



St. Luke's Halsall C.E. Primary

Newsletter – December 2024

Our value this half term is 'Trust'

***Fri 6th Dec – PTA
Christmas Fair***

***Fri 6th Dec – PTA Mufti
Day***

***Fri 13th Dec – F/S
Nativity 9:15am***

***Fri 13th Dec –
Christmas Dinner***

***Fri 13th Dec –
Coverdale Puppets***

***Mon 16th Dec –
F/S Christmas Party***

***Mon 16th Dec 6:30pm
– Y1/Y3/Y5 Nativity
Church Service***

***Tue 17th Dec 6:30pm –
Y2/Y4/Y6 Nativity
Church Service***

***Wed 18th Dec – F/S
Trip to 'Imagine That'***

This month is an exciting and very busy one at school with lots of events taking place. It's a privilege to be able to celebrate the birth of Jesus with the children and embrace their excitement and anticipation.

Our Foundation Stage children are looking forward to wowing their families with their Nativity Performance and the rest of the children have been working hard on their Nativity Presentations which will take place at the evening Christmas Church Services.

Please ensure you make a note of dates for your children's Christmas presentations and parties. Letters with full details and tickets will be sent home in due course.

PTA Christmas Fair

Our PTA Christmas Fair is taking place on Friday 6th December straight after school until 5.30pm.

Father Christmas' Grotto slots are still available and there will be lots of stalls including a variety of tombolas, Hook-a-Bauble and Snowball Throw. This is always a fantastic event which raises lots of money for school, so please come along with family and friends!

Christmas Dinner

All children are invited to enjoy a delicious Christmas Dinner cooked by our wonderful kitchen staff in school on Friday 13th December. We have sent out an email via Arbor with full details. Please ensure that you read the email carefully and confirm your child's option, as there will be no alternative meals available on that day.

Please confirm your child's option by Friday 6th December 2024

**Wed 18th & Thur 19th
Dec – Christmas
Parties**

**Fri 20th Dec –
Christmas Service in
St. Luke's Church
9.00am**

**Fri 20th Dec – School
closes for Christmas
at 2.00pm**

**Mon 6th Jan – INSET
Day**

**Tue 7th Jan – Children
return to School**

**Wed 29th - Fri 31st Jan
– Y4 CHET Residential**

**Mon 17th - Fri 21st Feb
– Half Term Break**

**Fri 4th April – Easter
Service in St. Luke's
Church at 9.00am**

**Fri 4th April – School
closes for Easter**

**Tues 22nd April –
Children return to
School**

Year 5/Year 6 PGL Residentials

Year 5 - Fri 6th – Sun 8th June 2025

Year 6 - Fri 20th – Mon 23rd June 2025

If you wish for your child to go on their trip please confirm and pay the £50 deposit by Friday 6th December, as we have to confirm numbers to PGL.

Attendance

Attendance Data December: Whole School Target 97%

Last Month's School Attendance: 96.79%

Reception	97.74%
Year 1	95.27%
Year 2	97.33%
Year 3	96.46%
Year 4	96.15%
Year 5	97.08%
Year 6	97.52%

Big Picnic Worship

Big Picnic Worship, will take place again on Sunday 8th December, in St. Luke's Church at 12.00pm. This is a lively service suitable for the whole family. Bring a picnic and be ready to have fun, enjoy some songs, games and stories and have time to think about Jesus and pray for ourselves and the world.

This month's Big Picnic Worship will incorporate their 'Toy Service' where they are asking families, if they are able, to bring in an unwrapped toy for a less fortunate child.

Term Dates and Holidays

Please find attached the term dates for 2024-25 and 2025-2026. Can we remind everyone that holidays should not be booked in term time. Requests for a term time leave of absence are considered on their individual merits, taking into consideration whether there are exceptional circumstances, previous good attendance and any evidence submitted in support.

We follow strict guidance on attendance, and should a child have 10 unauthorised sessions (5 days) in a 10-week period, we are required to inform the Local Authority who may issue a fixed penalty notice(s).