



# St Luke's C E First School

28th  
November  
2025

## Dates for your Diary

### December

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> –  
Bears Theatre Trip

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> – Lions  
Adopt A Chef

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> –  
Christmas  
Experience at The  
Bridge

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> –  
Choir to sing at  
Plymouth Court

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – PTA  
Santa Breakfast  
and Grotto / PTA  
Christmas Fair

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – Break  
up for Christmas

### January 2026

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> –  
School Closed for  
TED

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



**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)

With the temperatures dropping, a reminder that if we were in a position where we needed to close school due to adverse weather conditions, this information will be shared with parents/carers via Class Dojo.

Closing the school is never an easy decision to make, and it is never made lightly, but the safety and welfare of our children, staff and families will always be paramount. Please double check to make sure your Class Dojo notifications are turned on. We will always aim to make a decision as early as possible, following local weather reports, advice and conditions. Information about any school closure will also be available on the Worcestershire County Council website: <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/>

Please see details below about our Christmas events. Our

Christmas post box will be open from **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December**.

Please ensure all cards are addressed with the child's name and class to help our Year 4 postal delivery team make sure they are sent to the right people! Thank you.



### **Attendance:**

Our whole school attendance for the year to date is **97%**.

Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
92.59%	98%	97.93%	98.4%	100%	97.39%

## Sensory Walk

This week, some of our pupils experienced a sensory walk around our school grounds. They used touch to find smooth and bumpy bark, they listened to the sound of sticks snapping, and sounds in the environment, they looked for soggy leaves and crunchy leaves and we even managed to find some ice that had not yet melted to feel how hard and cold it made the floor. We finished off by building a leaf pile and running through it.



## Children in Need

Thank you for your donations for Children in Need – we raised £108.18 altogether for this worthy charity.

## School Council

This week, I have met with School Council to review more suggestions from the children on how we can make our school an even better place. Here are some of the things we discussed, and our next steps:



Bears would like to join School Council. *We are going to set this up after Christmas. Year 4 School Councilors will go and see Bears class to let them know that we are looking for pupils who are confident speaking and sharing their ideas.*

Bears would like more opportunities to work with other year groups, like they did on languages day. *School Council felt this was a good idea and they are going to work with Mrs Baker and Mrs Hirons-Reed to arrange this.*

We could get badges for all of the pupil leadership roles – *This has been done. School Council, ECO team and Reading Ambassadors all have badges to wear.*

Add swings, slides and a trampoline for OPAL.

Have more field time.

*School Council will take these 2 ideas to Mrs Burling to see if they can work.*

Have balls at play time – *School Council felt this could be difficult as playtime is shorter than lunchtime and that balls could be lost which would then impact on the equipment the children have for OPAL. However, it is something we will return to in the future.*

We could have a ride your scooter to school day – *we have done this with our cycle to school week. We will look into whether we can run this again.*

Reading Ambassadors, ECO and School Council to have hot chocolate with Mrs Baker – *School Council felt this needed to remain as a reward for the VIPS to keep it special.*

## Botany Bay Father Christmas

Over the past couple of weeks, all classes have been creating our very own Father Christmas which will be displayed at Botany Bay Garden Centre in Astwood Bank. Why not pop along to the garden centre to see it displayed over the coming weeks? Thank you to Mrs Elmes for co-ordinating all the work for this and putting it together.



## SAVE THE DATES FOR 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 to parents and carers 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.

We hope to see lots of parents/carers and wider family members at our performances supporting the children!

## PTA Santa Breakfast – FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025

Our PTA will be holding our annual Santa breakfast and grotto. All children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers on this day. Please see the letter posted on Class Dojo post advertising this event, for further details.



## PTA CHRISTMAS FAYRE - FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025

On Friday 12th December we are holding our Christmas fayre for all parents/ carers and children at the school. We are kindly asking, in exchange for an own clothes day held on the 5th December 2025, raffle prize and tombola donations. We would be grateful if you could donate any of the following, if we could ask that all donations be new or unused.



Raffle tickets will be on sale from Monday 8th December on the school playground from the PTA team.

Please bring any of the following from your corresponding year group colour. We combine these coloured items to make a hamper gift of the same colour which is then raffled off.

Bears: Red

Giraffes: Green

Elephants: White/Silver

Tigers: Purple

Lions: Gold

- New toys, games, puzzles, teddy bears
- Books
- Confectionery- sweets, chocolates, biscuits (pre-packaged).
- Bottles of wine, squash, water
- Unused toiletry sets
- Or if you are a business and wish to donate a small something

If you could send your child/ren in on the 5th December in their own clothes with their donations please. We will be drawing the winning tickets for the raffle at the Christmas Fayre Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December in the school hall.

**Tuesday 9th December** - All the children at St Luke's have been invited over to the Bridge church in December for a Christmas Experience. This will involve an interactive walk around the church to hear and act out the Christmas story.



### **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.

### **School Lunches**

A reminder that from 8<sup>th</sup> December, our school lunches will be provided by the Endeavour Schools Trust. Please see the new menu on Class Dojo, and a reminder that if you have already booked meals for after 8<sup>th</sup> December, these will now be cancelled and you will need to re-book. We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause, but we are confident the children will enjoy the new menu options!

### **Collective Worship**

This week we have continued our half termly theme, with our focus word being 'Miracle'. This week's letter was 'A is for Angels'. We thought about Joseph in the Christmas story and how when he discovered that Mary was expecting a baby and felt confused and afraid.



In his worry, God sent an angel in a dream with a message:

"Do not be afraid."

The child was from God's Holy Spirit.

Joseph was to name the baby Jesus.

*When Joseph woke, he trusted God, followed His instructions, and cared for Mary.*

### **Our Reflections:**

*Just as Joseph was unsure and worried, we sometimes face situations where we don't know what to do. But God guides us—sometimes through His word, sometimes through people around us, sometimes through a quiet feeling of reassurance.*

*Who are the people who guide or reassure you?*

This week, Mrs Broughton has led a collective worship about the American and Canadian holiday Thanksgiving. The children were able to make links as to the similarities between Thanksgiving and Harvest. They enjoyed learning about the way Thanksgiving is celebrated and then shared the things they are thankful for. We discussed how Thanksgiving links to our school vision in the following ways:

*The act of giving thanks encourages kindness and empathy.*

*Thanksgiving traditions—sharing meals, expressing thanks—are about community.*

*Thanksgiving reinforces the idea that every child and adult is valued and appreciated.*



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 Anayah (Bears), Dawood (Giraffes), Yusha (Elephants), Noah (Tigers) and Blake (Lions).

**Lunchtime Award Winners:** Arlo (Bears) and Estera (Bears)

**Golden Welly:** Taha (Bears)

Well done to Giraffes, Elephants and tigers for receiving an attendance certificate of the week for attendance over 95%...and Lions have gone and done it again with a massive 100%!!!



## 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: Wiktoria for her creativity and applying her learning into other areas of the curriculum.

Giraffes: Grayson for brilliant independent writing and for always wanting to make his writing even better.

Elephants: Salomi for her brilliant maths work. She is able to confidently add any two 2-digit numbers by drawing her tens and ones. She could solve calculations that crossed one hundred!

Tigers: Jemimah for growing in independence and confidence, and flourishing in all that she does.

Lions: Oswin for his excellent descriptions of solids, liquids and gasses in Science.

*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.*



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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>.