



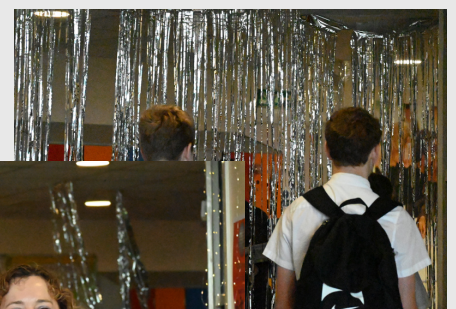
ST LUKE'S NEWS 20.06.2025



We are excited to share with you a roundup of celebrations, important information, and key upcoming events. From memorable moments to important updates, here's what you need to know:

AND THAT'S A WRAP – YEAR 11 GCSE EXAMS COMPLETE!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Year 11 students throughout their GCSE exams. From our fantastic exam officers and exam invigilators, to the incredible parents and carers who supported their children every step of the way, we are so grateful. Our students approached the exams with maturity and determination, and we can't wait to celebrate their achievements on Results Day. Special thanks to everyone who brought smiles and encouragement to school each morning – the fun themed breakfasts made a real difference.



= SPOTLIGHT =

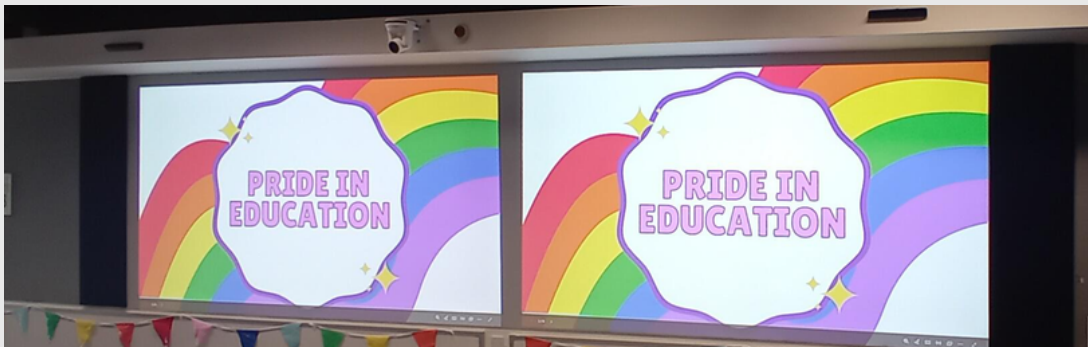


A huge congratulations to Caitlin James, the youngest ever recipient of the St Boniface Award, presented at Exeter Cathedral. Caitlin has been recognised for her fantastic work supporting student mental health at St Luke's. We're so proud of her compassion, dedication, and the positive impact she's had on our school community.

Well done, Caitlin!

Pride Club Trip to Exeter University

Pride Club visited the University of Exeter for a special event focused on mental health and wellbeing for LGBTQ+ students and allies. It was an inspiring and empowering experience, with opportunities to hear from speakers, explore support networks, and connect with others in a safe and inclusive space. Our students represented St Luke's brilliantly and came away feeling informed, supported, and proud. A big thank you to the university for hosting such an important event.



LAMDA Sessions – Building Confidence After School



Our after-school LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) sessions are in full swing, giving students the chance to develop their confidence, communication, and performance skills.

Whether preparing for exams or simply enjoying the creative outlet, students have shown real enthusiasm and talent. It's fantastic to see them grow in self-belief and expression each week.

Year 9 Health and Social Care – Residential Care Home Visit

Year 9 Health and Social Care students had the opportunity to visit a local residential care home as part of their learning. The visit gave students valuable insight into the daily life and care of older adults, helping them better understand the importance of empathy and quality care in health and social settings.

They asked thoughtful questions, showed great maturity, and were a credit to St Luke's throughout the visit. Well done, Year 9.



SPORTS STUDIES KAYAKING TRIPS



Our Sports Studies students enjoyed incredible kayaking trips this week as part of a unit they are doing on adventurous outdoor activities. What a week to be on the water!

It was a brilliant opportunity for students to develop their teamwork, resilience, and water sport skills, all while having fun in the sun. A great day had by all.



BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH EXPEDITION 16-17 JUNE



The Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh students were also lucky with the weather for their qualifying expedition. St. Luke's had four teams, three of those teams had six members and one team had four members. The great news: all of the teams finished the expedition and got their DofE expedition award. Congratulations to them all!

Monday started in Torquay with the sun shining down on us and a steep climb out of the harbour. Everyone was sweating by the time we got to the top (and there may have even been some complaining) but it was the start of a rewarding day of hiking. Two days and many miles later, two teams finished in Dawlish and two teams finished even further along in Dawlish Warren.

The low point for many was carrying the heavy bags in the heat. However this was far outweighed by the high points which were described as the amazing scenery, cooking food on the camp stoves and the big game of campsite football that broke out late in the evening.

