

Friday 24th April 2026

A message from Mrs Cooper

Dear Parents and carers,

I am delighted to share with you our HSL Core Educational Offer. Since January 2024, when I first joined the school, we have increased pupil numbers attracting local families to attend and continue to grow. Our Nursery and Reception application numbers have grown significantly. This growth reflects the school's strong social media presence, increasing reputation within the local community, and the success of Hanley St Luke's unique Core Educational Offer. Hanley St Luke's has developed a high-quality, inclusive core education offer that provides rich experiences and meaningful opportunities for all pupils. Crucially, this offer has been Poverty Proofed, ensuring that every child can fully participate regardless of financial background.

What Every Child Accesses at HSL

Swimming

- Access to a swimming pool for all pupils from Nursery to Year 6

Outdoor & Experiential Learning

- Embedded Forest School curriculum
- KS2 Geography hands-on learning at Stanley Head Outdoor Education Centre
- Year 6 Residential at Stanley Head

Performance & Culture

- KS2 performance residential and theatre experience
- EYFS & KS1 off-site visit to Santa Claus

Music

- Specialist peripatetic music teachers
- Small-group or 1:1 instrumental tuition via the City Music Service

STEM & Future Learning

- Access to a STEM Lab
- AI curriculum preparing pupils for the future

Care & Wellbeing

- Wraparound care
- Daily breakfast for every child (some provision DfE-subsidised)

Inclusive Curriculum Enrichment

- Experiential learning linked to curriculum themes
- Free or minimal-cost opportunities for families

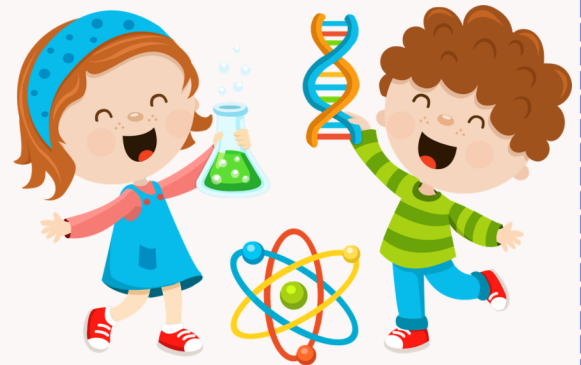
Early Years & Community Support

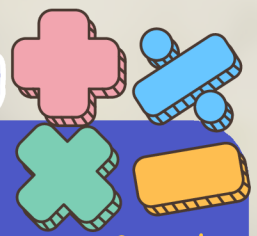
- Free pre-school provision
- Access to community and charitable support via The Alice Charity

Our Commitment

At Hanley St Luke's, every child benefits from an ambitious, enriching and equitable education, ensuring opportunity, wellbeing and success for all—without financial barriers.

This carefully designed Core Educational Offer ensures that pupils at Hanley St Luke's receive an ambitious, enriching and equitable education, supporting high aspirations, wellbeing, and lifelong learning.





In the spotlight Maths

This year, our Year 4 pupils have been working incredibly hard in preparation for the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). The MTC is a short, online assessment designed to ensure children can recall their times tables up to 12×12 quickly and accurately. Times tables are an essential skill that underpins much of all children's current and future maths learning. If children know them by heart, it makes other areas of maths so much easier!

In school, we've been using a range of engaging and structured approaches to build both confidence and fluency with number and recall of facts. Not just in Y4, but starting right down in EYFS progressively, continuing on to secure consolidation in Y6.

Through our daily Mastering Number sessions, children have been developing a deep understanding of number relationships and patterns. Alongside this, regular practice opportunities help to reinforce key facts and improve recall speed.

To keep learning fun and motivating, we've introduced friendly competitions and challenges, encouraging pupils to beat their own personal bests. The children have also been using key fact flashcards to support their memory and revisit tricky facts. The children have been doing so well and we are really proud!

We have also been making great use of Times Tables Rock Stars, which has been a fantastic tool for practising multiplication in an interactive and enjoyable way. The children have shown real enthusiasm and determination, it's been wonderful to see their progress!

