



## Welcome to our spring St. Luke's SEN Newsletter!

Every term, our newsletter will provide information about SEND at St. Luke's Catholic Primary School. We will also keep you updated with the Telford & Wrekin local offer and guidance.

### Welcome!



**Miss Louise Russell  
Federation  
SENCO**

As St. Luke's Special Educational Needs and Disability Coordinator (SENCO), I am here to offer support and advice regarding additional needs or SEND support for your child.

As a school, we value the engagement of our parents so please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions. My contact email address is: [send.obs@taw.org.uk](mailto:send.obs@taw.org.uk)

Alternatively, you may find further information about our SEND provision on the school website:

<https://www.stlukesatholicprimary.org.uk/en.php>

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### Outdoor Learning For at Forest School!

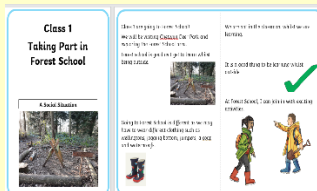


Since September 2021, the children of St. Luke's have been given the opportunity to attend Chetwynd Deer Park Forest School to participate in outdoor learning activities.

Each term, a class has the opportunity to partake in activities including exploring the deer park, using tools, team building, using the mud kitchen, digging, rope swinging and much more. These wonderful activities provide the children with opportunities to improve their emotional wellbeing, support self-esteem and self-confidence, develop social interaction and communicate and learn new skills.

For more information about our Forest School visits, please see your child's class page on our website.

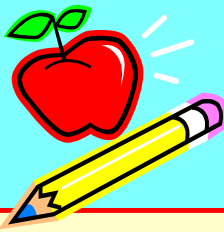
To support our SEND children with the change to their school day, we provide a social story about our Forest School visit.



### Telford and Wrekin SEND local offer

For further information about the Telford and Wrekin SEND, please see the link below: <https://www.telfordsend.org.uk/site/index.php>

You can also find a copy of the Telford & Wrekin SEND parent newsletter. [www.telfordsend.org.uk/info/1/home/109/send\\_news](http://www.telfordsend.org.uk/info/1/home/109/send_news)



# SEND NEWS!



## SEND in the classroom @ St. Luke's

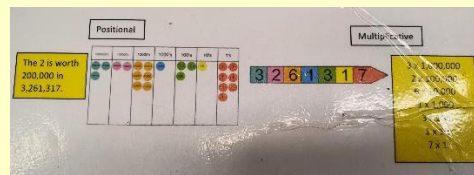
"Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, welcomes the one who sends me; for the least among all of you is the greatest"  
Luke 9:48

At St. Luke's, we have created a curriculum that ensures that each child is at the heart of everything that we do. We provide purposeful, real-life experiences and opportunities to support all children to 'know more and remember more.'  
We recognise that all pupils learn differently and with this in mind, teachers and teaching assistants adapt the classroom to provide a learning environment

## How do we create a learning environment that meets the needs of SEND pupils?



Working Walls to help children 'remember more'



Tabletop Resources for each lesson



Coloured Overlays offered for all pupils.

Visual timetables



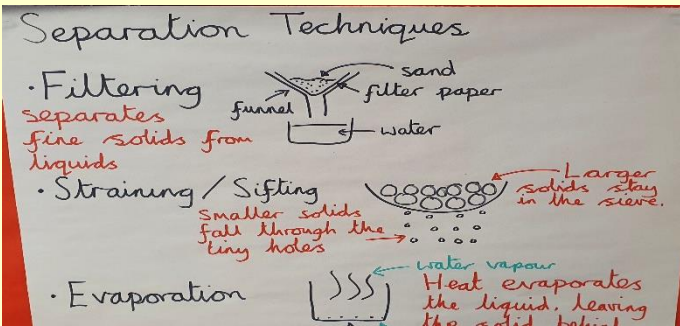
Word banks of key words

Access to laptops and Talk Tins

Reflection spaces and Wellbeing support

Pastel PowerPoints to support dyslexia

Specialized dictionaries



Breaking work down into chunks and scaffolding support.





