



St Luke's C E First School

21st
November
2025

Dates for your Diary

November

Wednesday 26th –
SEND Sensory
Walk

Friday 28th – KS2
Team Building
Event (selected
children)

December

Thursday 4th –
Bears Theatre Trip

Friday 5th – Lions
Adopt A Chef

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

Friday 19th – Break
up for Christmas



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 this week, please ensure your child comes to school wearing a warm coat and with a hat, gloves and scarf so they can be well wrapped up at break and lunch times. Please also double check that all items are named so that we can return them to their rightful owners if needed. Thank you.

As we are now at the end of week 3 of this half term, our Christmas preparations are getting in full swing. The stage is now up and rehearsals for performances are going well. We hope to see lots of our extended St Luke's family joining us for these performances; I know the children will do us all proud!

Our attendance is still going strong, although we are starting to see an increase in those winter germs. Please remember to call the school to report your child's absence – we can not accept Dojo messages for absences and we will always follow up with a phone call home if we do not hear from you directly.

Finally, a reminder to please send back your parental questionnaire. We have had 51 responses so far and there is still time to return yours. Please return by Friday 28th November – thank you.

Attendance:

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

Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
90%	95.67%	99.66%	96%	96.67%	95.65%



Lions Tesco Visit

This week, Lions visited our local Tesco to enhance their Geography learning. They have surveyed the countries of origin for a number of different groceries and searched for any items containing the Fair Trade logo.



Giraffes Animal-Tastic

Giraffes had an exciting visit from Animal Tastic this week! We met Marv the rat, George the Gecko, Melvin the tortoise and Pumpkin the snake. What a great way to learn about animals, their habitats and their features!



Lions Swimming

This week, our Lions have had their final swimming lesson this year. The children have enjoyed another 10 week block of swimming lessons with Sholfins and have all made brilliant progress! Well done Lions, we are all really proud of you and how far you have come with your swimming skills.

I'm delighted to report that Tigers will also be swimming in the spring term – we can't wait to see how you progress!



OPAL Winter Update

OPAL is always going to be an ongoing adventure, as we respond and react to the children's interest, the weather, current trends in PLAY and as we progress on our OPAL journey.



It was lovely to hear from the school council that the field is so popular that the children of St Luke's had requested a field after school club – even in winter! I also met with the whole school last week to discuss how we can uplift and improve our lunch time play. The children had some amazing ideas, which we are hoping to fulfil over the coming months. I have shared some of their ideas below -

- More sports equipment, such as badminton, hockey, volley ball and golf

- Can we turn the field bus in to a winter sleigh?
- Song requests and a play list
- Different types of wheeled play
- Den making
- Huts and tents

This week I have also been to see an OPAL platinum school and attend a working group meeting – this gave me lots of ideas and I’m hoping that the field will become our epi-centre of play and fun. I truly believe that the field is our biggest asset, which we are going to continue to develop. Donations are always appreciated at any time and really do mean that this project is sustainable for the future.

Finally, I would love to know your thoughts on a community build day – opal style/ Feb 2026. If you have a trade, tools or supplies that could be helpful please feel free to drop me a Dojo message.

Many thanks
Mrs Burling

Togetherness – free online courses and wellbeing resources

Schools in Worcestershire have been asked to share the following on behalf of the Togetherness team (previously known as the Solihull Approach):

Worcestershire County Council and the local Health and Care Trust fund Togetherness (formerly inourplace.co.uk) want to ensure all parents and carers across Worcestershire can access free, NHS endorsed online courses and wellbeing resources.

What is Togetherness?

Togetherness is a trusted online learning platform developed by psychologists and health professionals. It offers accessible, evidence-based courses on:

- Emotional health
- Child development
- Family wellbeing

These resources are proven to support mental health, improve behaviour, and strengthen relationships.

Find out more at: <https://togetherness.co.uk/>



SAVE THE DATES - Christmas is coming...

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.

Friday 12th December – PTA Santa Breakfast, Christmas Grotto and Christmas Fair after school. Everyone is invited to wear their Christmas jumpers on this day!



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 8th 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 8th 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 'R is for Rejoice. We thought about the times when we rejoice and celebrate. We then shared the story of the Angels appearing before the Shepherds to tell them about the good news of the birth of Jesus.

We reflected on the following –

The angels said, "Do not be afraid."

God brings reassurance.

They announced "good news of great joy for all people."



This week, we have then been considering:

How can we be "messengers" of good news in school?

How can you share God's love with someone today?

Road Safety Week

In Tuesday's Collective Workshop this week, we shared the importance of Road Safety. This week is National Road Safety Week which has been created by an organisation called Brake to raise awareness of road safety and share key messages on how to stay safe on the roads. Mrs Broughton was very impressed as many children already had a lot of knowledge on ways to stay safe when crossing roads such as the Stop Look Listen Green Code mantra, that you should always walk and never run and that high vis clothes are a good idea when walking or cycling in the dark. In addition to this, we shared the following:



- You must always cross the road with an adult. This is compulsory up to the age of 8 years.
- You must never cross the road on a bend/corner where you can't see what is coming
- It is important to not walk behind/in front of a parked car/bus when crossing the road.
- Cars must drive safely and not go above the speed limits set.
- It is always best, wherever possible, to cross the road at a zebra or pelican crossing.

Please do continue to talk to your child about the importance of road safety.

Thank you.

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 Max (Bears), Nevaeh (Giraffes), Emilia (Elephants), Aiza (Tigers) and JV (Lions).

Lunchtime Award Winners: Jacob (Lions) and Sarah-Aliza (Elephants)

Golden Welly: Ryan (Bears)

Well done to Giraffes, 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: Ruby amazing progress with phonic sounds and engagement in phonics sessions.

Giraffes: Huzaifa for brilliant understanding in maths and being able to spot a pattern.

Elephants: Sarah Aliza for her brilliant computing work. She was able to collect data using tally marks and use this data to edit a table when creating a bar chart. She shows a lot of patience and perseverance with her learning that reflects in all of her lessons! Keep it up!

Tigers: Hayden for demonstrating fantastic scientific thinking and logic whilst carrying out a science enquiry.

Lions: Rehman for his fantastic writing about Beowulf. He selected the most effective vocabulary and expertly built suspense, tension and drama through your writing.

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://qrc0.de/minfec>.