

NEWSLETTER



Friday 21st November 2025

Message from Mrs Cooper

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

In this edition, we are putting a spotlight on Art. We are fortunate to have so many children across our school who demonstrate remarkable artistic talent in a variety of forms. Miss Brown, our Art Lead, has provided a summary of the Art curriculum and how it supports the creativity of all our learners.

We are also pleased to share an update on our Encounter Project. This project forms an important part of our work as a Church of England school. Through the Encounter Project, pupils engage with themes that help them explore faith, spirituality, and the wider world in a thoughtful and inclusive way. The project encourages children to reflect on their own values, develop curiosity about others' beliefs and traditions, and understand how we can all contribute positively to our community. We are proud of how our pupils have responded and the meaningful discussions the project has inspired across year groups.

Since our last newsletter, we have finalised the dates for our Christmas events, and we hope you will be able to join us in the celebrations. This year, our Christmas Fayre will be hosted by Hanley St Luke's Church.

As a Church of England school, we are committed to creating even more opportunities to work closely with Lichfield Diocese, Hanley St Luke's Church, and their ministry team. We look forward to strengthening these partnerships throughout the year. Finally, I would like to reassure you that our school remains a safe and secure site, and we continue to prioritise the wellbeing and safety of all our pupils.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Cooper

Proud Principal





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In the spotlight Arts.....

At Hanley St Luke's, we believe that every child is a unique individual, full of creativity and potential. The arts — including visual art, music, and performance — are a cherished and vital part of our school curriculum. They give our children the opportunity to explore their imaginations, express their ideas, and grow in confidence.

Throughout the year, pupils take part in a wide range of creative experiences. Our annual Arts Week is always a highlight, where children immerse themselves in exciting workshops, from painting and sculpture to dance, drama, and music-making. Our school choir brings joy to our community through regular performances, both in school and beyond.

Our Christmas and summer productions are wonderful celebrations of talent, teamwork, and creativity — moments when every child has the chance to shine on stage. This year we had the opportunity to take the cast of our summer show, *The Lion King*, to see the hit musical *The Lion King* live on stage in the West End. This provided the chance to see how their performance linked to a professional show.

Through these rich opportunities, pupils develop not only artistic skills, but also collaboration, perseverance, and a lifelong appreciation for the arts.

Our commitment to creativity reflects our school mission statement: "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." We believe that a full and flourishing life includes the freedom to create, perform, and celebrate the beauty of the world around us.

Thanks,
Mrs Clarke & Miss Brown



CHRISTMAS



Thursday 4th December:

Light switch-on at St Luke's Church – 6:00pm

There will be a visit from Santa Claus

Monday 8th December:

Year 1 & 2 Christmas Nativity (PM) – 2:00–3:00pm

Tuesday 9th December:

Year 1 & 2 Christmas Nativity (AM) – 9:30–10:30am

Nursery & Reception Nativity (PM) – 2:00–3:00pm

Wednesday 10th December:

Nursery & Reception Nativity (AM) – 9:30–10:30am

Christmas Fair in the Church Hall (PM)

Thursday 11th December:

Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert in the Hall (PM) – 2:00–3:00pm

Thursday 18th December:

Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert in Church (PM)



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ST. LUKE'S COMMUNITY EVENTS

EVERY WEDNESDAY 08:30 AM
PLACES OF WELCOME

EVERY WEDNESDAY 1 PM
BABY & TODDLER PLAY GROUP

2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH 3PM
FREE PRIZE BINGO

LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 3PM
BUBBLE CHURCH



Weekly Events at
Your Local Church
Looking for
community,
friendship, and
inspiration? Join
us every week!

St. Luke's Church,
Hanley,
ST1 3PX



St. Luke's Baby & Toddler Playgroup

Join Our Baby & Toddler Playgroup!

Fun, Friends & Playtime Every Week!

Age Group: 0-5 years

When: Every Wednesday, 1 – 2:30 PM (Term time)

Where: St. Luke's Church Hanley, ST1 3PX

Activities: Free play, songs, crafts, role play, sensory fun, and snacks!

** Meet other parents and carers in a friendly, relaxed space.

Contact: Mike Bridgewater – 07488 233118

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CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to you all. Raising £464.50 from the cake sale is an amazing achievement and will make a real difference for Children in Need.



Dear Hanley St Lukes,

Pudsey wanted to let you know how much he and the BBC Radio Stoke team LOVED visiting you. Pudsey and his friends are so happy that your school raises awareness of BBC Children in Need, and fundraises to help young people right here in Staffordshire and Cheshire. So a big **THANK YOU** from all of us!! Check out the BBC Radio Stoke Facebook page for our photo galleries and all the content from Pudsey's big tour this week. See if you can spot yourself, and give the post a share so others can see some **Pudsey magic** too! Listen to Lee Blakeman at Breakfast on Friday morning on BBC Radio Stoke between 0600-1000 to hear highlights from Pudsey's school tour.

Scan the QR code below to listen live:



Scan me!

Thank you & see you all soon!
Pudsey and the BBC Radio Stoke team
November 2025

Key dates

Nursery - Conkers 2nd Dec

Year 1 - Amerton Farm 10th Dec

Year 2 - National Farm 16th Dec

Reception - Amerton Farm - 17th Dec

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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

