



St Luke's C E First School

7th
November
2025

Dates for your Diary

November

Monday 10th –
Anti-bullying Week
/ Odd Sock Day

Tuesday 11th –
Remembrance
Day / Open Day
Events for
September 2026
intake

Wednesday 12th –
SEND Sensory
Walk

Thursday 13th –
Rocksteady Bands
begin

Friday 14th –
Children in Need

Monday 17th –
Lions to visit
TESCO

Wednesday 19th –
Animal-Tastic Visit
Giraffes Class

Thursday 20th–
Lions Class Final
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 second half of the autumn term has got off to a flying start this week! I have particularly enjoyed seeing the children so engaged with their after school clubs, and seeing the pictures staff have posted on Class Dojo for these! We are so lucky to have such a great team of staff who run our extra curricular activities and I am so grateful for all of their support.

Our PTA school disco will soon be in full swing – the children have been excitedly telling me about their costume ideas today so I can't wait to see everyone dressed up! A big thank you to our fantastic PTA for organising this for us.

Our Rocksteady bands start next week – keep an eye on Class Dojo to see and hear a bit more about this and if you would like to sign your child up, please contact Mrs Bird who will give you all the relevant information.

Finally, a reminder that the gate closes and school starts at 8:50am – please ensure you are here on time. Thank you.

Attendance:

Our whole school attendance for the year to date is **97.32%**

This week's attendance:

Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
95%	94.67%	96.9%	93.6%	98.93%	95.86%



Think of the month

If I ask if I can steal your pen, and you say yes, is that still stealing?

Here are some of the children's responses so far –

"No, because you are basically just asking for permission to have it." Isreal Lions

"Yes, because you said 'steal' and no because you asked. If they say yes, it's more like they are giving it to you." Ursula Lions

"No because the person said yes but if they say no then it is stealing." Kevin Lions

"No, because you asked and yes because you said the word steal." Afiyah Lions



Lions forest School at Gorcott Hill

Our Lions have had a fabulous day at Gorcott Hill forest school today. This is the first of 3 sessions across the year. Today have done a nature walk, contour drawing of leaves, created natural colour palettes and had a blindfolded sensory walk to explore trees in detail.



Open Day for September 2026 Applications

We are holding our open day events for September 2026 intake on Tuesday 11th November. If you have a younger sibling due to start school next year, and you would like to join us on a tour of the school, please speak to Mrs Bird in the school office to book a place at either 9.30am and 5.00pm. If you know anyone whose child is due to start school in September 2026, please spread the word of our school and encourage them to come and see us for themselves!

Bears Class Work with Me

We loved seeing more parents/carers in school this week for Bear's first ever 'work with me' session. We hope you enjoyed finding out more about our approach to teaching phonics and that you loved spending time in the classroom with your child – thank you for coming!



Remembrance



Our Lions children are selling poppies in school every day. Please bring in your donations – we are asking for 50p per poppy to try and raise as much money as possible to support the British Royal Legion. Thank you. On Monday, Tigers and Lions will be walking to the local war memorial on Plymouth Road as part of their learning about remembrance, please ensure they have their coats in school!

Anti-Bullying Week – Next week!

Week beginning 10th November is anti-bullying week. We will be starting the week by wearing our odd socks on Monday 10th to celebrate our differences... so don't forget to come to school on Monday wearing your odd socks!!



Tigers Class Sport Event

Our Tigers had a great morning of sport at their invasion games event at Trinity high School. Everyone took part brilliantly – well done Tigers!



Children in Need

We will be celebrating Children in Need here in school on Friday 14th November! Please come to school wearing something spotty and/or your Pudsey t-shirts, hoodies or onesies and bring a £1 donation for this very worthy cause.



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.

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.



A message from the Reading Ambassadors

If you have any unwanted children's books at home, we would love for you to donate them to school so that we can put them in our school library and class book corners. Thank you!



Collective Worship

This week we have started our new half termly theme, with our focus word being 'Miracle'. Over the next 7 weeks, our collective worship will be focusing on the miracle of Jesus's birth. This week's letter was 'M is for Mary'. We shared the story of Mary meeting Angel Gabriel who told her that she was to have a baby boy, the Son of God.

Mary didn't know what the future would look like, but she trusted God completely.

She said 'yes' to God's plan — even though it was a big and surprising one.

Our reflections have included –

What does it mean to trust someone?

How can we show trust in God, like Mary did?



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 Estera (Bears), Liza (Giraffes), Oliwer (Elephants) and Uzair (Tigers).

Lunchtime Award Winners: Bella (Bears) and Iley (Elephants)

Golden Welly: Aiza (Giraffes)

Well done to Bears, Elephants & Lions for receiving an 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: Finley for amazing fred talking and blending in phonics.

Giraffes: Ayaat A for always giving her best effort in all subjects, and for always striving to make sure her work is the best it can be

Elephants: Reggie for his brilliant instructions on how to make porridge using effective vocabulary, and for using scientific knowledge correctly writing about living things!

Tigers: Kristos for perceptive and thoughtful ideas whilst exploring the story of Noah's Ark.

Lions: As our Lions have been out today on a school visit, there is no star of the week.

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.



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>.