



St Luke's C E First School

9th January
2026

Dates for your Diary

January

Tuesday 13th –
Whole school
Kurling
experience day

Thursday 15th –
Tigers 1st
Swimming

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



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: 105)**

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to all our families! We hope you all had an enjoyable festive break, enjoying lots of family time and hopefully some lovely slower mornings! Welcome to the first half term of 2026...we have a lot to look forward to in the coming weeks and months!

It has been a joy to be back in school with the children this week – as always, they have made a great start to their new learning topics and they continue to be kind, loving children who show such care to everyone.

This week, we have welcomed Mr Gibbs, our new Caretaker to our St Luke's family. You may have seen him out and about in the morning and at collection time. Mr Gibbs is really looking forward to getting to know everyone – please say 'hello' if you see him around the school site.

Thank you for your support with today's school closure. It is never an easy decision to make, with many factors to consider, most importantly everyone's safety and whether we can staff the school adequately. We look forward to seeing everyone next week and returning to normality!

Attendance:

Our year to date attendance is: 96.89%



Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
92.86%	94.25%	93.02%	100%	96.3%	95.1%

School Admissions

A final reminder that if you are applying for a first or middle school place for September 2026, the deadline for applications is **15th January 2026**. You can apply here:

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/schools-education-and-learning/apply-school-place>

Spring 1 Clubs

Our spring 1 clubs start from Monday 12th January. If your child has been successful in gaining a place in one or more of our clubs, you will have received a letter this week to let you know. Please remember all clubs finish at 4:10pm and ensure you collect promptly from school. Thank you.

Tigers Swimming

Our Tigers are getting excited for their first swimming lesson next week! We can't wait to see and hear about how you get on - we know you will be fantastic!

Think of the Month

This month's Think -

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



A few of our thoughts so far:

I would change the world so people would stop using animals for meat. I really like animals and they haven't done anything bad to you. Eliza, Elephants

I would change the world so that people who are rude stop being rude and they are respectful. Amelia, Elephants

I would change bullying because it's not a nice thing and it hurts people's feelings. Jayla, Elephants

I would change war because people are dying and families lose their husbands and wives. Yasmine, Elephants

I would change the world by making sure there are cures for all the different diseases so people can live longer, healthier and happier lives with their families. Miss Gibbons

I would help all the animals. A few examples are you could make a bug hotel, bird feeders or bird/bat house. Ella, Tigers

I would change the world by stopping pollution. Mustafa, Tigers

Stop the badness and rudeness. Emily, Tigers

I would stop bullying and make sure everyone cares for others around the world. Afiyah, Lions

If I could change the world, it would be making people smile. Maisie, 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 'P is for Purpose'. We considered the following questions: *Have you ever wondered why we pray? What do you think prayer is for?*

We also talked about how Prayer isn't just about asking for things. Prayer helps us

understand our purpose – why we are here and how God wants us to live. We then linked this to Epiphany. At Epiphany, we remember how God showed the world who Jesus really was. The Christian celebration of Epiphany celebrates the "showing" or "revealing" of baby Jesus to the world by the Three Wise Men on January 6th, marking the end of Christmas. The Wise Men didn't just bring random presents — their gifts showed **Jesus' purpose**.



Our Reflections –

What might God be guiding you to do today?

How can you show care and kindness to others?



Our first Picture News Collective Worship for this year focused on 2026 being the National Year of Reading.

We discussed the importance of reading, how it makes us feel and what role reading will play in our future.

This links with our school vision in the following ways:

Reading helps us to learn. The more we learn and know the more we can flourish in all that we do.

By sharing what we enjoy and listening to others, we can learn about different experiences and viewpoints. This helps us read and learn together with respect.



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

The National Year of Reading encourages everyone to explore a wide range of texts. By sharing what we enjoy and listening to others, we can learn about different experiences and viewpoints. This helps us read and learn together with respect.

Well done to Tigers for a fantastic 100% attendance this week, and well done to Lions 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.



Our weekly Celebration Worship will resume next week!



UK Health
Security
Agency



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://qrc0.de/minfec>.