

Friday 9th October 2026



A message from Mrs Cooper

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you once again for joining our Watch Me Learn Maths sessions. They have been incredibly successful, and it has been wonderful to see so many families engaging in their children's learning. Due to the positive response, we are now planning similar opportunities for parents and carers to join us for English and Science lessons. Please look out for forthcoming dates and invitations.

Thank you also for taking the time to complete our recent parent survey. I am extremely grateful for the many positive comments and compliments shared about our school. Your feedback is greatly valued and helps us to continue improving.

From the survey responses, two key areas were highlighted:

End of Day Collection

Some parents expressed concerns regarding the number of people gathering in one area at the end of the school day. Please be assured that we are currently exploring ways to reduce congestion and improve the collection process. I will share further information with you over the coming days once arrangements have been finalised.

School Meals

A number of parents also shared comments regarding school meals. In response, I have spoken directly with pupils about their preferences and met with our catering provider and school team to review the current menu. I am delighted to inform you that a new menu has now been agreed for Autumn 2 through to Easter. The menu can now be found on our website

👉 <https://www.hanleystlukes.com/parents/lunch-menus/our-menus>

In addition, our catering provider will be hosting open sessions for parents, giving you the opportunity to sample the food and see first-hand the range and quality of meals available.

Finally, please remember that our school website is regularly updated with news, photographs of learning, important information and key policies. We encourage you to visit and explore all that is happening across our school community.

👉 [Visit the Hanley St Luke's website](https://www.hanleystlukes.com)

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Proud Principal

Mrs Cooper



Our
Food Ambassadors





Hanley St Luke's C of E Academy



In the spotlight this week....

My name is Mr Whiston, and I am the Science Lead at Hanley St Luke's. I am very excited to share some of the fantastic science learning that takes place across our school! 🧪🚀

At Hanley St Luke's, we have an ambitious Science curriculum that encourages every child to be curious, ask questions and get hands-on with their learning. Science is a core subject, which means it is taught every week. From Nursery all the way through to Year 6, every child will have the chance to enjoy practical science and discover new things.

Every science topic includes a practical investigation. This gives children the chance to become scientists themselves! They will make predictions, carry out investigations, observe what happens and use their scientific skills to find out new information. Children will also have opportunities to take part in Now Press Play sessions linked to their science topics. These exciting sessions allow children to become part of the learning by listening, moving and acting out what they are learning about.

Every year group will also have a science-themed trip or experience during the year. These will be different for each year group and could include visits to the zoo, science centres or even local universities, where children may take part in exciting activities such as robotics workshops. 🤖 There are lots of other opportunities for children to develop their science knowledge in school, including: 🔬 British Science Week, 🧱 LEGO workshops, 🚀 Using our STEM Lab, 🌱 Practical investigations and outdoor learning

★ Introducing Our New STEM Ambassadors!

A huge congratulations to our newly selected STEM Ambassadors! 🎉

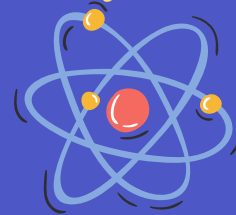
- 👏 Year 3: Baron & Caitlyn
- 👏 Year 4: Kome, Akeena & Ava
- 👏 Year 5: Milly & Maggie
- 👏 Year 6: Zuni & Jacqueline



A massive thank you to everyone who applied. We were so impressed by the enthusiasm, ideas and passion shown by all of the children. It was a very difficult decision!

Our new STEM Ambassadors will work alongside Mrs Cordon and Mr Whiston throughout the year. They will have lots of exciting opportunities, including:

- 🔬 Helping to run our STEM Club
- 🌱 Taking part in The Great Science Share in June
- ⚙️ Supporting STEM projects across the school
- 💡 Sharing their ideas and helping other children with science activities



We are incredibly excited to see what our STEM Ambassadors achieve this year and the fantastic ideas they bring to life!

💖 Meet Our Attendance Ambassadors!

Our Attendance Ambassadors play an important role in promoting positive attendance across our school. You'll spot them in their blue hi-vis jackets at the school gate each morning, helping to create a warm and positive start to our day.

