



St Luke's C E First School

12th
September
2025

Dates for your Diary

September

Friday 26th –
Languages Day

October

Thursday 2nd –
Harvest Festival at
the Bridge Church

Friday 10th – Wear
yellow for mental
health

Friday 17th – St
Luke's Day

Tuesday 21st – flu
Vaccinations

Wednesday 22nd –
Individual School
Photographs



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 fabulous week we have had in school! It is a delight to pop into all the classrooms and see the children working so hard. Everyone is embracing their new class and routines, and this has been a joy to see!

Please remember to continue to drive and park safely and considerately – thank you for your support with this.

Attendance:

We have had a great start to the academic year with our attendance, and we very much hope that this will continue.

Please remember, we are not able to authorise holiday absences, and it is the expectation that children are in school unless they are unwell. We have included the NHS guidance regarding when to keep a child off school to the end of this newsletter. We track attendance very carefully, and as soon as your child's attendance is a concern, we will be in touch to discuss how we can work together to improve this.



Our whole school attendance for the year to date is **97.35%**

Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
99.29%	95.67%	97.93%	99.2%	100%	98.36%

After School Clubs

Our after-school clubs start from Monday 15th September. If your child has been successful in gaining a place in a club, you will have been notified by Mrs Bird via Class Dojo message.

Please remember all clubs finish at 4.10pm. Please collect promptly at this time from the school playground.

Dodgeball Club – Please bring trainers to change into for the club.



Lions Swimming

Our Lions class have made a super start with their first swimming lesson of the academic year this week! We can't wait to see you build on the skills you learnt last year and become even more confident swimmers.

Work with Me Dates

I am pleased to share our autumn term work with me dates. We invite parents/carers into the classroom from 2.15pm – 3.15pm on the dates below to work alongside your children. Bears class, we will be in touch soon about what 'work with me' will look like in our Reception class.

Giraffes – Wednesday 1st October

Elephants – Wednesday 8th October

Tigers – Tuesday 7th October

Lions – Tuesday 14th October

Think of the Month

This year, we will continue with our 'think of the month' in school. Thunks are simple looking questions about every day things that make you think! When answering the thunk, consider these questions...



*What do you think?

*Why do you think it?

*Can you give an example?

This month's thunk:

Can a dog be kind?

"Yes, dogs can be kind and helpful. They help you by showing how much they love you." Grace E Lions

"Yes, because every animal can be kind and some people call dogs 'man's best friend'" Ursula Lions

"Yes, if you are kind to them." Mrs Baker

"I used to have a dog and when my cat scratched me, he barked. My mum heard and got a plaster. My dog was being kind by telling my mum." Zach Giraffes

"Yes, a dog can be kind if you train it." Uzair Tigers

"My dog, Bobby, could always tell if I was sad or feeling unwell. He would jump on my lap and snuggle in to me." Mrs Elmes

"My dog has shown me kindness by noticing when my little girl was upset. Our dog, Lulu, came and sat with her and gave her a cuddle. Lulu showed kindness in her actions." Mrs Bird

Safeguarding

At St Luke's we are committed to safeguarding all our pupils. We take safeguarding and child protection very seriously. Our designated safeguarding leads are Mrs Baker and Mrs Broughton. Tabatha Kenny is our Family Support Worker and she can be contacted 01527 541219.

Packed Lunches

We know it can be difficult to think of different items for the daily packed lunches now we have returned to the usual school routine. The following link to the BBC website gives some ideas of things to pack:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/articles/what_makes_a_great_packed_lunch

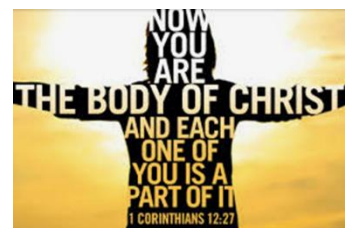
Can we please remind parents/carers that we are a nut free school due to pupil allergies.



We are also very mindful about the size of pieces of food that are packed for our younger children. Please ensure grapes are cut in half length ways. Uncut grapes can be a choking hazard for young children, and for our youngest pupils, it is recommended that grapes are cut into quarters.

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' meaning 'oneness'. We thought about how the followers of Jesus are like a body ... a body of people, and we talked about a man named Paul in the Bible, wrote a letter to early Christians, saying something like this:



"Just like a body has many different parts—eyes, ears, hands, feet—all doing different jobs, we too are like a body. Even though we are many, we belong to one body in Christ.

The eye can't say to the hand, "I don't need you." The head can't say to the feet, "You're not important."

Every part matters. Every part has a purpose. And every part is needed for the body to work properly."

At St Luke's, we are more than just individuals—we're a family.

In our St Luke's family, we recognise we are all God's children.

That means:

- Each of us is loved by God.
- Each of us is unique.
- And each of us is important to our school.

Just like the body, we all have something valuable to bring.

Picture News:

'What makes a building special?' Our Collective Worship focused on a special church in Sweden that was moved to a safer location due to iron mining making the ground it was on unstable.



The children made links to our school vision in the following ways:

It links to our caring and nurturing environment because it would be disrespectful to destroy a building that was so special to people. - Aariah

It has helped the building to flourish, because it has been moved from an unstable place to a safer one where it can thrive – Ursula

It links to following God's teaching because God's holy place is a church and they were respecting the church - Shannon



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

The church has travelled across the city to reach safer ground. When people move location and join a new community, we should be welcoming and respectful.

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 Wali (Giraffes), Eve (Elephants), Ella (Tigers) and Grace D (Lions).

Lunchtime Award Winners: Blake (Lions)

Golden Welly: Harley (Giraffes)

A huge well done to Lions class for 100% attendance this week – and to all other classes 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: *Bears will join us for their first celebration worship next Friday.*

Giraffes: Taro for a great start to Year 1 ! A wonderful attitude and trying his best with his work.

Elephants: Minsa for trying her best to write in full sentences. She has used the words given to her to form a sentence whilst remembering her finger spaces between her words.

Tigers: Shakir for fantastic independence in maths and showing great enthusiasm for learning.

Lions: Eisa for his fantastic use of expanded noun phrases to describe settings in English.



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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/minfoc>.