



# St Luke's C E First School

Friday 5<sup>th</sup>  
September  
2025

## Dates for your Diary

### September

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> –  
Lions swimming  
lessons begin

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

### October

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> –  
Harvest Festival.  
All classes to visit  
The Bridge Church

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> – Hello  
Yellow for World  
Mental Health Day

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

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



Welcome back to academic year 2025-2026! We hope you have all had a happy and enjoyable summer break and were able to have lots of family time. It has been wonderful to see all of the children come back to school so enthusiastic, happy! They have been keen to get on with their learning and everyone has loved spending time with their friends. They all look so smart and behaviour this week has been excellent! All the teachers have been very keen to tell me how brilliantly well their class has settled into their new routines, and this has been a joy to see and hear about.

A special welcome to our new children and their families in Bears Class. It can be a nervous time starting school, but the children have all been amazing and we have all been blown away with how well they have come into school and settled into their new environment and routines!

### **Our School Christian 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)

### **Attendance:**

Our whole school attendance this week is **95.5%**



Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
97.59%	91.67%	95.4%	95.33%	98.81%	95.5%

## Driving and Parking

As we start the new academic year, I would like to remind our parents/carers of some of the difficulties we have experienced in the past year with unsafe driving and parking around the school site.

Last year, we changed our morning opening time so that we could allow a 10 minute drop off window. This has worked well, with the main principle being that parents can park, drop, and go, leaving space on the car park for other parents arriving a little later. After dropping your child/ren, please don't leave your car parked on the car park while you talk to other parents. It really helps the flow of traffic around school if you move on as soon as you have dropped off so that other parents/carers can take the car park space. In addition, we ask that you **do not** park on the side of the road that the school is on – there are yellow zig zag lines and double yellow lines here to prevent this. We do often have the traffic enforcement team outside of school and they will also be looking at cars parked on the single yellow lines opposite the school.



This week, I have been informed about a car parking in the entrance to the car park, which led to an unsafe situation, and a car mounting the pavement and almost knocking over a pedestrian. This comes in the first week back, when we don't yet have our new Reception children starting school at the same time as everyone else, which is a concern for us.

I have previously urged everyone to be highly conscious and considerate when driving and parking around the school site. Accidents can happen, and they can happen quickly, and the very last thing any one in our school community would want is for a member of our school family to be injured due to careless driving. Please take care and be considerate to other drivers and pedestrians.

Thank you in advance for your support so we can work together to ensure everyone's safety.

## Summer Reading Challenge

If you completed the Summer Reading Challenge, please let Mrs Broughton know so we can share your success in collective worship!



## E-Safety

We are dedicated to ensuring we teach our children how to be safe both on and offline. We teach the children online safety regularly through our Computing curriculum and our weekly newsletters often include some E-Safety information or guides for parents. Please look out on Class Dojo each week for the E-Safety information which is shared at the same time as the weekly newsletter.

## School Uniform & PE Kit Reminder for September 2025

As we start the new academic year, I would like to thank all our families for ensuring the children have come to school looking so smart!



A final reminder:

School uniform – grey trousers, shorts or skirt, white/blue/yellow polo T-shirt or white shirt, blue jumper or cardigan, black shoes.

PE Kit – plain navy blue jogging bottoms and plain top, plain white T-Shirt, blue/black shorts, white or black pumps/trainers. We have recently seen an increase in children wearing brightly coloured trainers, and would like to remind parents that these do not meet our school uniform expectations.

Parents can purchase uniform with the school logo but parents are also welcome to purchase non-logo clothes as long as they are plain and the correct colour.

If your child arrives at school in the incorrect uniform, we will change them into spare uniform which we keep in school.

Please make every effort to name all of your child's uniform. While we do all we can to make sure jumpers that are taken off are placed in the class uniform box, items of clothing do go astray from time to time. If everything is named, we can return it to its rightful owner, and if your child brings home an item that does not belong to them, please return it to school straight away.

Staff will continue to monitor school uniform closely. If your child is not wearing appropriate school uniform or PE kit, we will aim to find them something to change into and teachers will talk to parents at the end of the day. Thank you for your support with this.

Our school operates a 'tie hair back' policy for pupils whose hair can be combed back into a pony tail or plait. We ask that pupils only wear small hair accessories, preferably in school colours.

For safety reasons, children who have pierced ears should only wear small stud earrings – and no hooped earrings should be worn. County Health & Safety Guidelines state that earrings must be removed or covered during PE. As this procedure will be difficult for many young children, we highly recommend that earrings be left at home on identified PE days. If they need to be kept in, we ask that parents cover earrings with tape prior to coming to school. Failure to do so will mean your child will miss PE as Health and Safety guidelines state adults in school should not be doing this for children.

Please ensure your child does not wear any jewellery, make up, nail varnish or temporary tattoos to school.

### **Birthdays**

As mentioned above, the children are welcome to wear their own clothes in order to celebrate their birthdays. Please do not send in sweets or cakes for birthday celebrations.

### **After School Clubs**

Our after-school clubs will begin from the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> September and will run for 6 weeks. The letters were sent home today so please send back your form asap if you wish to join a club. You will be contacted by Mrs Bird if your child has been allocated a place in the club you have requested. Clubs finish at 4:10pm so please collect your child promptly from the school playground.

Clubs for our Bears children will be offered from Autumn 2.

### **Information for Parents**

Class Dojo is our primary method of communication with parents and carers. Each week, there will be several school story posts designed to give you important information and reminders. Each class also has its own page where class teachers will post information, reminders and details relating to the learning in the classroom. If you need to contact your child's teacher, you can send them a message on Class Dojo and they will get back to you as soon as possible.

This week, class teachers have posted their curriculum map for this half term in order to keep our parents/carers informed of what your child is learning in each subject.

On our school website you will also find a page for each class as well as lots of other information about our school.

If you need the answer to any question you can't find the answer to online, please contact Mrs Bird in our school office. She will be able to help with a range of ways, including ordering lunches through Parent Pay.

### **Health and Safety**

Due to allergies, we are a nut free school. Please ensure that you do not send any nut products in your child's lunchbox. This includes Nutella (and similar chocolate spreads) as well as peanut butter. We also highly recommend that any fruit in lunch boxes is chopped into smaller 'sticks' or pieces which are easier for the children to eat. We strongly urge that grapes are cut in half length ways and ideally into quarters.

I would like to remind parents and carers that smoking and/or vaping is not permitted on the school premises, which includes the playground.

With the exception of guide dogs, no dogs are allowed on the playground – including those which are being carried.

If your child rides their bike/scooter to school, please ensure they dismount at the school gates and so not ride these on the playground.

If you have pre-school aged children, please do not allow them to use equipment in the Bears class outside classroom. This is not play equipment – thank you.

### **Collective Worship**

This week we have started our new half termly theme, with our focus words being 'Follow Me. We have focussed on 'F is for Follow Jesus into Friendship. We have shared the story of Jesus calling his first disciples and talked about how they trusted in him and followed him.

We have linked the story to our school vision. Here at St Luke's, we say:

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

Those first disciples were just ordinary people—but Jesus saw something special in them. Just like God sees something special in every one of you.

We also say:

*"Through our caring and nurturing environment, we follow His word."*

That's exactly what the disciples did—they followed Jesus, even when they weren't sure where the path would lead. And here at school, we learn to follow God's word, which gives us courage, kindness, and strength.

In our reflection time, we have thought about what it means to follow Jesus and God's word for us in school.

## **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.**



Our first Celebration Worship of the academic year will be held next Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> September at 2:45pm.

