



ST LUKE'S NEWS 05.02.2026



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:

AUF WIEDERSEHEN



We are wishing farewell to our three cultural exchange students from Germany. They have spent the last 5 months studying here at St Luke's in Year 10 and 11. We have really enjoyed having them and our students have benefitted from their time spent with them, exploring different cultures and languages. We are welcoming a new cohort of students this month.

Here's what they had to say about their 5 months at St Lukes: "our stay at St Luke's is coming to an end and it was an incredible experience. The teachers and students made our stay unforgettable. They were open, funny and you could always talk to them. The lessons were well structured and easy to understand. We would just like to say thank you for everything that has been done for us"

SPOTLIGHT



Class of 2025

It was a delight to welcome the Class of 2025 back to collect their certificates. Congratulations on reaching this important milestone. Your dedication, perseverance, and commitment have brought you here, and we are confident you are well prepared for the opportunities ahead. We wish you continued success in all that you pursue.

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Christmas Hampers



Huge thanks to The Big Step who run our Year 7 summer transition programme. The CEO, Dan dropped off 20 hampers before Christmas for families in need.

Christmas Carol Concert & Performing Arts Festival Highlights

The Christmas Carol Concert in December was a wonderful celebration of talent and creativity. The girls delivered a phenomenal and cleverly subverted retelling of A Christmas Carol, which was super impressive, while the evening also marked the inaugural performance of the St Luke's brass band, a brilliant debut and a real highlight of the concert. Well done to everyone involved!



In December, our Performing Arts Festival showcased the incredible creativity and confidence of our students. Pupils performed a wide variety of acts across music, drama and dance, demonstrating both individual talent and strong collaboration. It was a fantastic celebration of the performing arts and a real pleasure to watch our students shine on stage.

Year 7 Football Team

Well done to the Year 7 Football Team who delivered an outstanding performance in their County Cup fixture this afternoon! The boys secured a fantastic 9-4 victory against Holsworthy, showcasing excellent attacking play and strong teamwork throughout the match. Everyone played their part and demonstrated great spirit and determination.



Year 7 Rugby Debut

In December, our Year 7 rugby team played their first match for the school against St James. They showed great enthusiasm and teamwork, representing the school with pride. A fantastic start to their rugby journey well done to all involved!



Year 7 Netball Team

Great effort from the Year 7 Netball team this week against West Exe! Despite a 5-1 result, the girls played really well, showed fantastic teamwork, and most importantly enjoyed themselves. Plenty to be proud of and lots of positives to take forward.



Boccia Event

This week we had our Boccia event, and we would like to say a big thank you to the young leaders who helped make the day run so smoothly.



Ten Tors Training Underway



In December, our Ten Tors training team had a great first day, completing their first practice walk. Despite a cold start, the group covered 10 miles while learning basic navigation skills and practising the use of an emergency group shelter. A fantastic start to their training well done to all involved.

Year 8 Holocaust Memorial Day Visit



Year 8 students took part in Holocaust Memorial Day activities at the Guildhall and Exeter Cathedral.

They visited Exeter Synagogue, watched a film about the experiences of Gypsy communities during the Holocaust, and participated in a university-style seminar exploring the artwork of survivor Samuel Bak. And, of course, some managed to squeeze in a well-earned McFlurry!

Geographical Association Quiz

On Wednesday 21 January, two Year 9 teams represented St Luke's in the annual GA Quiz against secondary schools across Devon. At the halfway point, they were 4th and 5th, still in contention for the podium. Both teams used their bonus rounds on a tough set of questions, finishing 5th and 6th out of 15 a strong showing for the school. Next year, victory shall be ours!



Shoebox Appeal Success



Our shoeboxes were all packed and collected in December. The local organisation Smile Like a Stranger were extremely thankful and will be distributing them to local charities that support people experiencing homelessness. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this wonderful initiative.



Languages For All

Some of our most talented linguists had an amazing day at the *Languages For All* event at Exeter University in December. It was a fantastic opportunity to explore new languages, develop skills, and be inspired by everything the world of languages has to offer.



French Theatre Visit

Year 10 French Students enjoyed an exciting morning at Exeter School this week, watching a live French theatre performance. The show brought the language to life, helping students build listening skills, cultural understanding, and confidence in an engaging and memorable way. A great opportunity to experience French beyond the classroom.



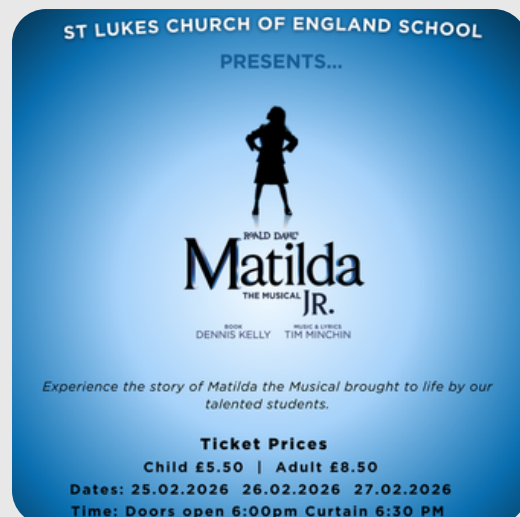
SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Our school production this year is Matilda the Musical, taking place on 26th, 27th and 28th February at St Luke's.

