to our school website for your reference and a reminder of our school uniform policy. [Click here for more information.](#)

Key dates

Choir- Lion King in London 17th Sept
Year 3 - Conkers 25th Sept
Year 3- Potteries Museum 16th Oct
Year 1- Brampton Toy Museum 5th Nov





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Term Dates for 2025/2026

Term Dates for this Academic Year

Please find below the term dates for the upcoming academic year. We hope this helps with planning ahead. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Pupil Term Dates 2025-2026

Autumn Term 1

Inset Days
Monday 1st September 2025
Tuesday 2nd September 2025

School opens for pupils
Wednesday 3rd September 2025

School closes
Wednesday 22nd October 2025

Inset Days
Thursday 23rd October 2025
Friday 24th October 2025

Half Term Holiday

Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October 2025

School opens for pupils
Monday 3rd November 2025

Autumn Term 2

Friday 19th December 2025

Christmas Holidays

Monday 22nd December to Friday 2nd January 2026

Spring Term 1 2026

School opens for pupils
Monday 5th January 2026

School closes
Friday 13th February 2026

Half Term Holiday
Monday 16th to Friday 20th February 2026

Inset Day
Monday 23rd February 2026 Trust Training Day

Spring term 2

School opens for pupils
Tuesday 24th February 2026

School closes
Friday 27th March 2026

Easter Holidays

Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April 2026

Summer Term 1 2026

School opens
Monday 13th April 2026

Bank holiday
Monday 4th May 2026

School closes
Friday 22nd May 2026

Half Term Holiday
Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026

Summer Term 2

School opens for pupils
Monday 1st June 2026

School closes
Friday 17th July 2026

Inset day
Monday 20th July 2026

Summer Holidays
Tuesday 21st July – Monday 31st August 2026