How you can help at home:

- Encourage regular, short bursts of practice (5–10 minutes a day can make a big difference)
- Use flashcards or quick-fire questions to build speed and confidence
- Log in to Numbots for younger children and to practise number bonds and facts <https://play.numbots.com/#/intro>
- Log in to Times Tables Rock Stars together and celebrate improvements <https://ttrockstars.com/>
- Focus on tricky tables and revisit them often- particularly the 21 key facts. [Kangaroo Maths](https://kangaroomaths.co.uk) <https://kangaroomaths.co.uk> > ... > Calculation > calculation · PDF file [Times tables: the 21 facts* - Kangaroo Maths](#)

Your support at home plays a vital role in helping your child feel confident and prepared.

Thank you for working in partnership with us, we are very proud of the effort and progress the children have shown so far.

If you have any questions about the MTC, times tables or how best to support your child, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Please visit the maths section of our website to find out more. [Hanley St Luke's CofE Academy - Maths](#)

Hanley St Luke's C of E Academy

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Farewell Message

After 14 years at Hanley St Luke's, we say goodbye to Mrs K Rush. We thank her for her hard work with the children and support over the years as a TA in EYFS, KS1 and KS2. Please join us in wishing her all the best in her new job and for the future.



We are pleased to share the dates for our upcoming church visits this term:



Wednesday 6th May - Year 5 and Year 3 - 11am

Wednesday 13th May - Nursery 9.15am - Reception - 9.45am

Wednesday 20th May - Year 6 and Year 2 - 11am

Wednesday 3rd June - Nursery 9.15am - Year 5 and 3 - 11am

Wednesday 10th June - Reception 9.15am - Year 2 - 11am

Wednesday 17th June - Year 1 - 9.15am - Year 2 - 11am

Wednesday 24th June - Nursery 9.15am - Year 3 and 6 - 11am

On Friday 10th July, we will be celebrating a TTRS Rockstar Day in school! Children are invited to come dressed as rockstars for the day—feel free to get creative, and don't forget the air guitars! Throughout the day, the children will take part in a range of fun and exciting maths and times table activities designed to build their confidence and enjoyment.



We look forward to a fantastic day of learning and rockstar fun!

Key dates

Year 6 Leavers photos

18th May

Year 6 Prom 2026

16th July 6pm-8pm

Music, dancing, friends
and unforgettable moments
don't miss it!

Rec Height and Weight 27th April

2L Stanley Head - 28th April

2S Stanley Head - 29th April

Bank Holiday 4th May - School closed 1 day

3S Library Visit - 5th May

Year 3 Maths Parent Workshop - 5th May 2pm

Year 5 Class Worship - 7th May

3L Library Visit - 12th May

Year 6 SAT's 11th May - 14th May

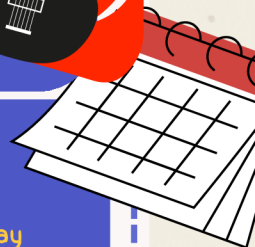
Year 5 Stanley Head parent meeting - 14th May 3.30pm

No Pens Day - 20th May

Year 3 Chester Museum - 4th June

Year 5 Maths Parent Workshop - 23rd June

TTRS Rockstar Day - 10th July



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Father's Day Events

We are delighted to invite dads and father figures to join us for our

Father's Day celebrations:

Monday 15th June

Year 4 – Afternoon Tea

Tuesday 16th June

Year 3 – Father's Day Breakfast

Year 5 – Afternoon Tea

Wednesday 17th June

Nursery – Father's Day Breakfast

Year 2 – Father's Day Afternoon Tea

Thursday 18th June

Year 6 – Father's Day Breakfast

Reception – Afternoon Tea

Friday 19th June

Year 1 – Father's Day Breakfast

Sports Day Arrangements

We are pleased to share the arrangements for our upcoming Sports Days. Please see the details below for each year group:

Wednesday 4th June

Nursery and Reception

Sports Day

Thursday 5th June

Years 1 and 2

Sports Day

Monday 22nd June

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Sports Day

at Meakins Cricket Club

