



# St Luke's C E First School

19<sup>th</sup>  
December  
2025

## Dates for your Diary

### January

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> –  
TED School  
Closed to pupils

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> –  
School Re-opens  
to Pupils

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> –  
Whole school  
Kurling  
experience day

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> –  
Tigers 1<sup>st</sup>  
Swimming

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> –  
SEND Panathlon  
Event

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> –  
Lions 2<sup>nd</sup> visit to  
Gorcott Hill



**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)

What a wonderful term we have had here at St Luke's and what a fantastic way to end these past 15 weeks with the children's amazing Christmas performances and our party day activities! As always, our children have been superb with their learning this term and have all really shone in their performances – well done to everyone!

We are so lucky here at St Luke's to have such a supportive community around us. Thank you to our parents/carers for your ongoing support of the school – it is great to work in partnership with you and we love nothing more than to have the school filled with our extended St Luke's family members. Thank you also for your very kind cards, gifts and good wishes at this festive time of year. We wish you all a happy and relaxing Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026!**

### **Attendance:**

Our year to date attendance is: **96.92%**.

The grid below shows this week's attendance for each class/whole school on the top row and the bottom row is the cumulative attendance for each class/whole school from 3.9.25 to 19.12.25.



Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
97.5%	93.67%	95.86%	99.2%	97.78%	96.69%
94.92%	95.75%	97.52%	98%	98.53%	96.92%

## School Admissions

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

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

## Christmas Performances!

We are all so proud of our children for their fantastic Christmas performances! We couldn't have asked any more of them – from their singing, dancing, clear narrating voices and acting, every class has blown us away! It has been wonderful to see so many parents/carers in school to watch these performances and support the children – we hope you have enjoyed watching your children shine as much as we have!



## Governor Message

Thank you so much for inviting me to watch your Christmas nativity performance. I thoroughly enjoyed watching Tigers and Lions performing 'Lights, Camel, Action' this afternoon. The children spoke so clearly and looked like they were really enjoying themselves. What great songs there were - I am still singing Funky Camel to myself!

What a wonderful year it has been at St. Luke's: great academic progress, numerous fantastic extra-curricular opportunities and an excellent SIAMs inspection. Well done to you all.

May I take the opportunity to wish all the St. Luke's family a very happy Christmas. I look forward to seeing what exciting things will be happening at the school in 2026.

God bless

Vicky Skelton

Foundation Governor

## Think of the Month

This month's Think -

*If you could take a pill that meant you would never fail, would you?*

A few of our final thoughts:

No, because it doesn't allow your brain to think and you won't be smart. Amara Tigers

No, I would not because failing is good so you can learn more. Anonymous

Yes, because if you keep trying you will succeed. Zayan Tigers

I wouldn't because it's ok to make mistakes. JV 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 completed our half termly theme, with our focus word being 'Miracle. This week's letter was 'E is for Emmanuel. We shared the Bible story of the promise of Emmanuel and discussed how long before Jesus was

born, God made a promise through the prophet Isaiah. Isaiah said that a child would be born who would be called Emmanuel, which means God with us.

Many years later, Matthew tells us that this promise came true when Jesus was born. Jesus is God's way of showing that He is always close to us – in happy times, difficult times, and ordinary everyday moments.

Our Reflections -

*How does it feel to know that God is always with us?*

*When might we need to remember that we are not alone?*



The news this week focused on a charity called Small Acts of Kindness who have put together over 10,000 'Warm in Winter' gift bags that have been distributed around Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire. Each bag includes things to keep people warm, like blankets, socks and hot drinks. The project aims to bring comfort to elderly and vulnerable people in the colder months. It shows that small acts of kindness can make a big difference in someone's life.

Pupils in Tigers class feel this week's new links to our school vision in the following ways:

Uzair - This story shows people being caring and helping others to feel safe by being generous and sharing with them.

Hayden - This story links to our school vision because the charity are encouraging others by being kind and sharing the gifts as well as encouraging other people to get involved and be kind.

Luis - The people are helping other people to flourish by being caring and encouraging.

Aiza - We are all part of our St Luke's family and are all equal so can all help each other and show kindness to each other.

Haniya - They are being caring and nurturing like we are in school.

In our Celebration Worship we have said "congratulations" to children impressing their teachers by showing our school values. I was delighted to hand out values certificates to Nissi (Bears), Florence (Giraffes), Eliza (Elephants), Bertie (Tigers) and Aleks (Lions).

Lunchtime award winners: Bella (Bears) and Hadiya (Elephants)

OPAL Golden Welly Winner: Zaiba (Giraffes)

Congratulations to our winning team this term – WATER are our winners with a huge **1075** points this term!



We also handed out the termly Headteacher awards to Lilibet (Bears), Liza (Giraffes), Haaniya (Elephants), Shakir (Tigers) and Hayden (Lions).

These children have been chosen for being excellent role models, hard workers and all-round super stars for the entire term. We congratulate them and thank them for all their hard work and efforts.



### Democracy

The Warm in Winter project shows what can happen when people in a community choose to work together to help others.

When we listen to one another and make decisions together, everyone's voice can be heard, and we can all make a difference.

Well done to Bears, Elephants, Tigers & Lions for receiving another attendance certificate of the week for attendance over 95%!!



In our celebration worship this morning, we were able to hand out 55 **100% attendance** certificates to children across the school – WOW!!

## 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: Arina for excellent singing and actions in the class performance.

Giraffes: Xander for always trying his best at everything, for being a great role model and for being a wonderful member of Giraffes.

Elephants: Yasmine for her brilliant maths work. She recognises that addition and subtraction are inverse calculations, subtraction is not commutative and she has been able to find missing numbers in fact families using this knowledge. Keep up the hard work!

Tigers: Ethan for demonstrating fantastic determination, resilience and courage when performing in our Christmas play.

Lions: Aariah for her excellent vocabulary choices when writing her Snowman poem.

*Please continue to send in certificates and awards from outside of school achievements so we can share them with the whole school community during our celebration worship.*



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>.