



St Luke's C E First School

5th
December
2025

Dates for your Diary

December

Tuesday 9th –
Christmas
Experience at The
Bridge

Wednesday 10th –
Choir to sing at
Plymouth Court

Friday 12th – PTA
Santa Breakfast
and Grotto / PTA
Christmas Fair –
Christmas Jumper
Day

Friday 19th – Break
up for Christmas

January

Monday 5th –
TED

Tuesday 6th –
School Re-opens
to Pupils



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)**

As the Christmas excitement builds, there's no sign yet of slowing down in school! This week the children have been completing some end of term assessments and showing their teachers all of the wonderful progress they have made so far this year! Mrs Hirons-Reed has been monitoring Maths lessons across the school and Miss Gibbons has been dropping into Geography lessons – I'm delighted to report that their feedback on what they have seen in terms of teaching and learning, and work in books, is looking fantastic!

On Tuesday next week, Years 1-4 will be visiting the Bridge Church for the Christmas Experience. This is always a very special occasion and we are very grateful to the members of the Bridge for the efforts they go to when we visit. On Wednesday, Maureen will be coming in to speak to Bears class separately about the Christmas story.

Thank you for all of your donations today towards the Christmas Fayre next week!

Don't forget, next week, our new lunches start! We look forward to seeing the children enjoying the new menu choices.

Attendance:

Our whole school attendance for the year to date is **96.95%**. This week's attendance:

Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
95.19%	92%	99.66%	98.4%	97.41%	96.45%



KS2 Team Building

Last Friday afternoon, a group of Tigers and Lions participated in a team building event with several other schools from around Redditch. It was fantastic to see them living out our school vision, relying on each other, encouraging each other and showing our caring & nurturing environment. Mrs Martin and Miss Grubb were very proud of everyone!



Lions Adopt A Chef

Our Lions class have enjoyed their first 'Adopt a Chef' session this week with chef Ibrahim Bellal. They have learnt lots about their taste buds and different tastes, and have enjoyed testing different foods.



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 of our responses from Lions Class:

"I would take it because I don't want to fail. I want a good future and to go to college."

Shannon Lions

"No, because then you will not learn." Anonymous

"No, I wouldn't take it because how would you learn from mistakes without being able to make any?" Miss Grubb

"No, I disagree. It's good to make mistakes." Ursula Lions

"No, because I want to be tested on my true ability and it helps me to learn from my mistakes." Grace E Lions

"No, because mistakes are what helps us to learn, grow and make success worth celebrating." Mr Parker



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.

Bears Class Theatre visit

This week, our youngest children have had their very first visit out of school! They went to Stourbridge to watch 'Dear Santa' and a wonderful time was had by everyone! We are so proud of all our Bears children for how fantastic they were on this visit – well done Bears!



Friday 12th December – PTA Santa Breakfast, Christmas Grotto and Christmas Fayre after school. Everyone is invited to wear their Christmas jumpers on this day! We are starting the day with a special visitor at breakfast and throughout the morning the children will be visiting the magical grotto! After school, our wonderful PTA will be holding their annual Christmas Fayre. Please come along after school to support this event – we hope to see lots of family members there!



Our Christmas Performances:

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.



Please note, Southcrest Church have very kindly said we can keep the car park open for parents during performance times.

Collective Worship

This week we have continued our half termly theme, with our focus word being 'Miracle. This week's letter was 'C is for Christmas / Christ. We continued reading the Christmas story, with a focus on the part where the time came for Jesus to be born. Mary wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them anywhere else.

We thought about the following:

Jesus didn't come as a powerful king, but as a tiny baby in a poor place.

God shows us that greatness doesn't come from wealth or power, but from love, humility, and kindness.



Reflection:

How can we show humility and kindness today?

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 Radu (Bears), Aydin (Giraffes), Phoenix (Elephants), Hunter (Tigers) and Denis (Lions).

Lunchtime Award Winners: Denis & Rehman (Lions)

Golden Welly: Khizr (Elephants)

Well done to Bears, Elephants, Tigers & Lions for receiving another attendance certificate of the week 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: Theo M for great recognition and subitising of numbers 1-10. He is making numbers independently and starting to represent them.

Giraffes: Shayan for brilliant blending in phonics when reading alien words.

Elephants: Isla for her super writing using commas in a list. She was able to write sentences with commas in the correct place and full stops at the end of each sentence. WOW!

Tigers: Ella for demonstrating fantastic perseverance and determination with improving her handwriting, in all writing opportunities.

Lions: Zorain for her excellent recount of the journey of bananas in Geography.

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

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