



# St Luke's C E First School

19<sup>th</sup>  
September  
2025

## Dates for your Diary

### September

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> –  
Languages Day

### October

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> –  
Harvest Festival at  
the Bridge Church

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> – Wear  
yellow for mental  
health

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – St  
Luke's Day

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> – flu  
Vaccinations /  
Parents Evening

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> –  
Individual School  
Photographs /  
Parents Evening

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> –  
Tigers class to  
Bishops Wood



**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)**

It has been another busy week in school! Our Bears children are now fully settled into their new routines and are a joy to have with us here at St Luke's. They are already developing their independence, which we can see in the classroom and in how well they are engaging with our OPAL play. As always, our older children are doing a wonderful job of nurturing and caring for them as they learn all about school life!

Our clubs have got off to a fabulous start this week – I've loved seeing all the pictures of children enjoying drama club, dodgeball and cooking, to name a few! Book club gave a wonderful opportunity again for children of all ages to come together and share their love of books.

This week, our School Governors have asked how well our behaviour policy is lived out in school, and it has been a pleasure to tell them about all the positive behaviour choices we see in school each day and how much our children genuinely love coming to school!

### **Attendance:**

Our whole school attendance for the year to date is **97.62%**

This week, we have had our 2<sup>nd</sup> day of 100% attendance this term – well done everyone!



Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
98.41%	98.0%	96.55%	98.0%	99.29%	98.03%

## Giraffes Forest School

Over the past two weeks, our Giraffes class have been exploring forest school and linking these outdoor experiences with their current Science topic "How am I similar and different to others".

They have been looking at the human body and investigating the human senses of: sight, hearing, touch, smell and taste.

This week's session was all about the five human senses. We revisited the human skeleton and added the key features that help us to smell, touch, taste, hear and see. Their faces were so good and I was amazed at their knowledge.

We will be looking at these features closely over the next few weeks and investigating what happens when a sense is missing or impaired.



## Hello Yellow

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Starting School in September 2026?

We are aware we have several siblings who will be due to start school in September 2026...we can't wait for you to join us! Don't forget to submit your applications by the deadline of **15<sup>th</sup> January 2026**. If you know of anyone who is due to start school next September, please spread the word for our school and encourage prospective parents to attend one of our open days which will be advertised soon.

For parents/carers of our Lions class, don't forget to submit your applications for middle school by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.

## Work with Me Dates

A reminder of our 'work with me' dates for this term. We invite parents/carers into the classroom from 2.15pm – 3.15pm on the dates below to work alongside your children.

Giraffes – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Elephants – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Tigers – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October

Lions – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October

Bears class, we will be in touch soon about what 'work with me' will look like in our Reception class.



A red poster for "Starting School in September 2026?". It features three children in school uniforms. The text includes: "WORCESTERSHIRE SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2026-27", "Starting School in September 2026?", "If you live in Worcestershire and Your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022. You need to apply for a school place by 15th January 2026. For more information and to apply, visit: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions. Visit your local library to use a computer and apply for free. Or call us on 01905 822 700. Find out more online: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions. worcestershire county council".

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Our PTA are aiming to hold our very own Macmillan coffee morning for parents/carers here in school on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Please try to keep the day free if you can so you can pop into school in the morning to socialise with other parents/carers and help us to raise money for this very worthy cause!



## Languages Day

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September is European Languages Day and we have decided that we will be celebrating languages in school again this year.

Our school vision identifies that, here at St Luke's, we are one big family and we recognise that we are all God's children, even though we may speak different languages, experience different cultures and celebrate different faiths. We are a diverse school and proud of this! Our vision also references developing our relationships with each other –what better way to do this than to find out more about each other's lives, languages and cultures.



As we have many children in our school who speak languages other than English, we would like to start the day by celebrating the languages and cultures of the children in our school. If English is not your first language, we would love the children to come to school ready to share some key words/phrases from their home language. Please also feel free to send in any information, photographs or items which relate to this. Each class teacher will be arranging time and activities in class for the children to share their first language with everyone else if they would like to.

