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**30<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a restful weekend.

On **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October** we will be having our SIAMS inspection, which is the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) and is the Church of England and Methodist Church's outworking of the requirements of section 48 of the Education Act 2005. It is a key element of the life of all Church of England and Methodist schools in England. SIAMS explores ways in which each school's theologically rooted Christian vision drives its work and enables the school to live up to its foundation as a Church school.

We are very excited to be welcoming our inspector in to the school and I am attaching a letter which gives you more detail about the inspection.

### **Our Christian Vision**

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In the last newsletter, I did a brief reminder of our theologically based vision statement and I wanted to share some more about our sunflowers and why we have them in school.

Each class has a sunflower and they bring them to each collective worship.

Within St Luke's we use the sunflower as a symbol of the **Holy Trinity**. Each class has their own sunflower that they bring to each Collective Worship as part of our coming together as a community

Each part of the sunflower represents part of the Holy Trinity as follows:

**God the Father** – the roots. Unseen, but crucial in the process of creation in the darkness, moving from darkness to light and feeding future growth.

**God the Son** – stem and flower. Sunflowers grow tall and conspicuous – they are visible amongst all flowers. Jesus made himself visible as He told stories on hills and mountains and in public places such as synagogues, so that people could see him. He did not wish to hide away to do God's work, but to make sure that he was seen and known.

**God the Holy Spirit** – sunflower seeds – seeds give us both energy and hope for the future, knowing that the seeds, once planted, will create new life and more sunflowers. The Holy Spirit is the presence of God in the world, sent to the disciples by Jesus (and subsequently to their disciples) when he went back to heaven to encourage them and give them strength to follow his example. Through the seeds, new life and new hope can be created.

The roots, stem and flower and seeds work together to complete the circle of creation. The same can be said for the Holy Trinity.

For more information about our Christian Ethos – do please refer to our website

<https://stlukes.demat.org.uk/being-a-church-school>

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## Reception Intake Visits (2025 Intake)

We will be starting to hold open mornings for next year's EYFS intake – further information can be found on our website, you can also sign up to attend here: [Reception Intake Open Days - 2025](#)

## Individual Photos (and siblings who attend school)

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October (pm)

## Harvest Festival

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October - pupil community only.

We are collecting food donations for Cambridge Foodbank as this is an organisation that is close to our hearts. With the current cost of living situation, many families have had to use the services of this organisation and by donating we are helping to support our own community.

If you are in the position to do so, the donation of the following items would be greatly appreciated.

#### OUR CURRENT MOST NEEDED LIST:

PASTA SAUCE  
JAM  
BISCUITS, SNACKS AND CONFECTIONARY  
TINNED CUSTARD AND RICE PUDDING  
COOKING OIL  
UHT MILK  
LONG-LIFE FRUIT JUICE  
TINNED MEALS EG. CHICKEN IN SAUCE,  
CHILLI CON CARNE  
NOODLES AND RICE  
TINNED VEGETABLES AND PULSES  
PASTA SAUCE  
LONG-LIFE PUDDINGS  
TEABAGS (PACKS OF 40, 80 OR 120)  
SMALL JARS OF INSTANT COFFEE  
TINNED BEANS, TOMATOES, SOUP  
TOILET ROLL  
TOILETRIES  
TINNED FRUIT

If your family is ever in need of emergency food packs then please speak to us in the office or you can visit the website here for more information:

<https://cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/how-to-get-help/foodbank-vouchers/>

Please note that this service is for the pupil community only as we have a large community service on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024 for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations of St Luke's Church.

## Fruit Picking

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 3:15-3:45pm

Yes, it is time for the annual fruit picking event. Our orchard is filled with ripe fruit for us to harvest and share and we are inviting families to come and join in. Squirrel class have already been picking apples and inform me that they make the most delicious Gruffalo Crumble!

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Further details will be sent out separately.

### **Year 6 Residential**

Please sign up by Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October using the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/jED0Z6ETBZ>

### **ParentPay**

Please can I ask that parents ensure that their ParentPay account has enough credit to pay for the meals for the coming week.