Our Attendance Ambassadors:

- 😊 Daily meet and greet – welcoming children and families with a smile at the gate from 8:40am.
- 📅 Monday Attendance Lottery – organising the attendance lottery box and lists, completing the weekly draw and celebrating winners in worship with a photo.
- 🏆 Friday Attendance Awards – collecting the attendance trophies and weekly percentages from the office and updating our attendance board.
- 📱 Attendance Dojos – reminding classes each Friday to complete their Attendance Dojos and celebrate their attendance achievements.
- 😊 Role Models – Set an example to others with their attendance and punctuality.

Our Attendance Ambassadors help us to celebrate being in school, promote excellent attendance and encourage everyone to start each day with a smile!

💖 Remember to be in school and on time every day! 💖



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NEWSLETTER



🎵 Rise and Shine Morning Disco 🎵

Start the day with some music, dancing, and fun at our Rise and Shine Morning Disco!

Join us on Monday 19th October from 8:30am to 9:00am in the Main Car Park for a fantastic start to the school day.

Everyone is welcome, so come along and enjoy some upbeat tunes before lessons begin!

Date: Monday 19th October

Time: 8:30am – 9:00am

Location: Main Car Park

We look forward to seeing you there! 🎵 ✨ 🕺



We have some bear-y exciting news! 🐻💛

BBC Radio Stoke and Pudsey Bear will be joining us at the school gate on Thursday 12th November.

Make sure you're there to join in the fun, wave hello to Pudsey, and start the day with a smile! 😊 ✨



Attendance Updates

Attendance Coffee Morning

We would like to invite parents and carers to our Attendance Coffee Morning on 15th October at 9:00am in the Dining Room.

This is a great opportunity to discuss the importance of school attendance, ask any questions, and find out how we can work together to support your child's learning and wellbeing.

We look forward to seeing you there. ☕📚

Date: 15th October

Time: 9:00am

Venue: Dining Room



School Photo Day is coming!

We are pleased to let you know that School Photos will be taking place on 12th November – Year 1 to Year 6

19th November – Nursery & Reception

Please ensure your child comes to school in their full school uniform and is ready for their photograph.



Key Dates

Year 6 Stanley Head – 12th Oct–16th Oct

Year 2 Church – 14th Oct – 11am

Attendance Coffee Morning – 15th Oct

Year 2 Lower Drayton Farm – 15th Oct

Year 5 All Saints Church – 16th Oct

St Lukes Day 16th Oct

Nursery parent work shop – 20th Oct 2pm

All Parent workshop – 20th Oct 4.30pm

Parent Workshop 21st Oct 2pm

Last Day of school – 21st Oct

School opens – 2nd Nov

Year 1 Brampton Museum – 3rd Nov

Year 6 Libray visit – 3rd Nov

Year 5 Class worship – 5th Nov

Year 4 Harper Adams University – 16th Nov

Flu vaccinations – 16th Nov

Children in Need (own clothes) – 20th Nov

🧦 Wear Odd Socks Day – 9th November

This fun event encourages everyone to celebrate individuality, kindness, and respect for one another. Pupils are invited to come to school wearing their favourite pair of odd socks with their usual school uniform.



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NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment?

Accessing the service may mean that they can help children feel better and help get them back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents and carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents and carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

Common Condition	Patient eligibility
Earache	Aged 1 to 17 years
Impetigo	Aged 1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	Aged 1 year and over
Shingles	Aged 18 years and over
Sinusitis	Aged 12 years and over
Sore Throat	Aged 5 years and over
Uncomplicated Urinary Tract Infections	Women ages 16 to 64 years

On 14th October 2026 at 3.30pm-4.30pm we will be holding another Police surgery in school.



Our PCSO Michelle Chadwick will be available to speak with parents that would like to speak with them about our community or other matters.



✨ Thinking About Early Years for Your Child? ✨
Join our Early Years Open Event
12th November 5pm - 6pm



At Hanley St Luke's CofE Academy, our Early Years classrooms are filled with curiosity, creativity, laughter and learning every day. We provide a nurturing and inspiring environment where every child is valued, encouraged and supported to flourish.

Through play, exploration and meaningful relationships, we help children develop confidence, independence and a love of learning that will stay with them throughout their school journey. Rooted in our Christian vision and values, we believe every child deserves the opportunity to thrive and reach their full potential.

📖 "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10