



St Luke's C E First School

12th
December
2025

Dates for your Diary

December

Friday 19th – Break up for Christmas

January

Monday 5th –
TED School
Closed to pupils

Tuesday 6th –
School Re-opens
to Pupils

Tuesday 13th –
Whole school
Kurling
experience day

Thursday 15th –
Tigers 1st
Swimming



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)

The time is almost here for our Christmas performances! This week, we have already been treated to KS2's dress rehearsal, and I know the children are all getting more and more excited to perform for you!

As a final reminder:

Monday 15th December – KS2 Performances in school. Our Tigers and Lions will be performing at 9:15am and 2:30pm in the school hall.

Tuesday 16th December – Our Bears children will be performing at 9:15am and 2:30pm in the school hall.

Wednesday 17th December – KS1 Performances in school. Our Giraffes and Elephants will be performing at 9:15am and 2:30pm in the school hall.

Southcrest Church have very kindly said we can open the carpark for these performance times. Please park considerably.

We hope to see lots of members of our wider St Luke's family in school next week to enjoy these performances.

Attendance:

Our whole school attendance for the year to date is **96.94%**. This week's attendance:



Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
93.21%	95%	96.21%	100%	100%	96.76%

Christmas Experience

What a wonderful time we had on Tuesday visiting the Bridge Church for our annual Christmas Experience. As usual, the members of the Bridge had put on a wonderful journey through the Christmas story for the children, made even more relevant this year with the links made to our collective worship theme of 'MIRACLE'. The children really enjoyed the visit to the church and were delighted with their special gift from Maureen and the rest of the team.



Choir Visit to Plymouth Court

Our wonderful Christmas choir visited Plymouth Court this week to sing to the residents there. They had a wonderful afternoon and all sang beautifully! Thank you to Miss Grubb and Mrs Gafka for leading our choir this half term.



Think of the Month

This month's Think -

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

Here are some more of our responses from Tigers:

Amara - no because then your brain won't work properly and think.

Aiza - no because people might show off and upset other people.

Hayden - no because people would question why you never failed.

Kristos - yes because sometimes there are hard questions and I want to know the answers.

Mustafa - maybe, it depends what happens if it ruins out.



And some other responses from across the school:

No, I can become a Queen without a potion. Haadiya, Bears

No, everything I have done in my life I have worked really hard for. It makes me feel really proud. Miss Read

No. The endorphins make you feel good. When you challenge yourself it feels magical. Mrs Burling

Yes, it might make me fast. Theo M Bears

No because then you would not learn from your mistakes. Kevin, Lions

Yes! If it was a pill that helped me never to fail to be kind, loving, caring and just. Reverend Ruth

Christmas Fayre

Thank you so much to our fabulous PTA for their hard work and efforts putting on our Christmas Fayre today...and a big thank you to our extended St Luke's family for your support – it was great to see so many of you there supporting the school.



PTA Santa Breakfast & Christmas Grotto

How lucky were we that Santa found the time in his busy schedule to come and visit us here at St Luke's today!? First, he spent time with us at our special breakfast, and then we were all lucky enough to visit him in his special grotto, where we each received a gift.



We also loved our Santa Dash course today!!



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 continued our half termly theme, with our focus word being 'Miracle. This week's letter was 'L is for Light. We focused on the part of the story where the Wise Men saw a bright, mysterious star in the East. They followed it because they believed it would lead them to someone very important. The star guided them step by step until they found Jesus, the new born King.

We thought about the following:

God provides light to guide us. Just as the star guided the Wise Men, God guides us through:

His word (the Bible)

The people who care for us

The values we live out at St Luke's

Our conscience and prayer

Our reflection:

Who are the 'lights' in your life—people who help you stay on the right path?



In Picture News this week, we discussed the new story of Darren Edwards who is paralysed from the chest down and set himself the challenge to use a sit-ski to travel 137 miles across Antarctica to raise money for charity. We were all in awe Darren's story and what he challenged himself to achieve in such difficult circumstances. We linked this news story to our school vision and values in the following ways:

Encouraging each other to achieve challenges - working towards a difficult challenge feels much easier when people are supporting you.

Community - Darren was pushing himself to achieve this challenge to raise money for charity.

He would have had to have shown great resilience and strength throughout.

Well done to Giraffes and Elephants for receiving another attendance certificate of the week for attendance over 95%!! And a HUGE well done to Tigers and Lions for **100% attendance** for the week!!



Individual Liberty

We all have the freedom to choose challenges that help us learn and grow. Darren's journey shows us we can set our own goals to help us discover what we're capable of.



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.



We have not held our usual Celebration Worship this week due to the Christmas Fayre. We look forward to celebrating our final super stars of 2025 on Friday 19th December.

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
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://qrco.de/minfec>.