



Following in the footsteps of Jesus, we learn, love and laugh together



Friday 25th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

A warm welcome back as we begin the summer term, and we hope that you all enjoyed your Easter break. We began this term with the sad news of the passing of Pope Francis, a Pope who touched the lives of so many. This year he inspired us all to become Pilgrims of hope. This morning we joined the parish community in a mass of Remembrance and Celebration of his life and ministry. On Wednesday afternoon, we gathered for a special assembly to remember Pope Francis and to offer him our prayers. In many respects, we are now entering into a key point in history; with the funeral of a Pope and, in the coming weeks, the selection of a new Pope.

Pilgrims of Hope

At the beginning of this year Pope Francis led us in this Jubilee year of Hope. As we broke for the Easter break the children received a prayer card reminding them they are pilgrims of hope. We invite the children to make the prayer of hope a daily prayer.

We would like to extend our grateful appreciation to the Cafod group for organising the Easter Egg raffle during Lent. As we had two-year groups away on Residential at the end of last term, we decided to have our sponsored walk to raise money for Cafod during this half term. On Monday we will send further details along with sponsor forms. In anticipation we thank you for your support.

May the month of Mary

Next Wednesday afternoon we will have a special assembly to crown Our Lady with flowers. Children are invited to bring flowers into school on Wednesday to process and adorn the statue of our Lady. This will be a focus throughout the month of May.

The beginning of each term is always a good time to remind everyone of our expectations.

Attendance and Punctuality

We cannot stress enough the importance of regular attendance and punctuality. Disruption impacts on all pupils, and will inevitably prevent them from achieving their potential. Ensuring all parents are aware of Cheshire West and Chester's guidance on fixed penalty notices. We expect all children to be in school by 8.50 am. It is important that the school day begins promptly.

Behaviour Policy

As always, we set high expectations for the behaviour of all children. You will be aware that our behaviour policy focuses on being **Ready, Respectful and Safe**. This half term we will have a particular focus on being Respectful. This will be encouraged through all aspects of school life and when our pupils engage with the wider community. We are particularly proud of the way our pupils meet and greet all members of our school community, they are polite and well-mannered and are considerate of the needs of others. We feel these are really important social skills that can be encouraged from an early age.



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School Uniform

We expect all children to attend school in full school uniform. This includes the following:

White shirt
Tie – to be worn smartly
St. Luke's jumper or cardigan
Grey trousers/skirt

PE Uniform

White polo shirt
Black shorts or joggers
Yellow Hoodie
Trainers

PE kit is only to be worn to school on Thursday or unless specified by a member of staff

Thank you also to those parents who have donated pre- loved uniforms. If you have any uniform requests, please contact school as I am sure we will be able supply you.

Jewellery

Jewellery should not be worn to school
Earrings – stud earring only

Prior to the end of last half term, it was noticed that a number of girls were wearing makeup. This will not be permitted. Anybody wearing makeup to school will be asked to remove it immediately.

Hair- in the interest of health and safety, anyone with long hair should have it tied up. We will provide elastic bands if we feel it is necessary.

Readiness for the school day

Please can you ensure that your child has all the necessary equipment for the school day. This includes a water bottle and their reading book and reading diary. Class teachers will advise of any other necessary equipment with you directly.

Progress Reports

Progress reports will be sent out via email on Monday. We encourage you to share them with your child, with a particular focus on the targets set for this term.

If your child receives an invitation to attend an intervention either before or after school, we strongly advise that they do attend. **Where children attend the suggested interventions on a regular basis progress is clearly identified.**

Clubs

You will receive an email today with confirmation of your child's club. I would like to extend my grateful appreciation to those parents who have volunteered their time to run a club, also to all staff members. As I am sure you will appreciate there is a wide variety on offer.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Eileen Murtagh

Attendance

Overall Attendance this week **97.25%**.

Across the school, **75 minutes** of learning time was lost this week through late arrivals.

Don't underestimate the importance of 100% attendance. Even one day missed can have an effect on learning.

98% attendance means **4** school days missed
95% attendance means **10** school days missed
90% attendance means **19** school days missed
80% attendance means **38** school days missed
5 minutes late each day means **3** school days missed

Lower than 90% Attendance	90-95% Attendance	96-100% Attendance
	Class 1 Class 5	Reception Class 2 Class 3 Class 4 Class 6

Please be aware that requests for children to take holidays during term time will be classed as an unauthorised absence.

Please be aware that unauthorised absences that exceed 5 school days during term time will receive a fixed penalty notice (FPN).

Free school meals

Have your financial circumstances recently changed?

If your child does not have Free School Meals, they may be eligible because of your family's income level. Even if you do not wish them to have the meals, this would mean the school could still claim Pupil Premium Funding that may be used to help your child.

For applications and more information visit: [Cheshire West and Chester website](#).



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St. Luke's Catholic Primary School Frodsham

St Luke's Lion Cubs

We have missed seeing our Lion Cubs this week! Come and join us again on Wednesday.



