



St Luke's C E First School

24th
October
2025

Dates for your Diary

November

Monday 3rd – Back to School

Wednesday 5th –
Rage 2 Riches collection / Tigers Class Invasion Games event

Friday 7th – Lions Class to Gorcott Hill

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

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

Wednesday 12th –
SEND Sensory Walk

Friday 14th –
Children in Need

Wednesday 19th –
Animal-Tastic Visit Giraffes Class



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 lot we have achieved in our first half term of the year! All classes have settled so well into their new year groups and have been impressing their teachers since day one. We've had classes out on school trips and sports events, special events such as St Luke's Day and Hello Yellow, and our very successful SIAMS inspection.

As we look ahead to Autumn 2, it is always a very busy half term with lots of special days/events, and of course, the build up to Christmas! Please ensure you are keeping an eye on the weekly newsletter and Class Dojo for important updates.

Thank you to our parents and carers for all of your support this half term, and thank you to our brilliant staff team who work tirelessly to give the best to our children every day. I wish you all a lovely, relaxing half term break next week.

Please remember, school re-opens on Monday 3rd November – we look forward to seeing you then!

Attendance:

Our whole school attendance for the year to date is **98.17%**

Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
91.07%	98%	96.55%	98.4%	99.29%	97.19%



Happy Retirement!

Today, we say a very sad 'goodbye' to Mr Dunstan who has been our Site Manager for almost two years. Mr Dunstan has been a fabulous member of our team, who has gone above and beyond for our school. Nothing has ever been too much trouble for him and he will be very much missed by us all! We wish him all the very best for the future and in his retirement, and we hope he will pop back and see us all soon!



Message from our School Governors:

What an incredible half term! Well done to everyone in the school community for a glowing SIAMS report. We are so pleased that the inspector was able to clearly see the joy and growth that we see in school every day. A big thank you to all the staff, children and families for all of your hard work and contributions towards achieving this. I would like to say "congratulations!" to each class for their fabulous Harvest Festival performances at the Bridge Church. It was such a privilege to experience this and it was a brilliant to see all of the kind donations to the food bank.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the fantastic attendance at school this half term. It's excellent to see everyone working hard and making the most of the wonderful opportunities on offer. Have a great half term break!

Suzie Watts (Vice Chair)

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!

Rags2Riches Collection – Wednesday 5th November 2025

Our ECO Team are holding a Rags2Riches collection on Wednesday 5th November 2025. If you wish to donate any clothes you no longer want, please bring them to Mrs Bird's office in a black bin bag on either Tuesday 4th November at 3.20pm or on Wednesday 5th November at 8.40am. We cannot accept clothes after this time. Please remember the clothes need to be clean, dry, good quality and reusable. Unfortunately, we cannot accept school uniform.

A full list of reusable items is available on www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk



Thank you for your support.

Remembrance



Our Lions children will be selling poppies in school from Monday 3rd November. 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.

Anti-Bullying 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. Mrs Broughton will be sharing more information about anti-bullying week very soon.



Tigers Class Visit to Bishops Wood

Our Tigers class had a brilliant day at Bishops Wood on Thursday, enhancing their learning all about the Stone age. The children were full of smiles when they returned to school and I hear their leader for the day was very impressed with their subject knowledge – well done Tigers, you represented our school beautifully, and did yourselves and St Luke's proud!



Children in Need

We will be celebrating Children in Need here in school on Friday 14th November! On the 14th we will be holding a fancy dress fundraising day. Please come to school wearing something spotty and/or your Pudsey t-shirts, hoodies or onesies and bring a £1 donation.

School Nurse

Following on from the information shared last week about my recent meeting with the School Nurse, she has now sent me the following links which might be of use to parents/carers:

Dental: <https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-dentist>

Free NHS Eye Tests and Optical Vouchers: <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/opticians/free-nhs-eye-tests-and-optical-vouchers/>

Paediatric Occupational Therapy Website Link: <https://www.hacw.nhs.uk/paediatric-ot/>

If you feel you need to make a referral to the Worcestershire School Health Nursing service, this is the link:

<https://www.hacw.nhs.uk/shreferral/>

SAVE THE DATES - Christmas is coming...

It may still be only October, but we know it will come around quickly!

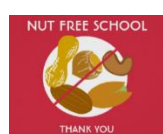
Monday 15th December – KS2 Performances in school. Our Tigers and Lions will be performing at 9:15am and 2:30pm in the school hall.

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.



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.

Autumn 2 Clubs

If your child had been successful in gaining a place in one of our Autumn 2 clubs, Mrs Bird will have notified you via a clubs slip letter – please check your child's book bag for this. Clubs will run for 6 weeks from week beginning Monday 3rd November to week beginning Monday 8th December.

Collective Worship

This week we have completed our half termly theme, with our focus words being 'Follow Me'. This week's letter was 'E is for Example'. We talked about how Jesus is our example. When Jesus said 'Follow me' – he didn't just mean, follow me by walking where I walk, he meant DO WHAT I DO.

His life and teachings were an **example** for the first disciples to follow and for us to follow too.

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 Theo G (Bears), Aizah (Giraffes), Soha (Elephants), Mustafa (Tigers) and Afiyah (Lions).



In Picture News this week, we shared the story of the event in New York that world leaders attended to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the United Nations (UN). We discussed why the UN was created and why it is still important today.

The children linked this week's news story to our school vision in the following ways:

Leaders of the United Nations do not give up and continually try to keep World peace just like we show resilience with our work.

World leaders who are part of the UN are kind and caring like we are to our friends.

Lunchtime Award Winners: Minsa (Elephants) Oswin (Lions)

Golden Welly: Shannon (Lions)

Well done to Giraffes, Elephants, Tigers & 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: Henza for excellent pencil control and concentration in kinetic letters.

Giraffes: Denis for giving 100% effort in his gymnastics routine.

Elephants: Aleiza for her brilliant maths work. Aleiza can recall all number bonds to 10 and can use these number facts to help her to add three 1 digit numbers. I was really impressed with her concentration on this.

Tigers: Kiswa for blowing me away with her independent writing, showing off all of our writerly skills and fantastic vocabulary.

Lions: Eleanor for excellent progress in swimming.

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



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrc0.de/minfec>.