# SEND NEWS!



## SEND IN FOCUS

Hearing the words 'Special Educational Needs' or 'Learning difficulty' can be a worrying experience for parents especially if little is known about the different 'terminology, phrases, conditions and diagnosis that are often talked about by professionals. At St. Luke's, we want to help parents to make sense of the 'jargon' and give some guidance, advice and ways you can help your child at home.

### This term's focus is Hearing Loss

Hearing loss is defined as someone who cannot hear within the 'normal' 20dB range. There are different types of hearing loss from mild, moderate to severe and can affect one or both ears.

#### Signs of hearing loss in children and adults:

- Does not respond when called.
- Watches faces/lips intently.
- Often misunderstands or ignores instructions
- Watches others before doing something themselves.
- Talks louder or softer than expected.
- Seems startled when someone comes into the line of vision.
- Can appear inattentive as if daydreaming.

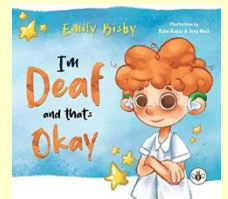
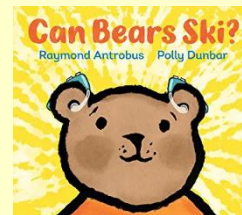
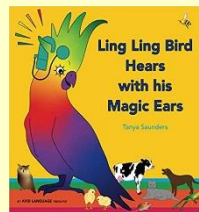
#### What to do if you suspect a hearing loss.

- Discuss your concerns with other members of the family.
- Arrange an appointment with the GP who may be able to refer for a hearing test.

### How can we support children who have hearing loss?

- Reduce background noise.
- Ensure that you are facing the child when speaking so that they can see mouth shape and movement.
- Speak clearly.
- Speak one at a time.
- Repeat information and ask for information to be spoken back.
- Give more time to process.
- Promote social interaction and inclusion.

### Books about Hearing Loss



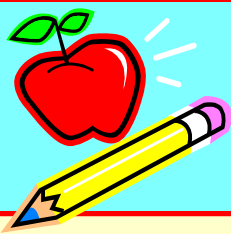
### Inspirational people who have a hearing loss



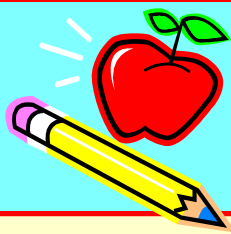
Rose Ayling-Ellis from Strictly Come Dancing.



Will.i.am from The Voice



# SEND NEWS!



SEND Support for families across Telford and Wrekin

## Parents Opening Doors (PODS)

PODS is a parent carer/peer led charity with staff and volunteers who have the relevant 'real life' experience to support families who have a child with a disability or additional need (aged 0 - 25 years).

For further information, support and advice see: [www.podstelford.org](http://www.podstelford.org)



Bee U is the emotional health and wellbeing service for people, up to the age of 25, living in Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin.

Bee U is designed to:

- Offer advice and support.
- Signpost to services.

For more information visit:

[www.camhs.mpft.nhs.uk/beeU](http://www.camhs.mpft.nhs.uk/beeU)

PODS offer a range of support including:

- Befriending scheme
- Activity sessions for children with SEN needs
- Information courses for parents.
- Resources for children
- Advice about SEND, EHCP's and SEND processes.



For further details you can contact PODS on 01952 458047

## Kooth

For children and young people aged 11-24



APP of the month!



The #1 App for meditation and sleep.

The Calm APP aims to improve both health and happiness.

## Community sessions for SEN pupils



Sessions are on a Tuesday/Wednesday 6-7pm

For more information visit: [www.aire51.co.uk](http://www.aire51.co.uk)

Aire51 are keen to work with the community and children with SEN needs.

They are offering weekly SEN sessions where lights are dimmed and music is lowered.