



St Luke's C E First School

3rd October
2025

Dates for your Diary

October

Friday 10th – PTA
Macmillan Coffee
Morning @ 9am

Friday 10th – Wear
yellow for mental
health

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



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 highlight our Harvest Festival was this week – it was an absolute joy to see each class perform so confidently to their audience and a special well done to our Bears children for being so amazing on their very first visit out of school!

We have had another strong week of attendance, with another day of 100% attendance this half term – well done everyone!

The weather is certainly now becoming more autumnal. Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat with a hood with them every day in school.

Can I please remind all parents and carers to remain cautious and take extra care when driving near and around our school site, and please do not part in places where you will be obstructing pedestrians and/or the viewpoint of other drivers. Thank you for your support in keeping our school family safe.

Attendance:

Our whole school attendance for the year to date is **97.72%**



Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
94.64%	96%	100%	99.2%	99.29%	97.79%

Hello Yellow



On Friday 10th October, we are asking our school community to wear something yellow in support of Hello Yellow for Mental Health. We ask that the children wear their usual school uniform for the day, with accessories of yellow.

The Young Minds charity recognise that right now, the world can be a tough place for children and young people to grow up in – and they are feeling the pressure. They want young people to know that they don't have to go through this alone. Things can get better.

During the day, all classes will complete activities to promote positive mental health in young people.

Also on 10th October, our PTA are hosting our first Macmillan Coffee Morning for parents/carers. We hope to see you coming into school from 9am to enjoy a drink and some cake, maybe get to know some other parents, and help us to raise money for this very worthy cause.



Work with Me Giraffes

This week, we have enjoyed our first work with me session of this academic year. Our Giraffes class as packed with grown ups enjoying a range of autumn themed activities. Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended this event – we hope you enjoyed spending time in school with your child!



Work with Me Dates

The remainder of our 'work with me' sessions are as follows:

Elephants – Wednesday 8th October

Tigers – Tuesday 7th October

Lions – Tuesday 14th October

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 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

Nut Free School

Please remember we are a nut free school due to allergies. Please do not send in any food with nuts in the – thank you.

Harvest Festival

What a wonderful harvest festival we enjoyed on Thursday morning! Many thanks to Maureen and the team at the Bridge for leading this service for us and a huge well done to every class for their excellent singing and performing. To see our children performing so confidently, and not only singing but using sign language in places as well was absolutely wonderful! Thank you to the parents and carers who were able to join us at the Church and a special thank you to parents who helped the staff leading the children safely to the church and back. Finally, a big thank you for all of your very kind and generous donations. These will now go to the local food bank.



Collective Worship

This week we have continued our new half termly theme, with our focus words being 'Follow Me'. This week's letter was 'O is for Openness'. We shared the story of the kind centurion which teaches us two important things about **openness**. The centurion had an **open** heart to trust in Jesus, even though he was different from him. And Jesus had an **open** heart to help anyone who needed it. Because of their **openness**, a wonderful miracle happened.

Our reflections this week have included:

How can I show kindness to other people this week?

Picture News

Our Picture News question this week was –

'Can sport bring people closer together?' linking to the news story that Parkrun have announced a new project called Parkrun Primary which is bringing junior running events closer to primary schools. The children reflected on clubs, groups and communities they are a part of outside school and if these are made stronger by the differences and special ideas people bring. We discussed how we can all achieve great things when we work together.



The children linked this to our school vision in the following ways:

- When we cheer people on and encourage them we are showing them that we care.
- Being a part of a club or community can help us to flourish.
- God's teachings helps us to be a better person in our community by developing strong relationships and friendships.



Individual Liberty

Parkrun is open to everyone, to have fun and look after their health. It encourages people to take part in their own way, enjoying the chance to run, walk, or volunteer together.

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 Alma (Bears), Rory (Giraffes), Amelia (Elephants), Hafsa (Tigers) and Hayden (Lions).

Lunchtime Award Winners: Rory (Giraffes) and Jessica (Lions)

Golden Welly: Dawood (Giraffes)

Well done to Giraffes, Tigers and Lions for receiving an attendance certificate of the week for attendance over 95% and huge congratulations to Elephants class for 100% attendance for the second week in a row – AMAZING!!



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: Arlo for excellent effort in phonics and retaining sounds and using them to build words.

Giraffes: Zach for brilliant problem solving in maths.

Elephants: Iley for her brilliant maths work. Iley has a great understanding of 2digit numbers and is able to partition, compare and order numbers to 100 confidently! Well done!

Tigers: Luis for demonstrating a fantastic attitude towards learning, especially when completing a science investigation and explaining how muscles work.

Lions: Ursula for her excellent summary of the Great Speck we have been reading in Guided Reading.



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://qrco.de/minfec>.