

# Hanley St Luke's C of E Academy

# NEWSLETTER



Friday 17th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Message from Mrs Cooper

### Safeguarding

This edition of our newsletter shines a light on our incredible Safeguarding Team and the vital role they play in keeping our children safe, happy, and supported.

When we hear the word safeguarding, we often think of extreme situations. But safeguarding is woven into the everyday — and each one of us plays a part. Whether it's making sure children wear a warm coat on chilly mornings, keeping classrooms safe and tidy, or encouraging them to speak up when something doesn't feel right, these small actions build a strong foundation of care.

We're proud to champion the NSPCC's Speak Up, Stay Safe campaign, which empowers children to share their worries and concerns with trusted adults. Through conversations with our pupils, we've learned that their circle of trusted adults extends far beyond teachers and parents. It includes relatives, family friends, and other familiar faces in their lives — a powerful reminder of the community that surrounds and protects them.

Together, we create a safe space where every child feels heard, valued, and supported.

### Autumn Health & Hygiene Update

As we embrace the beauty of autumn — with its crisp air and vibrant leaves — we're also mindful of the seasonal bugs that often accompany it, such as coughs and colds. At school, we're taking proactive steps to help limit the spread of illness and keep our children healthy.

These measures include:

- Encouraging regular handwashing throughout the day
- Using hand sanitiser each time children enter the classroom
- Ensuring our cleaning team thoroughly disinfects all high-touch surfaces

We appreciate your support in reinforcing these habits at home. Together, we can help keep our school community safe and well this season.

### Curriculum & School Development Update

Over the past two weeks, our school has undergone external monitoring reviews of both our Maths and English provision. We're delighted to share that our Academy Development Plan for the year ahead has been fully validated — a strong endorsement of the direction we're heading.

Teaching across the school continues to improve, with several areas already demonstrating excellent practice. As a highly successful school, we remain committed to keeping teaching and learning at the heart of everything we do.

There is much to celebrate, and we look forward to building on this momentum as we continue to enhance the quality of education for every child in our care.

### Farewell & Thank You

As we approach the end of this half term, we bid a fond farewell to Mrs Grundy and Mrs Jones, who have both served our school community with dedication and care over many years.

Thank you, Mrs Grundy and Mrs Jones!

Finally, we wish you a happy and healthy half term when it arrives.

Mrs Cooper

Proud Principal





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## In the spotlight safeguarding .....

At Hanley St Luke's, the safety and wellbeing of every child is our top priority. We are committed to creating a secure, nurturing environment where children feel safe, valued, and supported.

If anyone feels that they need any support, please contact Ms Cartwright-Davies via the school office, on Class Dojo or face to face at the Nursery gate in the morning.

It will be treated confidentially and we can offer any support where needed.

We're proud to offer a Sharing Shelf to support vulnerable families in our school.

If you or someone you know is in need of essential items—such as food, toiletries, or household basics—please feel free to take a few items, no questions asked.

Donations are always welcome and help us keep the shelf stocked with kindness. Together, we can make a real difference. ❤️

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

A huge thank you to all the parents who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning and helped raise an amazing £223.50!

Your generosity and kindness make a real difference, and we're so grateful for your continued support.

Together, we're helping Macmillan Cancer Support continue their incredible work. ❤️

Kind regards

Ms Cartwright - Davies





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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 12<sup>th</sup> November 14:00 - 15:00**

You're warmly invited to join us for a Mental Health Coffee Morning on Friday 7th November, from 9:00am to 10:00am. This informal gathering is a chance to take a break, enjoy a hot drink, and connect with others in a supportive and relaxed environment. Whether you want to chat, listen, or simply enjoy the company, everyone is welcome. It's a great opportunity to raise awareness, share experiences, and promote wellbeing in our community.

Details:

**Date:** Friday 7th November

**Time:** 9:00am – 10:00am

**Location:** Hanley st Luke's dining room



## Half term

Don't forget that our last day of school is Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.  
We return back to school  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

## Key dates

Year 1 - Brampton toy museum 5<sup>th</sup> Nov  
School photos 12<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Dress up day with Pudsey 14<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Year 4 - Harper Adams university 17<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Nursery photos 20<sup>th</sup> Nov



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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 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025

School closes

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025

Inset Days

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

### Half Term Holiday

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025**

School opens for pupils

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

### Autumn Term 2

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### Christmas Holidays

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026**

### Spring Term 1 2026

School opens for pupils

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

School closes

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

### Half Term Holiday

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

Inset Day

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 Trust Training Day

### Spring term 2

School opens for pupils

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026

School closes

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### Easter Holidays

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

### Summer Term 1 2026

School opens

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Bank holiday

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026

School closes

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

### Half Term Holiday

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

### Summer Term 2

School opens for pupils

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

School closes

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Inset day

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

Summer Holidays

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026**

