



ST LUKE'S NEWS 16.10.2025



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

✨ WHAT A FANTASTIC OPEN EVENING! ✨

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our Open Evening!
It was fantastic to see so many visitors exploring, asking questions, and enjoying the evening. We're so grateful to our staff and fantastic student helpers for making the event so welcoming and engaging.

*A reminder to parents and carers that secondary school applications must be submitted by Thursday, 31st October.
See DCC website for further information



= SPOTLIGHT =



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ENGLISH DEPARTMENT! 🎉

We're delighted to celebrate our incredible English Department, winners of the Teamwork Award at the Ted Wragg Awards. This well-deserved recognition highlights their dedication, collaboration, and unwavering passion for our students. Congratulations to this outstanding team.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Year 8 Football Kick Off the Season!

The Year 8 Football Team got St Luke's competitive fixtures off to a great start for the academic year with a spirited performance against a strong Torquay Academy side. The team showed fantastic effort, teamwork, and determination throughout the match. A promising start to what's sure to be an exciting season ahead! ⚽



Year 8 Netball Tournament Success

Two Year 8 netball teams took part in a netball tournament, finishing 3rd and 8th. All the girls represented St Luke's brilliantly, demonstrating teamwork, resilience, and determination throughout. A huge well done to all the girls for their fantastic efforts!



Year 9 Life to the Full – Buddhist Speakers Visit

Last week, Year 9 students welcomed one of three brilliant Buddhist speakers who shared inspiring insights on mindfulness, compassion, and living with inner peace. The session encouraged students to reflect on how these values can be applied in their own lives, both inside and outside the classroom. Students asked thoughtful questions and engaged in meaningful discussions about how mindfulness can support wellbeing and positive relationships. It was a truly insightful and reflective experience for all involved.



Crafts Club

Students are getting creative by designing their own St Luke's Christmas cards to sell at the Christmas market for charity. They're also having fun making Rice Krispies cake - a sweet way to celebrate giving and teamwork.



Summer Book Club 2025: Meeting Joseph Coelho!

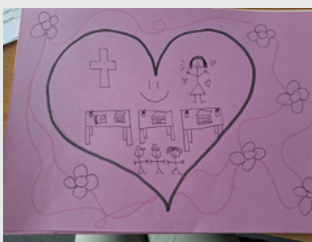
Year 7 met Joseph Coelho, author of Relic Hamilton: Genie Hunter. Students explored his writing process, asked questions, and even imagined Relic's theme tune an inspiring celebration of reading and creativity.



Spanish Exchange Students

Thank you to the lovely Spanish exchange students who joined our school for two weeks. We also want to thank the buddies who helped make them feel so welcome.

This exchange has been a wonderful opportunity for our students to meet and get to know peers from another country and culture. Our Spanish visitors have shared some of their reflections on their time with us, highlighting the friendships, learning, and memorable moments they experienced.



Exciting News: School Production!



We had a huge turnout of students eager to be part of this year's production of Matilda. It's wonderful to see so much enthusiasm and talent ready to bring this beloved story to life on stage. The dates of the production are February 25th-27th 2026.

Dr Adams' invertebrate zoo

What a buzz at Break 2 on Wednesdays. Over 30 curious students gathered for Dr. Adams' Invertebrate Zoo, getting up close with fascinating bugs, beetles, and other tiny creatures.

The enthusiasm was infectious as students explored the weird and wonderful world of invertebrates. A big thank you to Dr. Adams for bringing science to life in such a fun and interactive way. 🐞





Over 40 of our Year 11 students took part in a Cambridge University workshop this week, exploring the possibilities of university life beyond college. The session offered valuable insights into higher education and inspired students to start thinking about their future pathways.

In addition, 17 Year 10 students attended to learn more about post-18 options.

Huge thanks to our guests from Downing College, Cambridge.

THE OUTDOORS

Year 10 Geography Trip to Bristol

Year 10 Geographers visited Bristol Harbourside for their GCSE Human Fieldwork experience, focusing on the success of the area's regeneration. Students explored six different sites, conducting pedestrian counts and bi-polar surveys, and concluded that the regeneration has been highly successful. As always, the highlight for many was the lunch break, enjoying food in some of the Harbourside's newly regenerated restaurants.



