



Welcome back to all of you, we hope that you had a lovely summer break and are looking forward to the new school year. Also, a big welcome to any new families that have joined our school this academic year. Please find below a range of information regarding 2024-2025.

Coming back to school!

Reminder that all children in Years 1 to 6 come back to school on Wednesday 4th September - classroom doors open at 8:45 a.m. with registration at 8:55 a.m.

Our new Reception children have their induction days on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

Nursery staff will be completing home visits this week for our new Nursery children.

Homework

We are aware that there are many different views regarding Homework— some parents/carers love it and want regular homework but we also recognise, that for some families, homework can be a cause of stress in the home. Therefore, we are trying to find a solution which will hopefully be appropriate for everyone!

Each week, the children will receive the following:

- **Reading:** read your child's book as much as possible; practise sounds, green words, red words, share a story, ask questions
- **Spelling:** List of words provided each week for children to learn and be tested on
- **Maths:** Each week, your child will receive a task questions based on fluency. Answers will be posted on Teams.

School Uniform and PE Kit

Is your child wearing the correct uniform and PE Kit? School jumpers/sweatshirts/cardigans are Navy Blue (not black). Letters will be going home to those parents who are not supporting our uniform policy.



Rewards will be awarded to children who look smart and have correct uniform. Are your child's clothes and shoes labelled? Please ensure that your child's uniform and PE kit have their names in!

Please help us to reduce lost property!
Thank you.

Meet the
TEACHER

An opportunity to meet your child's new teachers and find out about their new year group!

September

- **Monday 9th: Years 4, 5 & 6**
- **Tuesday 10th: Year 1**
- **Wednesday 11th: Years 2 & 3**

3:35 — 4:15 p.m.

**Please make it a priority to attend—
be informed!**



School Dinners & Snack—Important changes for 2024/25!

School Meals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children continue to be FREE! However, we still need parents to claim for Free School Meals as this is important for our Pupil Premium Funding.

For children in Year 3 to Year 6, school dinners must be paid for unless you are entitled to Free School Meals.

For those that need to pay, charges for School Meals have increased to:

- £14.00 per week (£2.80 per day)
- £9.00 per week (£1.80 per day) *Flexible Charging (please see below for information)*

Flexible Charging Scheme

We are continuing to offer the Flexible Charging Scheme for those parents/carers who qualify. This is for parents/carers who narrowly miss the threshold for Free School Meals. Please contact school for more information or to check to see if you are eligible.

Children's morning snack

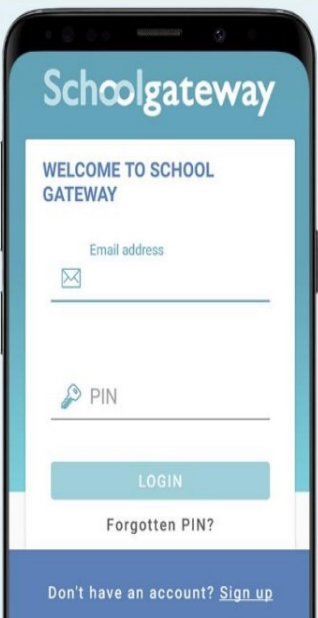
In addition to bagels and fruit, which we subsidise the cost of, we also sell a range of snack items such as yoghurts, breakfast bars and raisins. The cost of snack is:

- £13.00 per term when paid as a single payment
- £1.50 if paid weekly (to be paid on Mondays only)



Online payments— Schoolcomms

We would like as many parents/carers as possible to pay for school meals, visits, clubs, uniform and much more online. This is easy to set up and manage—so if you are interested in this, please ask to speak to Mrs Ferguson who will help to set up this facility for you.





How to activate your account

1. Download the Android or iPhone app.
 
2. Press 'Sign Up' then enter the email and mobile number your school has on record. If you're not sure if they have the right details, it's best to check and update first.
3. Press 'Send PIN'. You will receive a text message with your unique PIN.
4. You're now ready to log in and start using School Gateway.

St Luke's School website

We are continually updating our school website with information about our school and what's going on. There is a calendar, information about the curriculum and lots more. Please visit: <https://www.stlukesprimary.co.uk>



We are also continuing to hold Learning Together Sessions and a range of workshops: see Key Events for date or our school facebook page or school website! <https://www.stlukesprimary.co.uk/sessions-for-parents>

Please consider following the [St Luke's Facebook page](#) as this is continually updated with information and news about what us happening at our school! Search for: [St Luke's CE Aided Primary School](#). Even if you do not have a Facebook Account, you can access the page via our school website: <https://www.stlukesprimary.co.uk>



School times!

Children are required to be in their classrooms between 8:45 - 8:55 a.m.

- Any children who arrive after this time will need to go to the main school office and signed in by a parent/carer.

Our school finishing time is 3:30 p.m.

- Gates will not be opened before 3:25 p.m. as the children are still in lessons.
- We also have a number of parents/carers arriving after 3:30 p.m. Please be on time to collect your children - staff have clubs / other commitments.

Parents/Carers can access school via 4 different entrances/exits around the school

- main gate;
- through the rear staff car park;
- lower pedestrian entrance on Blakenhall Gardens
- upper pedestrian entrance near Nursery

Rev Espin-Bradley will continue to lead our monthly Family Worship. These will usually be held on the 1st Monday morning of every month from 9:00 a.m. All parents/carers and family members are welcome to join us. Our 1st Family Worship of 2024-2025 is next week, **Monday 9th September @ 9:00 a.m.**

We hope that you will be able to join us!



Do we have an up-to-date mobile number for you? If you are not receiving regular text messages and a link to the weekly newsletter, then please see the office staff as soon as possible. We use text messages to update parents/carers all the time!





St Luke's School Rules!
Our **THREE** simple rules that we can all (children, staff and parents/carers) easily remember and follow.

Celebrating birthdays

It is always nice to celebrate a child's birthday in school but could we please ask parents to only send in sealed packets of sweets as we have several children with food allergies. **No cakes or other food items please.** Thank you for your cooperation.



Our school works in partnership with West Midlands Police, on a project by the name of **Operation Encompass**. This project involves the reporting to schools when a child or young person has been exposed or involved in any Domestic Abuse incidents



Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is an integral part of our school. Our school has a designated safeguarding lead (Mrs Grennan), who provides support to staff members to carry out their safeguarding duties and who will liaise closely with other services such as children's social care.

All staff at St Luke's have a responsibility to provide a safe environment in which children can learn. In addition, all staff have a responsibility to identify children who may be in need of extra help or who are suffering, or are likely to suffer, significant harm. All staff then have a responsibility to take appropriate action, working with other services as needed.