



St Luke's C E First School

16th
January
2026

Dates for your Diary

January

Friday 23rd –
SEND Panathlon
Event

Friday 30th –
Lions 2nd visit to
Gorcott Hill

February

Wednesday 4th –
Elephants
Sporthall
Athletics

Wk Beginning 9th
– Children's
Mental Health
Week

Tuesday 10th –
Safer Internet
Day

Friday 13th –
Break up for Half
Term



School 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:

This week, our spring 1 clubs have got off to a great start! The children have been enjoying forest school, science experiments, team games, yoga, arts and crafts, cycling and more! Thank you to our staff for running these extra curricular events – it is always lovely to see the children so engaged in what we have to offer!

We have set our work with me dates for this term. We would love to see parents/carers joining us in school to work alongside your child on the following dates:

Bears - 10.2.26
Giraffes - 4.2.26.
Elephants - 11.2.26.
Tigers - 3.2.26.
Lions - 2.2.26

All sessions start at 2:15pm for 1 hour. Please remember that we are unable to accommodate younger siblings at these sessions.

Attendance:

Our year to date attendance is: 96.88%



Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
93.93%	94.83%	97.93%	97.6%	98.52%	96.52%

Kurling Experience Day

On Tuesday, each class had the opportunity to learn an Olympic sport – Kurling!

This exciting sport helped develop their hand-eye coordination, teamwork skills, and strategic thinking as they aimed their stones towards the target. New Age Kurling is a brilliant way to build concentration, turn-taking, and gross motor skills while having lots of fun. The children showed great sportsmanship and encouraged each other throughout the activity.



Gorcott Hill Forest School Club

We have been given the wonderful opportunity to take part in some forest school sessions at Gorcott Hill across the spring and summer terms. This week, Mrs Burling took our first group, who have 3 after school sessions planned.

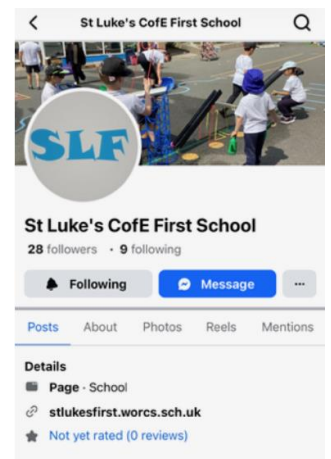
The children explored the forest, learnt that they do have snakes but they are sleeping at the moment, made dens and enjoyed a hot chocolate in the fire circle. They cannot wait to go back next week and explore some more. I hear the hot chocolate and biscuits went down a treat!



Shires
Multi Academy Trust

Social Media - Shires Multi-Academy Trust

As we are now part of the Shires MAT, we have new social media platforms. St Luke's is now set up with our own Facebook and Instagram pages. I have been informed that parents can follow us by searching St Luke's CofE First School (SLF) on Facebook and stlukesfirst on Instagram.



Spring Term Parents Evenings

Early notification that our spring term parent evenings will take place on Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th March 2026. These will run between 3:30pm and 6:30pm. Further information about booking your appointment will be shared soon. We hope this advance notice will enable our parents/carers to make arrangements to be able to attend in order find out important information about your child's learning and progress.

Tigers Swimming

Our Tigers had a fantastic first swimming lesson this week! Despite some initial nerves, everyone was so determined to persevere and give it their best and it was great to see the children quickly growing in confidence in the water. Well done Tigers!

Think of the Month

This month's Think -

If you could change one thing about the world, what would it be?



A few of more of our thoughts so far:

I would stop sickness so people don't get ill. Anonymous

I would stop wars. Ursula, Lions

I would stop people from being homeless. Isreal, Lions

One thing I would change would be that there is no world hunger. Grace E, Lions



Nut Free School

Please continue to remember that due to allergies, we are a nut free school! This means no nuts or products which contain nuts are to be brought into school. Thank you for your support with this.

Collective Worship

This week we have started our new half termly theme, with our focus word being 'PRAYER'. This week's letter was 'R is for Relationships. We talked about how **Relationships** are at the heart of our school family and our school vision, and that God calls us to care for, support and encourage one another. We shared the story of David and Jonathon David and, who formed a deep and loving friendship. Jonathan gave David his robe and weapons as a sign of trust and loyalty. Their friendship was built on faith in God and respect for one another.



Our Reflections –

How did Jonathan show kindness and generosity to David?

How can prayer help us be better friends?



Our Picture News question this week: Can famous people help others make good choices?

Famous online creators have come together at the 1 Billion Followers Summit in Dubai to talk about how their influence affects people around the world. Influencers at the event use their fame to share kindness, as part of the '1 Billion Acts of Kindness' campaign. One of the most well-known creators, Mr Beast, has encouraged millions of people to take part, using his videos and social media to inspire positive actions.



Individual Liberty

The 1 Billion Acts of Kindness campaign shows how some individuals choose to use their influence to spread positive messages. People are free to express themselves, while also considering others when sharing their views.

How can we be a positive influence?

"If we are ready, respectful and safe then everyone can copy us" - Yahya

"If someone is lonely we could ask them if they want to play" Florence

Who has influenced you?

"Nanny showed me how to use a knife and for the first time in my life I used a knife. Nanny did it carefully and I wanted to copy her" Harley

"My parents influence me, they encouraged me to go to MMA training and cheer me on" Alex S

How does this news story link with our school vision?

"Being a positive influence helps you and everybody else to flourish." Iyla

"They are helping each other and it doesn't matter who you are or what you look like, like in our St Luke's family and developing relationships with each other." Kiswa

In our Celebration Worship we have said "congratulations" to children impressing their teachers by living out our school vision. I was delighted to hand out vision certificates to Henza (Bears), Mark (Giraffes), Jayla (Elephants), Eliza (Tigers) and Habib (Lions).

Lunchtime Award Winners: Hayden and Rehman (Lions)

Golden Welly: Aizah (Giraffes)



Well done to Elephants, Tigers and Lions Tigers for attendance over 95%!

St Luke's Stars of the Week

Each week in our celebration assembly, the teachers will be choosing a pupil to recognise for their excellent work and attitude to learning. Please see Class Dojo for pictures of our 'St Luke's Stars of the Week'. We are very proud of everyone for their hard work and achievements.



Bears: Bella for amazing effort when using colourful semantics to create phrases and use a word mat to have a go at writing.

Giraffes: Aliya for drawing a brilliant movement map in Art.

Elephants: Soha for her brilliant maths work. She has been able to see a missing number calculation, write the inverse calculation and then solve this to find out the missing number! What a great start to the year!

Tigers: Hunter for showing fantastic scientific thinking, demonstrated through clear explanations about forces.

Lions: Louie for his accurate use of direct speech for our retelling of a story in English.



UK Health
Security
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Should I keep my child off school?



Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.