Tickets are available to purchase via the MCAS app (£5.50 for children and £8.50 for adults) and will be issued closer to the event.

Doors open at 6:00pm with a 6:30pm curtain up, and refreshments and programmes will be available to purchase on the night.

We warmly welcome all families and friends to join us for this fantastic evening of entertainment.



MEET POPPY, OUR SCHOOL DOG



We would like to remind parents and families about our wonderful school therapy dog, Poppy, who supports student wellbeing.

If you have not had a chance to meet her yet, Poppy is very friendly, loves meeting students and staff, and is part of our school community.

PARKING REMINDER

We kindly ask all parents and carers not to park in the accessible parking spaces in our car park unless they hold a valid Blue Badge. These spaces are reserved to ensure that Blue Badge holders can access the school safely and conveniently, and we have recently noticed instances where these spaces have been used by others.

Our neighbours at Whipton Hospital have also requested that parents and carers avoid parking on Hospital Lane during school drop off and pick up times. At times, parking here has restricted patient access to the hospital. Thank you for your understanding and support.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Following the successful launch of our mobile phone pouches, we strongly advise all parents and carers ensure their contact details are up to date. It is important that we have the correct information to contact you promptly in case of an emergency or if your child is unwell. You can update your details via the 'My Child at School' app or by contacting the school directly. Your cooperation helps us keep all students safe and supported.

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS & KEY DATES

- 13th February - YR8 for HPV & YR9/10 & 11 for DTP & MenACWY
- 16th-20th February - Half Term
- 23rd February - First day of Term
- 25th / 26th / 27th February - Matilda Production
- 2nd March - Year 11 Mocks Week 1
- 9th March - Year 11 Mocks Week 2
- 16th - 20th Assessment Week
- 17th March - An Evening of Music
- 23rd March - Non Pupil Day
- 26th March - Year 11 Progress Evening (16:00 - 19:00)
- 2nd April - Last Day of Term (12:45pm finish)
- 7th - 17th April - Easter Break
- 20th April - First Day of Term

ST LUKES CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL
PRESENTS...



Matilda
THE MUSICAL JR.

BOOK: DENNIS KELLY MUSIC & LYRICS: TIM MINCHIN

Experience the story of Matilda the Musical brought to life by our talented students.

Ticket Prices
Child £5.50 | Adult £8.50

Dates: 25.02.2026 26.02.2026 27.02.2026
Time: Doors open 6:00pm Curtain 6:30 PM

AFTER-SCHOOL PE CLUBS
SPRING TERM



Club	Days	Time	Location
Football	Tuesday, Thursday	3:30 - 4:30	Field
Netball	Wednesday	3:30 - 4:30	Field
Badminton	Monday, Friday	3:30 - 4:30	Hall
Table Tennis	Tuesday, Thursday	3:30 - 4:30	Hall
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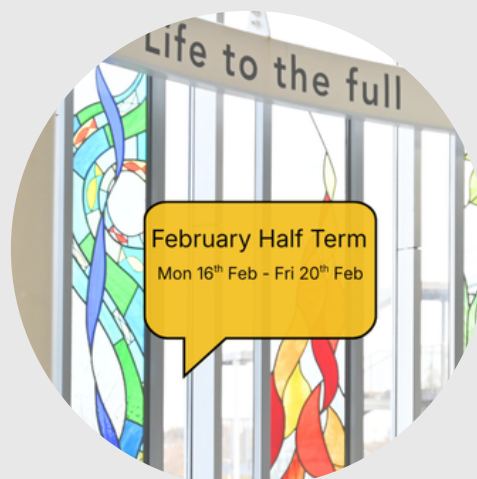
GET READY TO GEAR UP FOR SOME ACTION-PACKED FUN WITH OUR AFTERSCHOOL PE CLUBS!

ALL STUDENTS INTERESTED IN PE CLUBS NEED TO FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS:

AFTER THE FINAL BELL RINGS, HEAD DOWN TO THE PE CORRIDOR. CHANGE INTO YOUR PE KIT. GO TO THE DESIGNATED VENUE STATED FOR THE CLUB YOU'RE ATTENDING.

TIME: 15:30 - 16:10
COST: COMPLETELY FREE FOR ALL STUDENTS!

WHETHER YOU'RE INTO ATHLETICS, SELF-DEFENSE, BASKETBALL, OR ANY OF OUR OTHER EXCITING CLUBS, THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!



Cake Sale
Friday 6th February
Break 1 & 2
Atrium



Hospiscare
Pain Management Services