

NEWSLETTER



Friday 23rd January 2026

A message from Mrs Cooper



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this newsletter finds you well.

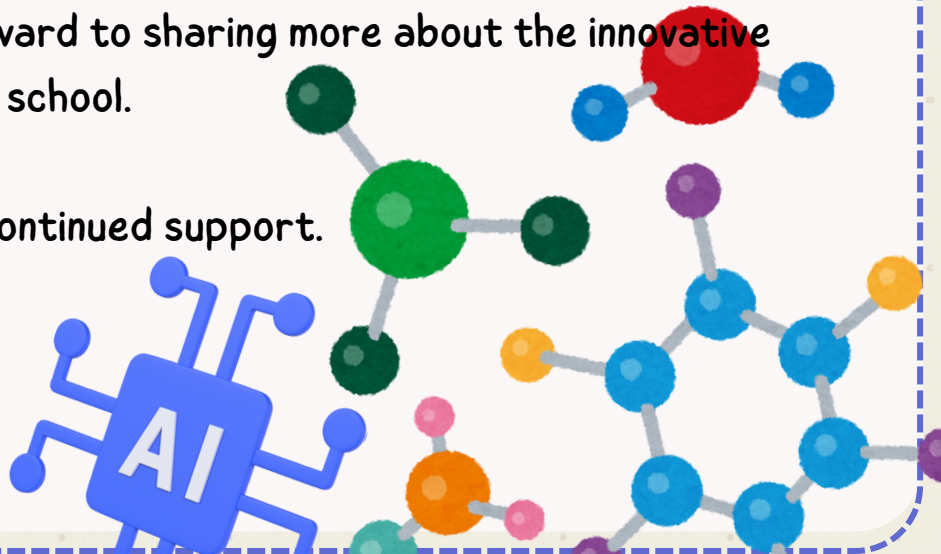
Recently, we shared a letter from Stoke-on-Trent City Council regarding their 'School Streets' initiative, which aims to deter parking in and around schools and improve safety for our children. Despite our best efforts to manage the situation internally and encourage safe and considerate parking, the local authority has now stepped in.

As a result, access to Wellington Road and Ludlow Street will be restricted during school arrival 8.15am - 9.30am and collection times 2.30pm- 4.00pm. This scheme is due to commence on 23rd February. We appreciate your cooperation and support as this initiative is introduced, as it will help create a safer environment for our school community.

In this edition of the newsletter, we are pleased to focus on STEM. As a school, we are proud to showcase our STEM Lab and AI curriculum, which provide our pupils with exciting opportunities to develop problem-solving, creativity, and future-ready skills. We look forward to sharing more about the innovative learning taking place across the school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kindest regards,
Mrs Copper



In the spotlight STEM.....

STEM at Hanley St Luke's – An Exciting Year Ahead!

Over the last year, we have moved a long way with STEM at Hanley St Luke's and we are so proud of how much our provision has grown. We have introduced a whole-school STEM curriculum to make sure all children, from Nursery through to Year 6, have regular and meaningful STEM opportunities both in school and beyond the classroom. Our STEM team includes Mr Whiston, our Science Lead, and Miss G. Franklin, our Forest School Lead, working alongside Mrs Cordon, our STEM Lead, to enrich and develop pupils' learning experiences.

We have also launched our very own STEM Club, which has quickly become a firm favourite with the children. During these sessions, pupils have taken part in exciting investigations, developed their coding skills and enjoyed lots of hands-on practical learning.

Forest School has also been a great success for our Key Stage 1 children. It has been wonderful to see them learning and exploring outdoors, building their teamwork skills and enjoying being immersed in nature.

Looking ahead to 2026, it is going to be another busy and exciting year for STEM at HSL! We have lots of fantastic activities planned including Lego workshops, Operation Spitfire, Earth Week, Careers Week, cyber-security workshops and much more. We can't wait to share all the exciting learning with you over the coming months.

