



NEWSLETTER



Friday 3rd October 2025

Message from Mrs Cooper

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure to welcome you into our school this week for our Harvest Celebration, Community Sports Event, and "Welcome To – Meet the Teacher" introductory session. We were delighted to see so many of you sign up to local Scouts and sports groups. Thank you to Mrs Farnell our PE lead for arranging the community event, Miss Franklin, who is our RE lead and our Ten-Ten Ambassadors for leading the Harvest assembly.

It was also a joy to present your generous offerings of food to both The Alice Charity and the local Food Bank. These organisations serve our community with compassion and were deeply appreciative of your support. Thank you.

This week, I've had the pleasure of observing lessons in our Nursery and Reception classes. I'm happy to report that our children are settling well into their new routines, and our dedicated staff are working hard to deliver a high-quality curriculum.

In this edition of our newsletter, you will read about the Maths curriculum led by Mrs Cordon and Miss Facey. You'll also find a feature on one of our pupils who was shortlisted for the Stoke-on-Trent Young Carer of the Year Award – a huge well done to him!

Finally, we hope you'll be able to join us more frequently at future events. Please see further in the newsletter for key dates and upcoming opportunities to get involved.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,
Mrs Cooper



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In the spotlight Maths.....

At Hanley St Luke's we know that times tables and recalling number facts are a vital part of primary school learning, forming the foundation for many areas of maths such as division, fractions, problem-solving, and more complex calculations later on.

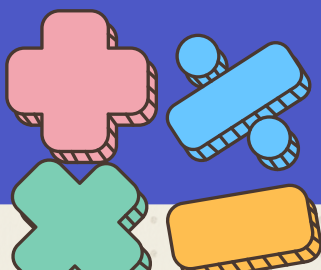
A secure knowledge of times tables and number bonds allows children to work more quickly and confidently in all areas of maths, helping them to focus on understanding new concepts rather than getting stuck on basic number facts. It also supports their mental maths skills, which are essential for everyday tasks like handling money, telling the time, and measuring.

To help children build this essential knowledge, we invest in Times Tables Rockstars and Numbots – an engaging and competitive online platform that turns learning into a game. This means children can log in and play at home for free. We also provide weekly red times tables books for regular home practice, encouraging consistency and reinforcement. In school, times tables and number bonds are practised regularly as part of our maths curriculum- we do a daily maths lesson and an extra 'Mastering Number' session to work on these skills.

To boost motivation, Miss Facey and Mrs Cordon are running Times Tables Rockstars competitions throughout the year, where children can win prizes for effort, improvement, and practice – making learning both fun and rewarding! Look out for some upcoming Parent Workshops in November where we will share ideas and you can play maths games with your child.

Please encourage your child to keep playing and practise their maths facts as much as possible!

Kind regards,
Miss Facey & Mrs Cordon



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Maths Parent Workshops

We're excited to invite you to our upcoming Maths Workshop, designed to help you support your child's learning and build confidence with numbers at home.

During the session, you'll have the opportunity to:

Learn more about how maths is taught

Take part in fun, practical maths activities alongside your child

This is a great chance to see how you can support your child's learning in a fun and engaging way. We'd love to see you there!

- **Year 2 Maths Parent Workshop – Friday 14th November 14.00 – 15.00**
- **Year 1 Maths Parent Workshop – Tuesday 18th November 14:00 – 15:00**
- **Reception Maths Parent Workshop – Wednesday 19th November 14:00 – 15:00**
- **Year 6 Maths Parent Workshop – Wednesday 12th November 14:00 – 15:00**

Well done, Caleb! 🌟

We're incredibly proud to share that Caleb was nominated and shortlisted for the Young Hero Award with BBC Radio Stoke! 🎉👏

Although he didn't take home the award this time, just being shortlisted is an amazing achievement — and in our eyes, he's already a winner! 💙💛

Well done, Caleb — we're all so proud of you! 🌟



Friday 10th October

Hello yellow dress in yellow.
Support Young Minds this World Mental Health Day by saying Hello Yellow and wear yellow clothes to school.



Key dates

- 6S – Stanley Head – 7th & 8th Oct
- 5S Stanley Head – 14th Oct
- 5L Stanley Head – 15th Oct
- Year 3 – Hanley Museum – 16th Oct
- Year 2 – Lower Drayton Farm – 17th Oct
- St Lukes day – 17th Oct



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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

