

Hanley St Luke's C of E Academy

NEWSLETTER



Friday 25th September 2026

A message from Mrs Cooper



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we launched our new Watch Me Learn Maths sessions, where parents and carers are invited into school to take part in their child's maths lesson alongside them. We were delighted to welcome our Year 5 and Year 6 families and would like to thank everyone who took the time to join us.

I hope you enjoyed seeing the retrieval practice, new learning and strong focus on mathematical vocabulary that form such an important part of our maths curriculum. Opportunities for parents to engage in their child's learning are incredibly valuable, so please look out for future sessions and events. We love sharing in the educational journey of your children and celebrating their successes together.

Elsewhere, our pupil leadership teams continue to make a significant contribution to daily life at Hanley St Luke's. From our welcoming Meet and Greet Team each morning to our dedicated Wellbeing Ambassadors, these pupils demonstrate responsibility, kindness and leadership. Their roles are invaluable and contribute greatly to the positive culture and success of our school.

Finally, thank you to everyone who joined us for our Macmillan Coffee Morning, hosted by our wonderful team of Young Carers. The event was a fantastic success and provided another opportunity for our children to demonstrate our school values of honesty, courtesy, kindness, perseverance and respect. We are incredibly proud of all they achieve, and I am sure you are too.

Thank you for your continued support. I wish you and your family a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,
Zoe Cooper
Proud Principal





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In the spotlight this week....

Building Financial Literacy Through Maths

At Hanley St Luke's, we want our children to develop the knowledge and confidence they need to make sensible financial decisions in the future. Our maths curriculum provides an important foundation, helping children develop skills in money, calculation, problem-solving, budgeting, saving and making informed choices.

During our Financial Literacy Week after half term, children will take part in fun, practical activities and meet visitors who work in finance, giving them opportunities to see how maths is used in the real world. More details and information to follow!

We are also inviting all parents and carers to a friendly Financial Literacy Workshop at 2pm on Wednesday 21st October. This will provide practical advice and simple ideas for helping you and signposting sources, and ideas for children to develop positive money habits at home. We would love to see you there!

Watch Me Learn: Maths

Throughout the year, we will be inviting parents and carers into school for our Watch Me Learn maths sessions. This is a wonderful opportunity to come into your child's classroom, observe a maths lesson and see first-hand how your child learns in their own classroom environment. You'll get a glimpse of the approaches, resources and strategies we use to support children's mathematical understanding. Keep an eye out for dates and further information on Class Dojo, our school calendar and in future newsletters. We look forward to welcoming you into school!

♥ Introducing Our Wellbeing Ambassadors

Our Wellbeing Ambassadors are easily recognisable around school because they wear their red hi-vis vests at break and lunchtime. They are here to help make our school a happy, caring and supportive place for everyone.

Our Wellbeing Ambassadors:

- ♥ Check in on staff and help spread positivity.
- 🤝 Buddy with children at lunchtime and breaktime.
- ☀️ Support other children who may need someone to talk to or play with.
- 🧘 Help children use our Time to Talk areas outdoors and in the dining room.
- 💡 Share wellbeing ideas and suggest activities that help children feel happy and calm.
- 🌈 Take part in Wellbeing Warriors activities and training.
- 😊 Smile, welcome and help visitors around our school.
- 🙌 Look for opportunities to help others and make a difference.
- 💬 Help us think of new wellbeing activities and ideas for our children.



Our Wellbeing Ambassadors are fantastic role models who help us live out our values of kindness, respect, inclusion and safety every day. We are very proud of the care and encouragement they show to others at Hanley St Luke's!



Join us for free drinks, snacks, crafts and a friendly chat at our Encounter Coffee Morning.

Every Tuesday
 9:00am - 10:15am
 Dining Room

Whether you'd like a hot drink, a snack, or simply some time to chat, everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

Introduction to Year 1 Phonics

We invite Year 1 parents to join us for a short, fun workshop to find out more about Supersonic Phonic Friends, how you can support phonics learning at home, and take part in a fun activity with your child.

Wednesday 30th September
 2:00pm

Dining Room

We hope you can join us!

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On Friday 16th October, we'll be holding a Cake Sale at play times to raise funds for our church, and we'd love your help!

We're asking for cake donations — whether homemade or store-bought, every contribution will make a big difference. If you're baking at home, please include a list of ingredients with your cake so we can check for allergies. Please send any cakes to the School Office by Friday.

Please note: No nuts or nut-based ingredients, to keep everyone safe.

Cakes will be sold for 50p, £1 or £2 so please send your child to school with some change, if you want to donate.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity — together, we can make this a sweet success for a wonderful cause!

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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.hivellink.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.

Attendance Updates

If your child requires medication during the school day, we may be able to administer it. Please speak to the school office and complete a medication consent form before any medication can be given. Please note that if a child becomes unwell during the school day and is not well enough to remain in school, we will contact a parent or carer and ask for them to be collected.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep all children safe and well.

If your child is unwell, please refer to the NHS guidance on common childhood illnesses and recommended time away from school: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> This includes advice on symptoms, when children should stay at home, and when it is safe for them to return to school.

Key Dates

Year 3 Maths parent workshop 29th Sept 9.30am

Year 4 Church 30th September 11am

Year 1 Phonics Parent Workshop 30th Sept

3L Museum visit – 8th Oct

3S Museum Visit – 9th Oct

Hello Yellow – Wear Yellow – 9th Oct

Year 6 Stanley Head – 12th October

Attendance Coffee Morning – 15th Oct

Year 2 Lower Drayton Farm – 15th Oct

Year 5 All Saints Church – 16th Oct

St Lukes Day 16th October

Nursery parent work shop – 20th Oct

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

