



# St Luke's C E First School

11<sup>th</sup> July  
2025

## Dates for your Diary

### September

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – TED

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – TED

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> –  
School re-opens to  
pupils

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

### October

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

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



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)

Wow – as we come to the end of this academic year, I am filled with so many joyous memories of the year gone by and all the wonderful learning and wider curriculum opportunities our children have experienced. There are so many people thank for this wonderful year of learning - thank you to our wonderful children, you brighten our school every day! To our parents and carers, I would like to give a heartfelt thank you for all of your support for our school. And to our staff team, you really are the best – thank you for all of your hard work and commitment to St Luke's.

On behalf of myself and the staff team, we would like to thank you all for your lovely cards, generous gifts and kind messages. It is always so unexpected, and we are truly grateful.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer break – see you in September!!

### **Attendance:**

Our whole school attendance for the year to date is **95.36%**

Attendance for this week is on the top line and attendance figures for the whole year are below:



Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
92%	90.34%	91.6%	99.64%	96.33%	94.01%
93.97%	94.77%	94.83%	97.14%	96.13%	95.36%

## Star Project Workshops

On Monday, we welcomed Shannon from the Star Project who led 'The Greatest Showman' themed drama workshops for children in Years 2-4. There was lots of fun being had - singing, dancing and performing!



## Quidditch Day

Every class had great fun on Tuesday this week learning to play Quidditch! Unfortunately, the rain meant not all classes could enjoy this outside, but this didn't stop the fun! The children had the opportunity to play a range of games using the Quidditch equipment, and we really enjoyed the 'sorting hat' assembly to introduce this special day! Well done to Slytherin who were the overall winners!



## Goodbye Lions!!

Today we say an emotional goodbye to our Lions children as they leave us to move on to their middle schools. Lions, you have been a truly amazing class, and you have come a very long way since I first met you back when you were in Year 2! You are all now more than ready for the new experiences and adventures ahead, but we will really miss you. Please remember, you are ALWAYS a part of our St Luke's family, and we would love to see you popping back to see us next year, and in the years to come.

Today we also say a fond farewell and a big 'thank you' to Mrs Larsen and Mrs Adams, who are both leaving us for pastures new. Thank you for all of your commitment to St Luke's and we wish you all the very best for the future. Again, please come back and see us when you can!



**FINAL REMINDER - School Lunches:** A reminder that we have been advised by the Endeavour Schools Trust that the cost of our school lunches will be increasing to £2.60 from 1<sup>st</sup> September. This is inline with the cost of lunches at the other 3 schools within the Trust.

### Summer Reading Challenge

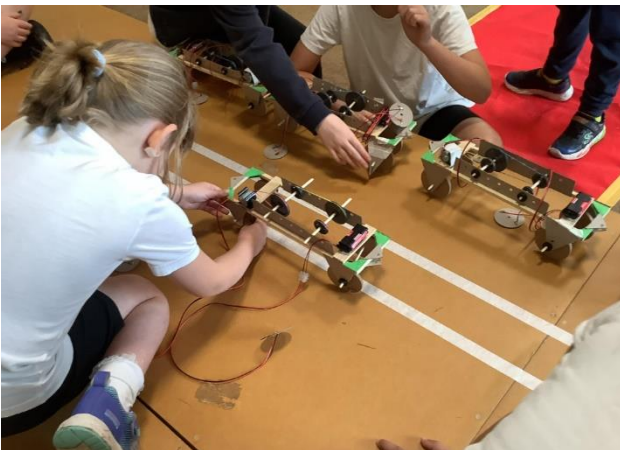
Taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge helps to prevent the holiday reading 'dip', keeps children reading and ready for the new school year, supports smooth transitions between year groups and key stages, and makes reading a fun, social, and inspiring part of their summer. This year's theme: Story Garden, launched on Saturday 5th July at libraries across Worcestershire, Story Garden celebrates outdoor adventures and magical storytelling, brought to life with illustrations by Dapo Adeola. Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter for more information about how you can take part.



