

NEWSLETTER



Friday 7th November 2025

Message from Mrs Cooper

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week's newsletter is full of updates and reflections from across our school community. Plus dates to remember!

We have included important information about Children in Need, school photos, flu immunisations, and upcoming trips, so please take a moment to read through the details carefully.

Our spotlight this week is on Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). I am proud to introduce our dedicated SEND team: Mrs Barlow, Miss Johns, and Miss Jennings. Each bring valuable expertise and a deep commitment to supporting the diverse needs of our children. Their work ensures that every child is given the opportunity to thrive and succeed.

Elsewhere in school, we will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Critchlow, who has been a part of our school family for an incredible 22 years. She certainly doesn't look old enough! Mrs Critchlow has been a true champion of science, leaving behind a wonderful legacy that continues to enrich our much-celebrated STEM lab. We thank her for all she has done and wish her every happiness in the future. She leaves us at the end of this half term.

We are also delighted to welcome Mr Whiston to our teaching team. He will spend the next few weeks getting to know the children in Year 4. We look forward to the enthusiasm, energy, and ideas he will bring to our classrooms.

We are also excited to welcome Miss Jackson to our Year 3. Her presence brings inspiration and learning to life.

Finally, as we approach Remembrance Sunday, we take a moment to remember all those affected by conflict — past and present — and give thanks to those who have served, and continue to serve, to protect others.

May they rest in peace.

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend,

Mrs Cooper

Proud Principal



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In the spotlight SEND.....

This term, our SEND spotlight is on Speech and Language—a vital foundation for children's learning, friendships, and emotional development.

Did you know?

Around 1 in 10 children have long-term speech, language, or communication needs that can affect their learning and social interaction. Early support makes a huge difference!

How parents can support speech and language at home:

- Talk, talk, talk! Narrate your daily routines and encourage back-and-forth conversations.
- Read together every day or a few times a week—books, cereal boxes, magazines, or words from their games all introduce new vocabulary and ideas in context.
- Model good listening—give your child time to think and respond.
- Play games like "I Spy" or "Simon Says" to build vocabulary and attention.
- Encourage storytelling—ask your child to describe pictures, retell events (like how their day has been), or make up imaginative stories.

Together, small steps at home and in school can make a big impact!

Myth Busting: Understanding SEND

Myth: "A child has a diagnosis, so they need an EHC Plan."

Fact: An Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) is not dependent on diagnosis.

Many children with a diagnosis can have their needs successfully met through SEN Support. An EHCP is for children who require special educational provision that cannot reasonably be provided from within the resources normally available to mainstream nurseries, schools, and post-16 settings.

A quick reminder that our school SEND Team includes:
Mrs Barlow, Miss Jennings, and Miss Johns.

They're here to support our children, families, and staff in ensuring every learner has the tools and confidence to thrive.



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Maths Parent Workshops

- Year 6 Maths Parent Workshop - Wednesday 12th November 14:00 - 15:00
- 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

Flu immunisation

Flu Nasal Spray Tuesday 11th November in school. If you would like your child to receive this please complete the link below. It will take less than 5 minutes to respond. You need to respond by Monday 10th November 2025 at 10:00am.

<https://forms.mpft.nhs.uk/?session=7767&code=ST150423-25>

NURSERY CHILDREN ARE NOT INCLUDED!

🌟 CHILDREN IN NEED DAY! 🌟

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👕 Dress to Impress! Come to school wearing spots, dots, your own clothes, or anything Pudsey-related! Let's make the school shine with colour and kindness! 🎨

📖 THE BIG 25 READ CHALLENGE! To celebrate 25 years of Children in Need, we're launching our BIG 25 READ CHALLENGE 📖🎯

Let's read, learn, and make a difference together!

🍰 CAKE SALE! We'll be selling delicious cakes for 50p, £1, or £2 — yum! 🍰 We're also asking parents for cake donations — please send them into school during the week commencing Monday 10th November. Thank you for your support! ❤️

Let's show our spots, share our smiles, and support a great cause! 🌟 Together, we can make this Children in Need the best one yet! ❤️🐻

School Photos

The photographer will be in school on the 12th November for Reception to Year 6 including all siblings. Nursery individual photos will be the 20th November.

Key dates

Year 4 - Harper Adams university 17th Nov
Nursery - Conkers 2nd Dec
Year 1 - Amerton Farm 10th Dec
Year 2 - National Farm 16th Dec
Reception - Amerton Farm - 17th Dec

Hanley St Luke's C of E Academy

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Registered charity number: 114430



big cup
community play group



Hanley St Luke's Academy
Thursday
9:15 am – 11:15 am



Hanley St Luke's Academy
Wellington Road
Hanley
ST1 3QH
Please go to reception on arrival.



about us
Come along and enjoy a variety of stimulating, educational and fun activities. This is a FREE group for all parents/carers and children. For more information please contact Lisa Hall on 07729092712 or lisa.hall@aliciacharity.org

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 **Thursday Big Cup Fun!**
Bring your little ones and join us every Thursday for a morning of play, laughter, and learning. Toys, crafts, and friendly faces await—everyone's welcome at Hanley St. Lukes!

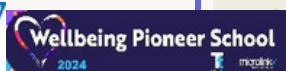
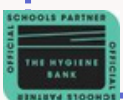


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Pupil Term Dates 2025-2026

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

