



St Luke's C E First School

14th
November
2025

Dates for your Diary

November

Monday 17th –
Lions to visit
TESCO

Wednesday 19th –
Animal-Tastic Visit
Giraffes Class

Thursday 20th–
Lions Class Final
Swimming

Wednesday 26th –
SEND Sensory
Walk

Thursday 27th –
Half Price Book
Fair

December

Thursday 2nd –
Bears Theatre Trip

Friday 5th – Lions
Adopt A Chef

Tuesday 9th –
Christmas
Experience at The
Bridge

Wednesday 10th –
Choir to sing at
Plymouth Court



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 busy week! Odd sock day, anti-bullying week, remembrance day, a walk to the war memorial, Rocksteady bands and Children in Need... all on top of our usual teaching and learning, and the beginning of Christmas rehearsals and singing practice! Thank you to all the staff for keeping everything going so smoothly!

This week I have also had the pleasure of showing staff from another local school our fantastic OPAL play provision. It is always wonderful to go outside at lunch time to see our children so engaged and thriving in their play, and it's even more special to be able to then share this with other professionals who were extremely positive about everything they saw.

I have also had the pleasure of showing prospective parents around St Luke's this week in our open day events. This too was a joy, and we received many lovely comments from our visitors about what they saw. Please remember, applications for first and middle school place must be placed by **15th January 2026**.

A reminder that this week we have sent home our annual parental questionnaire. I really hope you will be able to take the time to fill this in and provide some comments/feedback. Thank you to all those parents/carers who have returned these already.



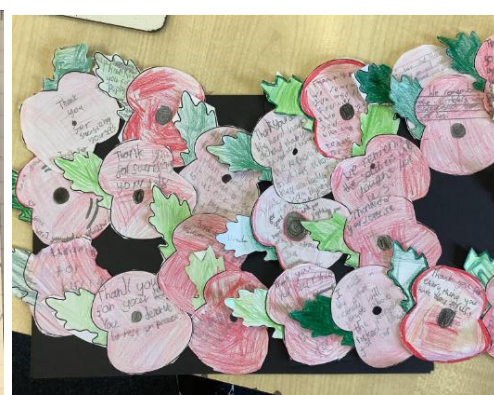
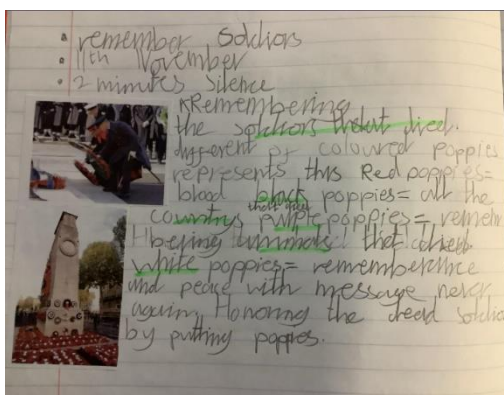
Attendance:

Our whole school attendance for the year to date is **97.13%**

Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
93.57%	94.67%	95.52%	95.2%	98.57%	95.5%

Remembrance

This week, all classes have been learning about the significance and importance of Remembrance Day. The children have worn their poppies with pride and have created beautiful art work and poetry in order to remember and honour the sacrifice so many have made so that we can live our lives today. Please see your child's Class Dojo page for more details.



Our Tigers and Lions classes also enjoyed a local walk to the war memorial. They saw the remembrance benches and plaque, as well as spending some time exploring the Cenotaph.



Anti-Bullying Week

This week, we started with our annual odd sock day to celebrate all of our differences!
We loved seeing everyone's colourful array of socks!!

Here is what we have covered in school in relation to this event this week:

Collective Worship

This year's theme is Power for Good. In Collective Worship on Tuesday children thought about their 'powers'. For example, being kind, being caring, including everyone, and how they can use these powers to prevent bullying.

Class lessons

In class lessons, children discussed what bullying is, that it is not a one-off incident but an unkind and hurtful behaviour that is repeated. Children discussed how they would use their 'power for good' and be kind to everyone, include everyone and tell a trusted person if they felt they or their friend was being bullied.



Rocksteady

Our Rocksteady bands have started this week. It has been brilliant to hear them getting stuck into their music and I can't wait to see them perform later in the term. If you would like to sign your child up for this, please speak to Mrs Bird in the school office who will give you all the details.



Thunks

Here are a few more responses to this month's Think -
If I ask if I can steal your pen, and you say yes, is that still stealing?

"It's stealing because you've taken it." Haadiyah, Bears

"As long as you give it back and don't lie, it's ok." Arlo, Bears

"Yes, because you have stolen it." Bella, Bears

"If you keep it sneakily then it's stealing." Theo M, Bears

"No it's not." Anonymous

"No, it's not stealing because stealing is taking something without asking and you are asking to steal it."
Grace E, Lions.

"No, because you asked." Krsitos, Tigers

"Yes, because you are taking someone's property." Mustafa, Tigers

"If you asked and they said yes, it isn't stealing." Aleiza, Elephants

"It's not stealing because they said yes, but instead you could say 'borrow'." Zach, Giraffes

"If you never give it back then it is stealing, but if you give it back then it's not." Aiza Giraffes

"No, it's not stealing because they said yes." Haaniya, Giraffes



Children in Need

Today, each class has been learning about the important work Children in Need are doing to support children and families across the country. Thank you for all wearing your spots and Pudsey themed outfits, and thank you so much for your kind donations to this charity!



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

From 8th December, our school lunches will be provided by the Endeavour Schools Trust. Please look out for a new menu on Class Dojo, and a reminder that if you have already booked meals for after 8th December, these will 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!

As soon as we have further information about Christmas lunch, we will share this with you.

Collective Worship

This week we have continued our half termly theme, with our focus word being 'Miracle. This week's letter was 'I is for Inn. We shared the story of the journey Mary and Joseph took to Bethlehem and thought about where that journey led them.

We then thought about how we can link this story to our school vision –

At St Luke's, we trust and rely on God's word — just as Mary and Joseph did. We help each other along the journey, especially when things are hard, because we know we are all part of God's family. God's word is our light — showing us where to go next, even when the path seems dark or confusing.

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 Bella (Bears), Harley (Giraffes), Khizr (Elephants), Haniya (Tigers) and Jacob (Lions).

Lunchtime Award Winners: Zayn and Jacob (Lions)

Golden Welly: Haadiyah (Bears)

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



We have seen a slight dip in our attendance this week – please remember to refer to the 'should I keep my child off school?' document and that children can still attend school with a cough. Thank you.

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: Lily for super pencil control and formation of letters.

Giraffes: Anaya for trying really hard when using capital letters for names and at the beginning of sentences.

Elephants: Ahad for his brilliant Science work sorting between living, once lived and never lived. He even explained how he knew and gave examples!

Tigers: Eesah for his creativity and thoughtfulness when exploring our text in English.

Lions: Zayn for his fantastic vocabulary choices when retelling the story of Beowulf.

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://qrc0.de/minfec>.