St. Luke's
PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

October 2026

Well done to **all** of the children at St Luke's who have negotiated possibly the longest half term in history – you are *fabulous*! Special mention should go to our Reception children and their families, who have made a simply brilliant start to their school career. What an amazing community we have at our lovely school!

Harvest

Thank you so much for the very generous donations that we received for our recent harvest festival collection. We had a fantastic time at our harvest assemblies – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 sang the school's harvest song with Al, whilst Years 3-6 enjoyed their singing with Andy. All of the donations have been collected by the team at The Clock Tower Sanctuary and they were extremely grateful for everything that they received. For more information about the great work that the sanctuary does for young people who are homeless in Brighton and Hove, please head here: https://www.thects.org.uk/

Girls' Sports Events

The school's girls' football team recently took part in the 'large schools' tournament. They have done St Luke's proud, enjoying the competition with excellent sportsmanship (sportsgirlship?). The team lost the tournament final in penalties after overcoming strong opposition in the previous rounds – well done to all of you!

Additionally, a team of girls took part in a tag rugby competition and they really enjoyed playing a sport that they had only learned about recently. Great stuff!

Great Learning

In **Reception**, we have been learning all about Autumn and the changes that happen to trees in our local environment during this season. We have been reading Percy the Park Keeper's story *After the Storm* to support our learning and develop our understanding of how the weather can change during Autumn. (How apt!)

Earlier this week, we went on an Autumn walk to Queen's Park, where we spotted lots of signs of the season and experienced a wonderful variety of autumn weather!

A huge thank you from Bats Class in **Year 2** to all the parents and staff who came in to teach us Spanish, Dutch, Hungarian and Russian. We had so much fun learning about different countries around the world and the languages they speak.

Year 5 had a fantastic trip on the train to Lewes to visit Anne of Cleves house as part of their Tudor topic. We acted out the story of Henry VIII and his 6 wives (that didn't go very well for the wives, did it!) and had a tour of the house.

Year 5 also had a blast from the past as Al came in to try out the songs for her new show that she is developing with Sabotage Theatre. We're really hoping that we can get some free tickets to see the show when it is finished!

Dogs on school premises

Please remember that dogs should not be on school premises at any time of day, whether you are dropping off at school or picking up at normal times, or picking up from After School Club.

We don't have anything against dogs, but some children are very frightened by them, no matter how big or friendly they are.

Thank you for your attention to this!

Half Term Holiday Activity

Love art? *Reinvention* competition and show us your vision for the future

https://octopus.energy/reinvention-art-competition/

To celebrate this year's Turner Prize, Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art (MIMA) are running a UK-wide art competition on the theme of 'Reinvention'. Think you're a budding artist? Know someone who is? We're inviting young people aged 5 to 25 across Great Britain to submit **designs that imagine an inspiring future.**

Climate change isn't going anywhere. We must take urgent action to transform the systems we've come to rely on. But big change doesn't happen on its own – it takes energy, creativity, and hope. We believe art can spark the imagination, bring people together and drive us toward a brighter, greener future.

What's up for grabs...

£100 for 100 artists!

£500 cash for 10 schools

Internships at Octopus Energy for 3 job-seekers

Your artwork being displayed on ad spaces across the UK

Hello! It's visiting singing teacher AL here - I had a workshop with year 5 this week - I hope you're looking forward to half term?

The children asked if I have any Halloween shows coming up, so here is the info and I'd be thrilled to see some familiar faces!!

Each show features live spooky songs, a themed art activity and a kids' open mic - they'd be awesome at that!!

I have 2 spooky music shows coming up in the next couple of weeks. The first is in Lewes this Sunday 25th October.

If you fancy getting out of Brighton for an afternoon, pop the kids into their halloween costumes and come and join me at the Con Club

2-4pm for a Halloween warm-up gig! It would be great to see some familiar faces!

The second chance to catch it is Saturday 7th November at the Brunswick, Hove.

Tickets £8.50/group of 4 £29 (save a fiver) under 2yrs and Compass Card holders free

More info and book here: https://gokidmusic.com/tickets

And have a very happy halloween!

AL :-)

Bird Box Making Workshop

I also attach to the Ping a bird box making workshop which will be run by Hanover Action, which for some reason I can't embed into this newsletter. Grrrr, Microsoft…

Have a fantastic half term and we will see you in November!

Simon Wattam

Head Teacher

Half term activities

Sunday 25th October: Paint-your-own mini bench!

11am - 1pm in Churchill Square

Paint-your-own mini bench session with support from Story Trail artist Martha Mitchell.
Drop in, no need to book, free with purchase of a £15 mini bench.

Monday 26th October: Free bookmark making

11am - 1pm in Churchill Square

Drop-in to make your own bookmarks. No need to book, free to take part.

Tuesday 27th October: Free origami crafts

10.30am - 12.30pm in Churchill Square

Meet Story Trail artist Emma Fish AKA Style In Design for an origami craft session with a Halloween twist.

Wednesday 28th October: Once Upon a Trail

Starting venue Colonnade Bar, New Road, from 5pm

Ten of our sculptures are transformed for one night only with different activities including a silent disco, a choir, trick or treating and theatrical performances.
Book online: https://amazesussex.org.uk/events/once-upon-a-trail/

Friday 30th October: Free crafts

11am - 1pm in Churchill Square

Drop-in to for free craft activities. No need to book, free to take part.

Paint-your-own mini bench at The Book Nook,

First Avenue, Hove, from 11am
With Story Trail Artist Kirsti Davidson. Book on their website - booknookuk.com/events

Saturday 31st October: Free badge-making

11am - 1pm in Churchill Square

Drop in to make your own badges, no need to book, free to take part.

Children must be accompanied by an adult