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Dear St Luke's families,

What a wonderful Autumn term we've had! This newsletter is packed with pictures and information about many of the fabulous things children have participated in this month, as well as some updates for January.

Thank you for your support this term; for reading with your child or encouraging them to complete their homework, for coming along to services or performances or other festive events, for attending parents evening meetings, and even for your end of term gifts! Whilst very different, each of these things help build a feeling of togetherness, helping staff to feel valued and supported, and for children to know that school and home are working together to help them achieve their very best. Thank you.

We wish you all a peaceful Christmas break and a joyful New Year, and look forward to seeing the children back at school on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**.

Very best wishes,

From Sarah Barnes and the St Luke's Team.

Staffing updates

We have been joined this term by colleagues from across the Trust. Mr Craig Smith joined us for three days a week in Squirrel Class, whilst Mrs Rebecca Gilpin-Davies stepped in as class teacher in Hedgehogs Class. We have thoroughly appreciated the support and expertise both teachers have brought to the school during their short time with us and it is with great sadness that we say goodbye to them this week. Children and staff were fantastic in welcoming Mr Smith and Mrs Gilpin-Davies into the St Luke's family, and I know they will join me in extending our heartfelt thanks to both teachers and to their schools for their support during this time.

Miss Burnes will not be returning to school yet, but we are pleased that Mrs Meade has agreed to provide teaching cover in Hedgehog Class from January.

Fundraising Days

This half term, the House Captains organised two fundraising events. On Friday 5th December, we 'broke the rules' and raised £108 for Jimmy's Cambridge, and on Friday 12th, the children wore their festive socks and raised £82 for ACT. It was wonderful to see the children demonstrating the value of kindness and thinking of those less fortunate than themselves.

House Points

Earlier this week, Meadow House enjoyed their chosen reward – a non-school uniform day – having received the most House points last half term. I am pleased to announce that **City** House are this half term's winner, after amassing 78 points by working hard and demonstrating the value of kindness around the school. Their House Captains, Anna and Jenson, will choose a reward for their House after the Christmas Break. Well done, **City** House.

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DEMAT Together Carol Service

On Monday 1st December, we joined with the other 38 schools in DEMAT to enjoy a Carol Service at Ely Cathedral. We took 18 children from Year 5 and 6 who behaved well, listened thoughtfully and joined in the singing beautifully. They enjoyed seeing a familiar face, too!



KS1 Nativity

Squirrels Class performed a wonderful version of *Wriggly Nativity*, impressing friends and family alike with their singing and acting! Thank you to Ms Hawkins, Mrs Holmes and all of the Squirrels Team for their hard work in pulling this together.



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Trip to the Pantomime

Despite the rather wet walk to the ADC theatre on Thursday 4th, it was lovely to be able to take the whole school to watch *Jack and the Beanstalk*. Children enjoyed the show, getting into the spirit of audience participation, and we were grateful to the parent helpers who supported us on the trip.

Ellie C, Y1: "I really liked Jack, and I enjoyed sitting with my friends and Ms Hawkins. We were right at the front!"

Sohrab, Y1: "My favourite part was the costumes and make-up. I enjoyed being with my friends."

Christmas Carol Service at St Luke's Church

On Wednesday, we held our annual Christmas carol service at St Luke's Church. Children from Years 1 – 6 helped retell the story of the first Christmas, whilst the school choir performed *Silent Night* and *Adeste Fideles*. We were very grateful to be joined once again by Adam Downing, Head of Governance for DEMAT and husband to Mrs O'Connor, who played the piano and organ for us.



This was followed by our school Christmas lunch and the PTA Christmas fair – Wednesday was a very festive day!



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Y5/6 Nativity

This morning, children from Year 5 and 6 performed a Nativity play. This was something they had wanted to do after Covid restrictions had impacted their opportunities to do so earlier in the school. They gave up their time to rehearse at lunchtimes and organised their own set and costumes before performing brilliantly to an audience of their family and friends this morning.

"Performing the nativity was magical and scary rolled up into one. I'm really glad that after 7 years of waiting, it finally happened." Agnes, Y6

"Year Sixes and Year Fives put on their nativity this Christmas after lots of hard work. They were unable to do it in Reception due to Covid. Our nativity was a thrilling experience to be involved in." Anna, Y6



Social Media

We're now on Instagram! <https://www.instagram.com/stlukes.school/> Posts coming soon - please follow to see some of the things we've been up to. Thank you!

General reminders for next term

- Children return to school on **Tuesday 6th January**.
- Please remember that **school lunches** and **After School Club** should both be **booked in advance** via MCAS.
- Children in EYFS and KS1 are provided with a fruit / vegetable snack for break time. If children in KS2 (Y3 – 6) would like a break time snack, they will need to provide their own **fruit or vegetable snack**. Please note that crisps and cereal bars are not a suitable snack for break time.
- PE days remain the same: Squirrels on Tuesday, Hedgehogs on Wednesday and Muntjacs on Thursday. Children should **change into their PE kit for the PE lesson**: plain t-shirt, shorts or joggers / leggings, a sweater and a pair of trainers. No jewellery or hoods – Y6 hoodies are school uniform, not PE kit!

