

St Luke's CE First School Curriculum Overview

School Christian Vision

In our St Luke's family, we recognise we are all God's children and through our caring and nurturing environment, we follow His word. We trust and rely on God's teaching so that we can encourage each other, develop our relationship with one another and the world, and flourish in all that we do.

God's word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path (Psalm 119 v.105)

School Christian Values

Our Christian values of [trust](#), [forgiveness](#), [humility](#), [hope](#), [justice](#) and [resilience](#) underpin our whole school curriculum. We take every opportunity to explore values both within our own lives and in reference to the Bible.

Collective Worship

As a Church of England school we put collective worship at the heart of our whole school curriculum. All children and teaching staff join together each day for worship and prayer. We are also joined by members of the Bridge and Southcrest Church to support the planning and delivery of collective worship.

Subjects Curriculum

We follow the National Curriculum programme of study and adapt the contexts of learning to align with our school vision, our values and values.

Reading

At St Luke's we place great importance on reading and the learning of phonics. We recognise that being able to read fluently, and with understanding, is key to accessing the whole curriculum. We encourage every child to practise their reading at home, ideally every day, but at least 3 times per week. We teach phonics and reading daily across the school. Children who are learning the phonics code take home decodable reading books suitable for their stage of reading progression. Children who have mastered the phonics code take home book banded texts matched at their reading level. We also have a school library where children can select books to take home and share with their families. All children take home 2 books – one to help them master reading skills and one to share for pleasure.

Writing

Writing is a regular feature of a child's week at school. Handwriting is taught using the Kinetic Letters scheme and is taught at least three times per week across the school. Spelling, punctuation and grammar are taught regularly each week. We regularly assess progress against these areas.

Maths

Maths is taught daily from Years 1-4. Children are regularly taught to calculate efficiently, both mentally and in the written format. Times tables are practiced every day in Key Stage 2 using Times Table Rockstars and we encourage the children to regularly practise their times tables at home using this program too. Children in Years R, 1 and 2 complete the Mastering Number programme which helps to develop quick recall of number facts.

Science

Children at St Luke's enjoy their weekly Science lessons, especially those which are practical in nature. At St Luke's we focus on developing the five key scientific enquiry skills within many different contexts of learning. We celebrate Science week and we provide opportunities for children to further explore science outside of school.

Humanities

At St Luke's, children learn about different periods of history and learn about different places around the world. Through the study of History, pupils learn about significant events, people and periods of history and develop a secure understanding of chronology. In Geography, pupils learn about places both locally and around the world and they develop a secure understanding of map skills.

Religious Education is taught each week at St Luke's and we plan from the Worcestershire Syllabus for RE. RE provides great opportunities to communicate, debate and reflect. Therefore our RE lessons are rich in discussion, with written work used to reflect. We explore all aspects of Christianity and we explore other religions such as; Judaism, Islam and Hinduism.

The Arts

Art and Design and Design Technology enable our children to explore some of the great art works and designs of our world. All pupils have a sketch book so that they can experiment, practise and develop their drawing skills. In these lessons we focus on developing skills and we value the process as much as the finished product. Music is taught by a music specialist. Children explore different types of music, they learn many songs and they learn to play simple tuned instruments.

Languages

In Key stage two our children begin to learn French. They will learn the basic words under themes such as; weather, home, numbers, colours, school. Lessons take place every week and the focus is on the spoken language.

Physical Education

Every class takes part in two PE lessons each week. PE lessons teach dance, gymnastics and games. We ensure that our PE lessons are very active, where children partake in moderate to vigorous exercise so that they stay fit and healthy, as well as improving their balance, coordination and agility. Every school currently receives additional

funding to enhance sports provision in schools to encourage children to become more active. At St Luke's we use this funding to ensure active play at lunchtimes (please see our OPAL play website page) and we take the children to different sporting events across the town.

Forest School

In our school grounds we have a forest school, filled with trees, mud, plants and creatures. Our children love to learn through play and explore this forest. Reception visit the forest school each week and other classes will also have time in forest school across the year.

Personal, Social, Health Education – PSHE

PSHE is taught each week in every class. In PSHE we explore all aspects of human behaviour and we learn how to keep ourselves safe and healthy. For PSHE we use the Heartsmart Programme, NSPCC resources and Think You Know resources. Every lesson involves mindfulness which aids children's mental wellbeing.

Relationships education is taught to all children to help them understand about healthy relationships and different types of families.

Events and Experiences

We make every effort to provide exciting opportunities and experiences for our children. We have a dedicated parent and staff team who put on many events for the children to enjoy and all funds raised are spent on the children. We also take the children on out of school visits to include an annual visit to the theatre and our Year 4 children go on a three day outdoor adventure residential.

Please see the overview of trips for visitors below for the experiences offered during academic year 2024-2025:

Year Group Trips & Visitors	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Bears	Theatre Visit – The MAC	Visitors – Doctor/Veterinary Nurse/ Site Manager/Police	Farm visit SEN Animal Pantry

		Southcrest Woods – Spring changes	Little Owl Farm visit
Giraffes	Animal-Tastic Visit	Avoncroft Museum	SEN Animal Pantry Southcrest Woods
Elephants	Redditch Central Mosque		Atwell Farm
Tigers	Local Walk Bishops Wood Walk to war memorial	Singers Hill Synagogue	Humph Histories – Romans Visit
Lions	Humph Histories Visitor Walk to war memorial	Redditch Central Mosque	Malvern Residential

In addition to the above, we offer a wealth of broad curriculum experiences which have been highly praised in both our Ofsted and SIAMS inspections. From sporting events, to the school disco and a wealth of special visitors, every week is jam packed – just have a look at our weekly newsletters to see how busy each week is!

We also invite parents into school 3 times a year to 'work with me sessions' in class so parents/carers have the opportunity to spend time in school learning with their child.

Extended Provision

Unfortunately, due to the lack of demand, we don't provide wrap around care services. However, Tinkerbells and Windmill nurseries do drop offs and pick-ups for our school. We do, however provide a wide range of after school clubs across the year. Please see the table below for information about the clubs we offered for our pupils during academic year 2024-2025:

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer Term – 8 Weeks
Cycling – Year 2 targeted children Dodgeball Photography Work out Wednesdays Lego Times Tables Mindful colouring and painting	Cycling – Year 1 targeted children Dodgeball – priority given to those who didn't get a place last half term Archery Choir Christmas Crafts Cooking (KS2) Science (KS2) Boxing – External Provider Sharon Neath	Cycling – Y1 Dodgeball Cooking (KS1) Running (KS2) Board Games Mindful colouring Disney Star Football Skills (Girls Y1-4) Lego	Balance bikes x2 – Reception Netball Lego Forest School/ECO Sewing Archery	Jigsaws/Puzzles Cycling– Year 2 Dodgeball Wellbeing Wednesday Singing Lego Mindful painting/colouring Street dance – EY & KS1 Street dance – KS2