A yellow poster with a red border. At the top, a green oval contains the text 'Come and Play St Luke's Lion Cubs' in yellow. To the right is a cartoon lion cub. Below the oval, it says 'Everyone Welcome! Babies and Tot's Group' with an icon of an open book. The text continues: 'Every Wednesday 9.15am—11.15am during Term Time (see school website for dates)'. Below that is the school address: 'St Luke's Catholic Primary School, The Willows, Frodsham, WA6 7QP'. At the bottom, contact information is provided: 'For more information contact St Luke's main office admin@stlukes.cheshire.sch.uk 01244 259999'. The bottom section features three photos: a lion cub, children playing in a tent, and children at a table. A small box at the bottom right states 'All Lions and Cubs welcome £2 voluntary contribution'.

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Preschool

Interest Survey

We are undertaking updated some market research as to what the interest and demand for a preschool at St. Luke's would be. Please complete the survey below and forward to anyone who may be interested.

[REGISTER INTEREST](#)

Little Church

Come and join the children at Little Church on Saturday 26th April during 6pm mass.

Dates for your diary

1st May: Year 2 Mini Kickers

8th May: VE day

9th May: VE Afternoon tea party

12th May: SATS week

23rd May: School Closes

Marigold Class



Marigold class have been learning about the East-story and have been discussing the different days within Holy Week.

We enjoyed making and colouring Palms to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem and were interested in

discussing the Last Supper. We recognised lots of the words from mass that we experience in church today!

We enjoyed being part of the visit to church for the Stations of the Cross and it was a lovely way to experience such a sad story. One member of Marigold Class held the candle to guide us through each station.

We celebrated Easter by making Easter cards for our families and enjoyed using water colours to create a scene of Calvary. We then had some fun celebrating Easter when we received a message from Easter Bunny who had hidden clues around school to help us find his eggs. We worked with our buddies to follow the map and find the location.

The children have all settled back into school well and have been keen to share their Easter holiday news. We have been learning about Easter Sunday and the miracle of Jesus rising from the tomb.

We have also been discussing the life of Pope Francis and the sad news about his death. We celebrated with a reverent assembly to remember him and what he has done for the Catholic Faith around the world. We wrote a prayer to God to care for him and to help us remember to live as he would have wanted. We are looking forward to learning about Conclave in the coming weeks and experiencing the selection of a new Pope.



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A collage of 20 photographs showing children participating in various outdoor activities at a school playground. The activities include running, climbing, playing on a wooden bench, using a large mirror, and interacting with a large tree. The children are dressed in casual clothing, and the background shows a green fence and trees.

After a quick tour and the challenge of making our beds, we were soon straight into activities and were tasked with tying knots, building and designing shelters in the woods, and starting fires! We collected logs which helped us with this. After a lovely first dinner (and clearing away after ourselves) we enjoyed a campfire with toasted marshmallows and some songs, as well as stories. We were super tired that evening and had a restful night sharing bunks with our friends!

On Thursday morning, we enjoyed orienteering. It tested our teamwork and wayfinding skills, using a map and symbols to find our way around the site! We also tried archery, aiming the bow and arrow at

the target. It was tricky work but using our resilience and listening skills we were successful. After lunch, we competed against each other with search and rescue in the woods! Our mission: to rescue a fallen pilot and transport him safely using a carrier we made ourselves, through the trees and undergrowth, to a safe location and build him a shelter and fire to keep him warm. Our final challenge: to complete an obstacle course quicker than the other team! It's safe to say both teams' spirits were high and it was a close competition.

That evening, we enjoyed football, table tennis and fun on the adventure playground before snuggling down for a movie night in our very own conference room. We were well equipped with beanbags, pillows, teddies, biscuits (and Easter eggs after a surprise visit from the Easter bunny!) We enjoyed a second restful night, and eagerly awaited seeing our grown-ups the very next day!

After an early start, we worked together to pack up our rooms and strip our beds ready for pick up! But the activities weren't over yet...after breakfast we tried a cannon ball run! Each team had to quickly assemble a cannon ball at any given moment, and we were all really brave in scaling a HUGE hill and cheering one another up it. We tried shooting (and for many of us it was our first time!) night line which required strong listening and leadership skills, and finally rounded off our adventure with rock climbing and abseiling. For many of us, this was the scariest part so far but everyone faced their fears and tried their hardest – a successful end to a wonderful few days!

Bluebell Class



It is wonderful to have everyone back in the classroom after our Spring break; everyone is well- rested and ready for our final term of the academic year. As Easter fell at the end of the holidays, we have continued to reflect on the meaning of this special time in the church's calendar. In the final week before the holidays, Year 5 took part in the Easter Journey which took place at the Main Street Community Church. This was a thought- provoking retelling of the story of Easter and the children enjoyed moving through the different parts of the story and thinking about the significance of each event that occurred. This week, the children were able to use this experience and share what they had learnt with the rest of the class. As we enter a time where we think about a new chapter, we have set our own goals for the term ahead. With this being the final term of our current year groups (and the final term in primary school for Year 6s), there are lots of challenges to embrace but also lots of achievements to celebrate as we work together to ensure we all achieve our full potential.