Well done Year 9 DofE students for completing this challenge



ART TRIP TO EDEN PROJECT



Students enjoyed an inspiring trip to the Eden Project, exploring the wonders of nature, sustainability, and global environments. From walking through the stunning biomes to learning about climate change and conservation, it was a day full of hands-on learning and curiosity.

ECOLOGY CLUB UPDATE

The ecology club went on a bioblitz with a focus on insects. We used ecological equipment such as beaters and trays, pooters and nets to capture, photo and identify insects in a small shady area of the school grounds that is rarely used by students. We saw brown and green weevils, flies, pill and flat woodlice, meadow grasshopper nymphs, large skipper butterflies, a holly blue butterfly, a black ant nest preparing its queen pupae for "flying ant day", a lined click beetle and true grass bugs.



Edward captured a green conehead nymph and Zoe captured a meadow brown butterfly.

UNIFORM

PRICE & BUCKLAND

Uniform Orders – Parent Reminder

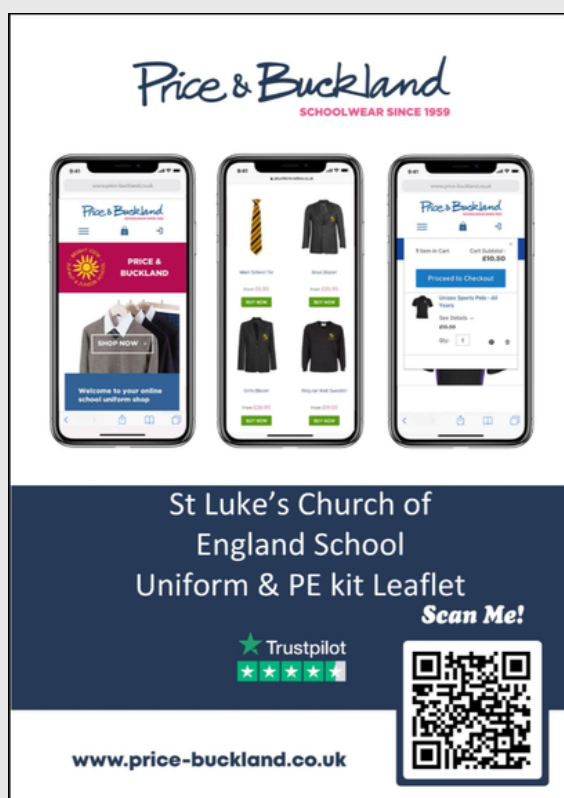
IMPORTANT** reminder that the cut-off date for ordering school uniform from Price & Buckland is ***1st August 2025 to ensure delivery in time for the new school year.
All orders must be placed online via the Price & Buckland website.

Please don't leave it too late!

- Parents with children at different schools will be able to order from multiple schools with ease.
- Parents will be able to spread payment across 3 months through Klarna.
- Parents will be prompted how close they are to the free delivery threshold.
- Parents will have more payment options with the introduction of Apple Pay and Google Pay.

Below is the new web address and direct link to your school's new uniform 'shop'.

<https://price-buckland.co.uk/st-lukes-church-of-england-school-devon>



UNIFORM DONATIONS - URGENTLY NEEDED

If your child has outgrown any of their school uniform, we would greatly appreciate any donations of clean, good-quality items. These donations will help support other families and ensure all students have access to the correct uniform.

Please drop off any items at the school reception. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME



This Summer, Wonford Sports Centre will be running Holiday Activity & Food Programme at Wonford Sports Centre. With a wonderful lineup planned, including festive arts and crafts, sports, and various activities, all paired with a hot lunch for the children. For ages 5-14 years. This programme is free of charge for children on benefit related free school meals and in care.

Dates:

28th July – 1st August
4th August – 8th August
11th August – 15th August
Time: 12pm – 4pm
Ages: 5–14 years

Cost: Free for those eligible for benefit-related free school meals

Children will enjoy:

- Fun sports like football and dodgeball
- Delicious lunches and snacks
- Summer crafts and creative activities

THANK A TEACHER DAY



On Wednesday 18th June, we marked national Thank a Teacher Day and took a moment to thank all of the staff who work so hard for our students every day. At St Luke's we celebrated with a fantastic offering of cake. Thank you to all the parents, and visitors and others who took the time to complete a postcard for a staff member. Your thanks mean a huge amount to us.

If you missed the day but would like to celebrate a member of our team, please let us know at: headteacher@stlukescofe.school

UPCOMING EVENTS & KEY DATES

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- 24th June - Year 5 Tour (08:45-10:00)
- 25th June - *An Evening of Music* (17:30-19:30)
- 30th June - 4th July - Assessment Week
- 1st July - Year 5 Tours (08:45-10:00)
- 2nd July - Sports Day
- 3rd July - Year 6 Parents Meet the Tutor Evening (16:30-18:30)
- 4th July - Year 11 Prom
- 7th - 11th July - Year 10 Work Experience Week
- 9th July - Additional Year 6 transition day (invitation only)
- 10th and 11th July - Year 6 transition days
- 14th - 18th July - Curriculum enrichment week
- 18th July - Last day of term (**12:45 finish**)