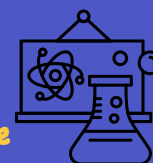
Computing at Hanley St Luke's – Preparing Children for an AI Future

Following the success of being awarded the Computing Quality Framework Mark last year, our Computing provision continues to go from strength to strength. Our Computing team includes Mrs Fern, Miss Hodgen and Mrs Carr, working alongside Mrs Cordon, our Computing and Online Safety Lead, to support and develop pupils' digital skills and understanding. This year, we are placing a strong focus on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and, most importantly, on teaching children how to understand and use AI responsibly.

As we move into the Summer term, children in Years 5 and 6 will begin learning more about AI during their Computing lessons. These sessions are part of a bespoke curriculum designed to equip our next generation with the skills and knowledge they will need for future job roles. AI will play a key part in the world they grow up in, and we are committed to preparing our children for this.

Our Year 6 pupils will also be taking part in an exciting Bird Net project, where they will use AI to investigate birds in our local area and beyond. This project will link closely with their Science topics and other areas of the curriculum, helping children to see how Computing and AI can be used in real-life contexts.

We are very proud of the progress we continue to make in Computing and look forward to sharing the children's learning with you over the coming months.





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Parent Consultation appointments are now available to book through Arbor. Please log in to your Arbor account to select a suitable time slot for your meeting. <https://login.arbor.sc/>

If you need any support accessing Arbor or booking your appointment, please contact the school office and we'll be happy to help.

Friday 6th Feb - Year 3

Monday 9th Feb - Year 4

Tuesday 10th Feb - Year 5

Tuesday 10th Feb - Reception

Wednesday 11th Feb - Year 6

Wednesday 11th Feb - Nursery

Thursday 12th Feb - Year 2

Friday 13th Feb - Year 1



Following feedback from our recent SEND social morning, we wanted to share a parent support resource that some families may find helpful.

Face Family Advice offers a range of online parenting talks and courses, delivered by professionals and accredited by the CPD Standards Office, which means the content meets recognised quality standards.

The talks and courses cover topics such as:

- Managing defiant behaviour
- ADHD
- Autism (ASD)
- Angry or emotional behaviour
- Screen use and online habits

Some live parent talks are free, while others cost £24. Online courses are available for £48.

Parents may choose to access these individually, or even join together in pairs or small groups if that feels helpful.

If you would like to explore this further, you can visit:

- Live parent talks: <https://www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk/>
- Online parenting courses: <https://www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk/cpdaccreditedtraining>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the SEND team, who will be happy to help.



Applying for free school meals is quick and can provide vital support for families on low incomes. Parents apply through their local council using the link provided - <https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sim>



Key dates

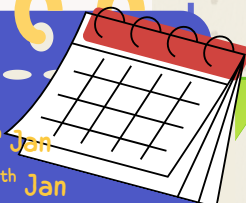
Holocaust Memorial Day 27th Jan

Sir Stanley Matthews Day 30th Jan

Year 4 Class Worship 12th Feb

Last day of school 13th Feb

Inset day 23rd Feb



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No need to book just turn up



COFFEE MORNING



Parent Workshop on Sleep
Thursday 19th March at 9am
at Hanley St Luke's

This coffee morning is a great chance for you to meet Emily, the trainee Education Mental Health Practitioner at your child's school. Come and learn about the Mental Health Support Team and see how they can support your child.

Open to parents and carers of all year groups!
Tea and coffee provided.

You are warmly invited to join us for our upcoming Coffee Morning & Parent Workshop on Sleep.

Date: Wednesday 19th March

Time: 9:00am

Location: Dining Room



Dear Parents and Carers,

You are warmly invited to attend our Parent

Coffee Morning on:



Tuesday 3rd February



Time: 9:00am



Location: Dining room



This is a great opportunity to meet other parents, chat with staff, and enjoy a relaxed morning together. We hope you can join us!



ENCOUNTER
Café @ St. Luke's Church

You are warmly invited to drop in every Tuesday during term time 8.30am - 10am



Refreshments Chat Craft

In Our Place is now
Togetherness and is available for
all families.

The courses are free with a
code: OATCAKE

<https://togetherness.co.uk/>

Sir Stan Day
30th Jan

Children can wear red
and white or sports
wear.





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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

