



ST LUKE'S NEWS 22.05.2026



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:

TEN TORS SUCCESS



The team crossed the finish line just after 16:30 and completed the full 35-mile Ten Tors challenge an incredible achievement.

They showed real resilience and teamwork throughout the expedition, and we are immensely proud of every member of the team. Here they are walking off the moor towards the finish line after successfully completing the challenge. A huge thank you also goes to the staff involved, who gave up their time both in and out of school to support and train the students throughout the Ten Tors journey. Their dedication and encouragement played a huge part in the team's success.

SPOTLIGHT



National Poetry Competition

We've had some very exciting news for several of our students.

A number of them have become published poets, and we eagerly await the results of the next stage of the national 'I Have a Dream' competition to discover whether we had any national winners as well.

Well done to all involved!

Ten Tors Photos



NFL Flag Tournament

Congratulations to our Year 8 and Year 10 students who took part in the Regional NFL Flag Tournament on Tuesday. Both teams performed brilliantly, finishing third in their respective divisions against strong competition. A special congratulations also goes to one of our students, who was voted MVP (Most Valuable Player) by the coaches in the Under 15 Girls' competition a fantastic achievement.



Ecology Club

Ecology Club started up again this term, and students began by taking a walk around the school grounds to explore the different microhabitats on site. As part of the session, the group also completed a litter pick of the surrounding area and collected two bags of rubbish. A fantastic effort from everyone involved.



Netball Tournament

A big well done to these girls for umpiring at a Year 5/6 Netball Tournament last Tuesday. They all showed such confidence and enthusiasm, with one teacher praising the leaders for their kind and positive umpiring. They all played such an important role in making the event run smoothly and made a real difference in creating a fun experience for everyone involved.



SPORTS LEADERS AND PE AMBASSADORS

Sports Leaders

You will:

- Learn practical leadership and communication skills
- Gain a nationally recognised Level 2* Community Sports Leadership qualification
- Usually, it would cost £40. . . BUT for St Luke's students **IT'S FREE!!!**

*equivalent to a GCSE qualification

BECOME A SPORTS LEADERS

Student will gain a nationally recognised Level 2 community sports leadership qualification allowing them to plan, lead and deliver sports sessions

COURSE CONTENT

- Learn practical leadership skills
- Planning and leading activities
- Completing a portfolio/logbook
- 48 hours total qualification time
- Practical sessions
- Complete 24 hours of tutor guided learning (after school sessions)

WHAT IT INVOLVES:

- Leading sessions independently
- Planning, delivering & reviewing activities
- Understanding coaching, safety & inclusion
- Completing a leadership logbook

What will you gain

A Level 2 Qualification (equivalent to a GCSE level award)
A FREE qualification worth approximately £40
Boost your CV, college, and university applications
Improved confidence, communication & leadership skills
Experience in coaching and working with others

How to sign up:
Speak to your PE teacher, visit the PE office or email millie.raymond@stlukescofe.school



Sports Leaders

Who For: Years 8, 9 and 10

When: Wednesdays
afterschool (15:10 – 16:10)

Where: Dance Studio

How do I sign up: Speak to a PE teacher or email Miss Raymond
millie.raymond@stlukescofe.school

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PE Ambassador

HOW TO APPLY
STUDENTS WILL BE ASKED TO WRITE A SHORT STATEMENT STATING WHAT WOULD MAKE THEM A GOOD PE AMBASSADOR.

IT YOUR YEAR GROUP
STUDENT FEEDBACK WITH THE PE TEAM
LUENCE CLUB AND ACTIVITY CHOICES
UT INTO PE KIT DECISIONS
AND PROMOTE SCHOOL SPORTS EVENTS
GE PARTICIPATION AND INCLUSION

You will get a free VX3 St Lukes top! Like this...but red



Meet once every half-term in Tutor Time

Email your statement to:
millie.raymond@stlukescofe.school

FORMER STUDENT FUNDRAISING

Former student Jack Groves, who left St Luke's in 2019, is running a half marathon to raise money for Alzheimer's Research UK while studying Molecular Medicine at Imperial College London. We are incredibly proud of his achievements and wish him the very best with his fundraising. Support Jack here: [JustGiving Page](#)

NUT-FREE PACKED LUNCH REMINDER

We would like to remind families that we have children in school with severe nut allergies. To help keep everyone safe, please do not include any kind of nuts or nut products in packed lunches or snacks for children. This includes items such as peanuts, mixed nuts, peanut butter, chocolate spreads containing nuts, and products that contain nuts. We appreciate your support in helping us keep a safe environment for all. If you are unsure whether a product contains nuts, please check the label carefully before sending it into school. Thank you for your understanding.

PRAY TOGETHER

One of our parents would love to gather others together to pray for our students and staff. The aim would be to gather locally, roughly once a month. If you'd like to join others to pray, please contact Ruth: rthmerry@yahoo.co.uk

EVOLVE

From April 2026, parents will receive an email through our new system, Evolve, **to confirm when medication has been administered in school.** Please note that these emails may initially appear in your junk or spam folder however, if you move the email into your inbox, future messages should arrive in your usual mailbox instead.

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, can we please ask all parents and carers to 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.



STUDENT SURVEY HEADLINES



Love coming to school



More students than ever are happy to be studying at our school, up 14% on last year.




Our student survey results are in...

86%

86% of St Luke's students say they are happy to be studying at our school. This is another significant increase on the previous year's result.

Over the last week, our tutor representatives have been feeding back to their peers on the changes that are being made thanks to their feedback.

UPCOMING EVENTS & KEY DATES

- 25th - 29th May - May Half Term
- W/C 15th June - Year 10 Mock Exams
- 16th June - St Luke's Summer Concert
- 26th June - Year 11 Prom
- 29th - 3rd July - Assessment Week
- 6th - 10th July - Year 10 Work Experience Week
- 6th - 10th July - Superteaching Week
- 8th July - Enhanced Primary Transition Day
- 9th - 10th July - Primary Transition Days
- 13th - 17th July - Curriculum Enrichment Week
- 13th July - Sports Day
- 17th July - Last day of Term (12:45 finish)

TERM DATES 2027-28 (SECONDARY)



AUTUMN TERM

START OF TERM	NON PUPIL DAYS	OCTOBER HALF TERM	NON PUPIL DAY	END OF TERM
Monday 6 September	Thursday 2 & Friday 4 September	Monday 25 October - Friday 6 November	Monday 13 December	Friday 17 December

SPRING TERM

START OF TERM	FEBRUARY HALF TERM	NON PUPIL DAY	END OF TERM
Tuesday 4 January	Monday 14 February - Friday 18 February	Monday 27 March	Friday 31 March

SUMMER TERM

START OF TERM	MAY BANK HOLIDAY	MAY HALF TERM	END OF TERM
Tuesday 18 April	Monday 1 May	Monday 29 May - Friday 2 June	Friday 21 July



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PARIS

Tuesday 18th July - Friday 21st July 2028

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St LUKES'S
Church of England School

ENRICHMENT WEEK 2027

TRIP TO ROME

TUESDAY 20TH JULY - FRIDAY 23RD JULY 2027

SIGN UP AND SECURE YOUR SPOT!
40 PLACES AVAILABLE AT £990PP (TBC)