

NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th July 2026

A message from Mrs Cooper



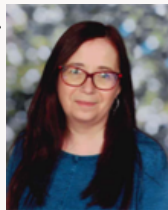
Dear Parents & Carers,

As we reach the final week of another successful academic year, there is a real sense of excitement around school. Transition Week has been a great success, with children settling confidently into their new classes, getting to know their new teachers and embracing the opportunities ahead. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, resilience and positivity throughout the week. We are also looking forward to welcoming families to our Meet the Teacher event on Wednesday 9th September, where you will have the opportunity to visit your child's new classroom and meet the staff who will be supporting them next year.

I am absolutely delighted to share some fantastic news with our school community. Hanley St Luke's Church of England Academy has been awarded the Gold Raising Attainment Through Wellbeing National Award, recognising our commitment to ensuring that the wellbeing of both children and staff remains at the heart of everything we do. Even more excitingly, we have also been recognised as a Wellbeing Pioneer School within Stoke-on-Trent, helping to lead the way in demonstrating how wellbeing and high achievement go hand in hand. This is a wonderful accolade that reflects the dedication, care and commitment of our entire school family.

This week has also brought sporting success to celebrate. Many of our pupils proudly represented Hanley at the City Athletics Competition, helping the city secure the overall title for the first time ever. This incredible achievement was made even more special by several of our children breaking long-standing records along the way. Every child demonstrated determination, resilience, teamwork and outstanding sportsmanship. They represented Hanley St Luke's with pride, and we could not be prouder of each and every one of them.

As we celebrate the achievements of the year, we also take the opportunity to recognise a very special member of our school family. Miss McNulty retires this summer after an incredible 32 years of dedicated service at Hanley St Luke's. During her time here she has supported, nurtured and inspired generations of children and families. We thank her sincerely for her unwavering commitment, kindness and dedication, and whilst she may be retiring from her role, we know she will remain a cherished friend of the school community. We wish her every happiness in this exciting new chapter.



I would also like to celebrate the excellent standards being achieved by our pupils. Our outcomes in the Early Years Foundation Stage continue to exceed both local and national averages, our Multiplication Tables Check results are above both local and national figures, and our phonics outcomes are now much closer to national levels than they have been historically. Whilst we await the final Year 6 SATs results, we are immensely proud of the young people our Year 6 pupils have become. They have demonstrated resilience, maturity and a determination to succeed throughout their time with us. As they prepare for the next stage of their education, we wish them every success and happiness for the future.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support throughout the year. The partnership between home and school is invaluable, and together we have achieved so much. We look forward to sharing the many exciting moments that are still to come before the end of term and wish all of our children, families and staff a restful, safe and blessed summer break when it arrives.

Mrs Zoe Cooper

Hanley St Luke's C of E Academy

In the spotlight Safeguarding

Hi I am Ms Cartwright - Safeguarding Officer

During school Summer break if you need support please send a dojo message to Ms Cartwright and I will try to help or signpost you to support in the city. Rebecca Aldridge our school-link is supporting with our families over the Summer from our Local Authority also.

There are two Family Advisors based at Shelton Family Hub:

They can help with - help with money and benefits, advice and support with housing applications, help with filling in forms, help with pregnancy & birth, support with white goods, food parcels if you are without food or struggling financially and other general support

Shabana 07775 817601

Becki 07767 179649

We know that Summer break can be a time when you need activities to keep your children busy but it can be costly.

The local family hubs in Hanley Potteries centre and Shelton family hub have free activities on during the Summer break from school. These activities are for all children and staff are friendly and always willing to help.

There is a free soft play area in the Potteries centre also.

Summer Reading Challenge is on over the Summer and the Hanley library has activities on for you to pop along with your family or to pick some books borrow to take home and look at together.

We will share any information we receive on class dojo.

Summer Holiday Support for Families

As schools close for the summer holidays, many families can feel increased financial pressure. Recent research from Morrisons found that more than half of parents (54%) experience financial strain during the summer break, with "week three" identified as the point when many households feel the impact most significantly. Almost half (48%) of parents reported skipping meals to help ensure their children do not go without, with breakfast being the meal most commonly missed.

To help support families, Morrisons Cafés are once again offering a free Kellogg's Breakfast throughout the summer holidays. The offer is available to both children and adults and includes:

- A bowl of Corn Flakes or Rice Krispies
- Choice of dairy or non-dairy milk
- A free apple or banana

This initiative aims to help families access a healthy breakfast during the holiday period.

Keeping Children Safe Online This Summer

During the summer holidays, children often spend more time online through social media, gaming, live streaming and messaging apps. We encourage all parents and carers to take time to discuss online safety with their children and maintain open conversations about their online activities.

- Keeping Children Safe Online During the Summer Holidays - providing advice on social media, gaming, live streaming, privacy settings, online influencers, fake news and online grooming.
- When Something Goes Wrong Online - A Simple Action Plan for Parents - practical guidance on reporting concerns, preserving evidence, and supporting children who may have experienced online harm.

Key messages for parents include:

- Encourage children to speak to a trusted adult if something online worries them.
- Regularly check privacy and safety settings.
- Monitor gaming contacts and online friendships.
- Keep communication open and supportive rather than punitive.



UK KIDS EAT FREE
& SUMMER DINING DEALS 2026

Great savings for families this summer!