For the remainder of the day, each class will be learning about a specific European country and we invite the children to come to school wearing clothes which are in the colour of that country's flag:

- Bears: France (red, white & blue)
- Giraffes: Italy (red, white & green)
- Elephants: Greece (blue & white)
- Tigers: Spain (yellow & red)
- Lions: Portugal (red & green)

Class teachers will be posting more information to their Class Dojo pages, including information about some possible food tasting which we are hoping to be able to provide.

## Think of the Month

A few more of our responses this week-

This month's think:

*Can a dog be kind?*

"Yes, they know how their owners feel and will often sit with them when they are feeling sad or ill." Miss Grubb

"Maybe because they might protect their owners." Jacob Lions

"You need to ask the dog's owner if it is kind. Sometimes dogs are kind, sometimes they are not. One day my mum looked after a friend's dog because she was on holiday. The dog was sad so it was not kind." Eve Elephants

"When I put my finger on my dog's nose, she licks me so she is kind." Elias Giraffes

"I think yes! When I was younger, my dog would always try to cuddle me when I felt upset." Mr Parker

"Yes, they lick you when you have a wound" Anonymous

"Yes, a dog can be nice, kind and friendly." Shannon Lions



“Sometimes because if they bite, they might not be kind to strangers.” Maisie Lions

“A dog can be kind when it lets you stroke it.” Tilly Elephants

“Yes, a dog can be kind if you are kind to the dog.” Yasmine Elephants

### Harvest Festival

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, all classes will be going to the Bridge Church for our Harvest Festival, and we warmly invite parents/carers and family members to join us from 9.15am. Each class will be performing a Harvest themed song to the congregation and we are asking for donations of non-perishable food items which we will then pass on to the local food bank. If you are able to spare an item or two for this collection, we would be very grateful.



### Autumn Term Parents' Evenings

Save the dates for parents' evenings so that you can book your slot. By giving our parents/carers several weeks notice, we hope you can ensure that you have some free time on the set days to speak with your child's class teacher about how they have settled into their new class and the ongoing progress they are making in their learning.

Our parents' evening dates are:

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 3:30pm – 6:30pm

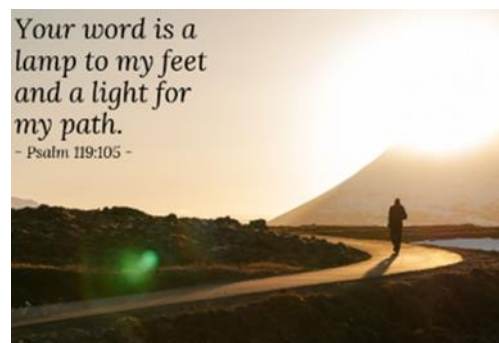
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 3:30pm – 6:30pm

### Collective Worship

This week we have continued our new half termly theme, with our focus words being 'Follow Me'. This week's letter was 'L is for Light'. We thought about how God's word is like a light, guiding our pathway. God's teachings help us to learn how to be kind, how to be a good friend, and how to follow Jesus. The Bible is a special light that helps us find our way in the world.

We will all remember –

- God's word lights up our path.
- Our school helps us walk in that light together.
- And each one of you can be a light to someone else.
- Today, wherever you go—be a light.



We also had a visit from Paul from Southcrest Church who taught us about the Ten Commandments, and we thought about how we trust, rely on and follow these teachings from God.

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 Florence (Bears), Nicholas (Giraffes), Haaniya (Elephants), Emely (Tigers) and Kevin (Lions).

Lunchtime Award Winners: Jemimah (Tigers), Denis (Lions)

Golden Welly: Luis (Tigers)

Well done to ALL CLASSES who have received attendance certificate of the week for attendance over 95% - in fact, we have gone one better, and all classes have attendance over 96%!!



# 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: Kurtis for counting numbers 1-5 and matching with the correct amounts.

Giraffes: Alexia for great problem solving in maths.

Elephants: Tilly for her amazing writing in all areas of her learning. She challenges herself by including conjunctions and interesting vocabulary to improve her sentences.

Tigers: Noah for demonstrating exemplary scientific thinking whilst defining and classifying a variety of vertebrate and invertebrate.

Lions: Grace E for her excellent explanation of where the Anglo-Saxons came from, and how the Anglo-Saxon era began.



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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>.