



St Luke's C E First School

10th
October
2025

Dates for your Diary

October

Monday 13th –
Cycle to School
Week

Wednesday 15th –
Year 4 Sporthall
Athletics

Friday 17th – St
Luke's Day

Tuesday 21st – flu
Vaccinations /
Parents Evening

Wednesday 22nd –
Individual School
Photographs /
Parents Evening

Thursday 23rd –
Tigers class to
Bishops Wood

Friday 24th – Break
up for Half Term

November

Monday 3rd – Back
to School

Wednesday 5th –
Rags 2 Riches
collection



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)**

I hope this week you have had chance to read our recent SIAMS inspection report which has been published on our school website and on Class Dojo. We are very pleased and proud of the many positive comments that were made about our school!

This half term continues to be progressing really well, with the children showing fantastic attitudes to their learning and impressing their teachers. This week, Mrs Broughton and I have been reviewing writing books across the school and have been very impressed with the quality of work we are seeing. Mrs Hirons-Reed has also been dropping into maths lessons and has been equally pleased with the progress in skills and mathematical vocabulary.

In our OPAL worship this week, Mrs Burling has talked to the children about how we are planning to get ready for OPAL in the winter time, Mrs Burling will put out some information to parents about this on Class Dojo -we don't want the fun to stop as the weather becomes colder and wetter!

Attendance:

Our whole school attendance for the year to date is **97.64%**




Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
95.71%	97.67%	97.24%	99.6%	96.43%	97.29%



Cycle to School Week

CYCLE TO SCHOOL WEEK IS COMING NEXT WEEK

“Get pedal ready, #CycleToSchoolWeek is one week away! Here’s your C2SW Checklist:

-  Cycle checked and road ready
-  Route to school planned
-  Bikeability skills at the ready
- Pedal pledge made

You're ready to ride! Join in from 13–17 October at cycletoschoolweek.com”

“Calling all pupils and parents — #CycleToSchoolWeek is nearly here!

Choose cycling on the school run to boost your health, help your school, and support the planet. 🌍

One less car, one more adventure. Start pedalling at cycletoschoolweek.com 🚲”



Please like Miss Grubb’s post on Class Dojo if you are planning to cycle to school next week so we can ensure we have space to secure your bike!

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!

Staffing Update

I am very sad to inform you that this term we will be saying a very fond farewell to Mr Dunstan, our Site Manager, as he takes retirement and looks ahead to a relocation to Wales. Mr Dunstan has been a highly valued member of our staff team for the past two years and he will be greatly missed by us all. We are now looking to recruit for Mr Dunstan’s replacement, so if you know of anyone who may be interested in applying for our Caretaker role, please contact Mrs Bird in the office to request an application pack.

Hello Yellow



Today we have been raising awareness for mental health by taking part in Hello Yellow. We’ve loved seeing all the children’s yellow accessories and each class has spent time completing activities to promote positive mental health in young people.



PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to parents/carers and staff for supporting our Macmillan coffee morning today. It was lovely to see parents in school this morning catching up and enjoying refreshments! Next year, we are looking to hold another, similar event which will involve the children as well, with our Year 4 children taking a leading role.

A big thank you to our PTA members for all their hard work and efforts in organising the coffee morning!!



PTA Disco

Our PTA will be holding their annual autumn term disco on Friday 7th November. Tickets can be purchased from Mrs Bird in the school office from Monday.

We hope to see lots of you there and look forward to seeing all of your costumes!



Work with Me Tigers

Our Tigers have had a very enjoyable work with me session this week working with their grown ups outside on the playground on a Science experiment!



Work with Me Elephants

A second great work with me session this week has taken place in Elephants class, with a History activity building. A big thank you to Mrs Freeman for an excellent clean up job after the event!!



As always, thank you so much to all the parents/carers and wider family members who have joined us for our work with me sessions so far – we have loved having you in school with us and working with your child. Thank you for your support!

Think of the Month

This month's think is

Is it ever ok to tell a lie?



Here are some of our responses so far –

“Yes because if you are in danger you might need to tell a lie to keep safe.” Shannon Lions

“Yes if you are in danger, but no if you're not.” JV Lions

“It's not ok to lie to people because we need to be nice.” Hafsa Tigers

“It depends what it's about. Telling a lie to surprise someone and making them happy is ok. Everything else, it's always best to be honest.” Mrs Hirons-Reed

“No because if you lie people won't believe you when you tell the truth.” Mustafa Tigers

“No because it is wrong.” Aiza Tigers

“It's not ok to lie because if you lie that is bad.” Anonymous Tigers

Work with Me Dates

Our next work with me session will be -

Lions – Tuesday 14th October

Bears – Wednesday 5th November – please see Class Dojo for more information.

Please remember, that due to space available to the need to focus on your child in school, we are unable to accommodate younger siblings at our work with me sessions. Thank you for your understanding.

Autumn Term Parents' Evenings

A final reminder that we have sent links to your email address in order to make your parents' evening appointments. Thank you to those of you who have signed up already.

Our parents' evening dates are:

Tuesday 21st October 3:30pm – 6:30pm

Wednesday 22nd October 3:30pm – 6:30pm

Collective Worship

This week we have continued our new half termly theme, with our focus words being 'Follow Me'. This week's letter was 'W is for Warmth and Welcome'. We have shared the story of the woman and the never ending jar, and considered how the woman opened her home, offered stranger food, and trusted God to provide. At St Luke's, we try to be like that woman — welcoming others, sharing what we have, and trusting God to care for us all.

Our reflections this week have included:

How can we make others feel welcome in our school family?

What does it mean to show warmth and kindness to someone new or someone who's finding things difficult?

We have also enjoyed a visit from Paul from Southcrest Church who talked to us some more about the ten commandments.

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 Umme (Bears), Yusuf (Giraffes), Yaseen (Elephants), Iyla (Tigers) and Shannon (Lions).

Lunchtime Award Winners: Oswin & Grace EW (Lions), Hunter (Tigers)

Golden Welly: Sarah-Aliza (Elephants)

Well done to ALL CLASSES for receiving an attendance certificate of the week for attendance over 95% – wow!!



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: Ryan for improved concentration during focus activities and squiggle time.

Giraffes: Elias for trying really hard with his phonics, applying sounds to his writing and reading for fun.

Elephants: Ollie for his brilliant RE work. He was able to give an example of how a story about Prophet Muhammad show us what Muslims believe and the message behind the story.

Tigers: Bebe for demonstrating an excellent understanding through clear explanations in maths (as well as always living out or school vision).

Lions: Isreal for his excellent rounding in Maths!



UK Health
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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>.