Year 9 Sports Studies - Kayaking Trip



Our Year 9 Sports Studies students enjoyed an exciting kayaking trip over 2 days this week. The group demonstrated great teamwork and enthusiasm as they developed their paddling skills on the water. It was a fantastic opportunity to build confidence, work together, and have plenty of fun outdoors. A big thank you to the staff who supported and helped make this trip such a success!



HOLIDAY CLUBS & EVENTS



★ Book Your School Holiday Activities at Haven Banks!

With over 40 years' experience, Haven Banks offers safe, fun, and adventurous activities for young people of all abilities. From sailing, climbing, and paddling to multi-activity courses and Little Adventurers sessions (ages 5–8), there's something for everyone!

- Full-day: 9:30am–4:30pm (early drop-off & late collection available)
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 - Running all school holidays including summer, half-terms, and Easter
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EXETER LASER CAMP 25-26

NEW October Half Term
27-31st Oct 2025

NEW February Half Term
16-20th Feb 2026

Easter Holiday
7-17th Apr 2026

NEW May Half Term
26-29th May 2026

MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMPS FOR AGES 3-16

- ★ SWIMMING EVERY DAY
- ★ BOUNCY CASTLES
- ★ CIRCUS SKILLS
- ★ ARCHERY
- ★ CLIMBING
- ★ ART
- ★ FIELD GAMES
- ★ MARTIAL ARTS
- ★ NERF GUN ALLEY

THE BIG BLAST SUMMER HOLIDAYS

20TH JUL - 21ST AUG 2026

Ages 3-5
A fun-filled week laser activities. Led by early years specialists and Ofsted approved for quality & care.

Ages 6-11
A full week of engaging activities with an emphasis on making FRIENDS & BUILDING memories.

Ages 11-13
Our Subbies experience the best activities on camp plus clip&climb, raft-building, paddle-boarding, bowling & Kayaking!

Ages 13-15
Our TEEN CAMP is new for 2026! Campers will experience a week of adrenaline-fuelled activities culminating in an overnight expedition.

Ages 15-16
The MIT programme is designed to develop leadership and teamwork skills, a great programme for anyone wanting to work in education or sport!

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SONG WRITING LGBTQ+ SCHOOL GROUPS

YOUNG PERSON'S DAY 25

19 OCT EXETER LIBRARY 12 NOON

Section 28 Workshop | LGBTQ+ Stalls | Games Area & More

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LOST PROPERTY

We have a number of items of lost property being held in the Head of Year Office. In particular, there are a number of coats that have been misplaced since September. If you think one of these may belong to your child, please encourage them to see Miss Alford from 08:20am to check. Please make sure all items of clothing, bottles etc have students' names on them.

UNIFORM DONATIONS

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.



SCHOOL MENU

All of our students are welcome to enjoy **free** breakfast every day in the canteen, with porridge, toast and jam or a piece of fruit to start the day.

Our canteen provides a variety of hot meals (including a vegetarian option), plus deli items, sandwiches, wraps, baguettes, drinks, and snacks. We operate a three-week rotating menu to ensure variety while keeping student favourites.

Menu prices range from 50p to £2.58 (for a main meal and dessert deal), and if your child receives Free School Meals (FSM), they are able to use this allowance at both break and lunch.

Please use the QR code below to view our school menus.
Any further information please visit our school website here - <https://www.stlukescofe.school/lunch>



UPCOMING EVENTS & KEY DATES

- 22nd October - Year 6 Tours 8:45am - 10am
- 23rd October - Year 7 Progress Evening (16:00 - 19:00)
- 23rd October - Year 6 Tours 8:45am - 10am
- 24th October - Last day of school for this half term (15:10 finish)
- 27th October - 7th November - Half Term
- 17th November - Year 11 Mocks start (week 1)
- 20th November - Year 10 Progress Evening (16:00 - 19:00)
- 24th November - Year 11 Mocks continue (week 2)
- 25th November - Christmas Craft Market (16:00 - 19:00)