PLACE	OFFER	WHEN / DATES (2026)	DETAILS
ASK Italian	Kids Eat Free	All Summer Holidays 20 Jul - 31 Aug	1 free kids meal with each adult main meal.
Bella Italia	Kids Eat Free	4 Jul - 31 Aug (excludes 8-24 Aug)	1 free kids meal with each adult main meal.
Zizzi	Kids Eat Free	All Summer Holidays 20 Jul - 31 Aug	1 free kids meal with each adult main meal.
YO! Sushi	Kids Eat Free	All Summer Holidays 20 Jul - 31 Aug	1 free kids meal per paying adult.
Frankie & Benny's	Kids Eat Free	6 Jul - 4 Sep	1 free kids meal with each adult main meal.
Las Iguanas	Kids Eat Free	All Summer Holidays (20 Jul - 31 Aug)	1 free kids meal with each adult main meal.
Pizza Hut	Kids' Buffet from £1	All Summer Holidays (20 Jul - 31 Aug)	Kids eat for £1 from the buffet when an adult spends £10+.
TGI Fridays	Kids Eat Free (Rewards members)	All Summer Holidays (20 Jul - 31 Aug)	1 free kids meal with each adult main meal.
Bill's	Kids Eat Free	23 Jul - 3 Sep	1 free kids meal with each adult main meal.
The Real Greek	Kids Eat Free Sundays	Every Sunday All year round	1 free kids meal per adult main meal.
Café Rouge	Kids Eat Free	4 Jul - 31 Aug	1 free kids meal with each adult main meal.
Franco Manca	Kids Eat Free	All Summer Holidays (20 Jul - 31 Aug)	1 free kids meal with each adult main meal.
Tesco Café	Kids Eat Free with Clubcard + adult purchase	All Summer Holidays (21 Jul - 31 Aug)	1 free kids meal with each adult meal + Clubcard.
Morrisons Café	Kids Eat Free with qualifying adult meal	All Summer Holidays (20 Jul - 31 Aug)	1 free kids meal with each qualifying adult meal.
ASDA	Kids Eat for £1	All Summer Holidays (20 Jul - 31 Aug)	Kids eat for £1 with each adult meal.
Pausa Café at Dunelm	Kids Eat Free with qualifying spend	All Summer Holidays (20 Jul - 31 Aug)	1 free kids meal with £4 spend in Pausa Café.
Dobbies Garden Centres	Kids Eat for £1	All Summer Holidays (20 Jul - 31 Aug)	Kids eat for £1 with each adult meal.
Holiday Inn	Kids Eat Free	All Summer Holidays (20 Jul - 31 Aug)	Up to 2 kids eat free with each adult meal.

Offers vary by location, dates and terms. Always check before visiting.

simple play & craft ideas



Tales in the Park

A free day out for all the family!

Go all in this summer at our storytelling festivals across Stoke. With activities including storytellers, crafts, bouncy castles, circus skills and a free book for every child!

Join us from 11am - 3pm at:

- Tuesday 28 July in Tunstall Park
- Friday 31 July in Hanley Park
- Tuesday 4 August in Yeaman Street Rec
- Friday 7 August in Fenton Park
- Tuesday 11 August in Longton Park
- Friday 14 August in Burslem Park

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We are delighted to welcome our pupils back to school on Thursday, 3rd September and look forward to an exciting year of learning ahead.

Parents and carers are also invited to attend our Meet the Teacher Day on Wednesday, 9th September, providing an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and find out more about the year ahead. We look forward to seeing you there.



teachers

We'll be celebrating on Friday, 25th September.

To mark the occasion, children are invited to come to school wearing their own clothes in the colours of the Spanish flag – red and yellow – if they would like to take part. Throughout the day, pupils will enjoy a range of Spanish-themed activities across the school, including learning Spanish vocabulary and discovering the work of famous Spanish artists. We look forward to celebrating Spanish language and culture together.

Wrap Around Care Information

We offer wrap around care to support families before and after the school day. You can book your child's place using the following link:

➔ <https://hanleystlukes.hivelink.co.uk/>

Sessions and pricing:

- 7:30am – 8:40am: £1.50
- 8:10am – 8:40am: Free
- 3:15pm – 6:00pm: £5

Please ensure sessions are booked in advance to secure your place.

Key Dates

School opens – 3rd Sept

Meet the teacher day 9th September

Stanley Head meeting 10th Sept 3.30pm

Parent Workshop 11th Sept 9am

Year 1 Northwood Park 15th Sept

Year 6 Church 16th Sept 11am

Year 3 Conkers 22nd Sept

Year 5 Maths Parent Workshop 22nd Sept

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Harvest Worship 24th Sept

Wear culture clothes Day 25th Sept

The Parent Portal on Arbor

The Parent Portal and Parent App allow parents to manage their child's school activities, including registration for clubs, payments, and monitoring attendance and progress.

[Click here for more information](#)





Pupil Term Dates 2026-2027

Autumn Term 1

Inset Days Tuesday 1st September 2026

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

School opens for pupils Thursday 3rd September 2026

School closes at 3.15pm Wednesday 21st October 2026

Inset Days Thursday 22nd October 2026

Friday 23rd October 2026

Half Term Holiday Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2026

School opens for pupils Monday 2nd November 2026

Autumn Term 2

School closes 3.15pm Friday 18th December 2026

Christmas Holidays Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January 2027

Spring Term 1 2027

School opens for pupils Monday 4th January 2027

School closes at 3.15pm Friday 12th February 2027

Half Term Holiday Monday 15th to Friday 19th February 2027

Inset Day Monday 22nd February 2027 Trust Training Day

Spring term 2

School opens for pupils Tuesday 23rd February 2027

School closes at 3.15pm Thursday 25th March 2027

Easter Holidays Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April 2027

Summer Term 1 2027

School opens Monday 12th April 2027

Bank holiday Monday 3rd May 2027

School closes at 3.15pm Friday 28th May 2027

Half Term Holiday Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027

Summer Term 2

School opens for pupils Monday 7th June 2027

School closes at 3.15pm Tuesday 20th July 2027

Inset day Wednesday 21st July 2027

Summer Holidays Thursday 22nd July 2027