### Year 4 Primary Engineer

Over the Summer term, Lions have been taking part in the Primary Engineer challenge with Mr Parker. Every week, we have been constructing a remote controlled locomotive and this week we have finally tested them as part of our celebration event!

It was a challenge, but every team has worked so hard and produced an excellent, electronically powered vehicle. Only one team could be crowned the winner, though – congratulations to Iustina and Ammishaddai !



### Autumn Term Clubs

When we return in September, we will be sending out information about our Autumn 1 clubs programme. Clubs will start week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> September and will run for 6 weeks.

### Elephants class visit Aroma Coffee Shop

Our Elephants were invited to Aroma Coffee Shop in the town centre on Tuesday afternoon. We had a lovely walk to town and were treated like royalty on our arrival, enjoying ice cream and drinks in the sunshine! We would like to say a huge 'thank you' to Amara and her parents for inviting us to their coffee shop – we loved it!



## FINAL REMINDER - School Uniform & PE Kit Reminder for September 2025

As we start to look ahead to September 2025, I would like to remind parents/carers about our uniform expectations so that you can plan for our return in the autumn term.



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

PE Kit – navy blue jogging bottoms and 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.

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 or temporary tattoos to school.

As is the tradition at St Luke's, all children are welcome to wear their own clothes on their birthday or on a day closest to their birthday if it falls in a school holiday or a weekend.

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.

### Public Health Grant

I'm delighted to share that we have successfully been awarded another £3000 public health grant which Mrs Broughton will be using to develop our well being and sensory provision – watch this space!

### Collective Worship

This week we have completed our half termly theme, with our focus word being 'Disciple'. We have focussed on 'LE is for Loving Everyone.' We have talked about the 'Golden Rule' and the importance of treating others as you would want to be treated.

Our picture news question this week is:

How can stories help us to understand others?

This links to our Christian vision in the following way:



#### Mutual Respect and Tolerance

We all have the right to feel safe, happy and to be ourselves. When we help others settle in and make new friends, we support their freedom to take part and enjoy school.

*The Kingdom of God encourages us to help create a world where everyone feels welcome, valued, and cared for. When people show kindness, include others, and work together for the good of everyone — especially those who might feel lost or alone — they reflect the values of God's Kingdom. This reminds us that even small acts of friendship and welcome can help build a better, kinder world.*

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 Denis (Bears), Reggie (Giraffes), Amara (Elephants), Rehman (Tigers) and Nadine (Lions).

We also handed out the termly Headteacher awards to Elias (Bears), Eve (Giraffes) Hayden (Elephants), Shannon (Tigers) and Me Me (Lions).



These children have been chosen for having an all round excellent term and for 'standing out' in their attitudes to learning and overall progress – well done!

Lunchtime Award Winners: Haniya (Elephants) and Baqir (Lions)

Golden Welly: Ayaat H (Bears)

Well done to Tiger and Lions\_classes who have received attendance certificate of the week 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:** Zachariah for always having a positive attitude towards his learning in all areas / Shayan for always being willing to work with adults and his peers / Ayaat H for progress in developing her communication skills.

**Giraffes:** Tilly for writing a fantastic setting description with impactful language.

**Elephants:** Eliza for her brilliant newspaper report about the moon landing! She remembered all of the historical facts in sequence and used her year 2 writing skills brilliantly!

**Tigers:** Payton for his excellent poster in RE detailing problems in the world and how he can help to solve them.

**Lions:** Ibrahim for his excellent contributions to our leavers' performance, cheering on his friends and joining in enthusiastically.

## Discover the joy of reading this summer!

Get ready for a summer full of stories, imagination, and outdoor adventures with this year's magical theme: Story Garden

Launching across Worcestershire's libraries on Saturday 5 July, the challenge is FREE for children aged 4–11 and offers a brilliant way to keep your minds active and engaged over the summer holidays. You can enjoy reading, take part in creative activities, and explore the wonderful connection between nature and storytelling.

### Why join?

- It's FREE! Available at all Worcestershire's libraries
- Inspires a lifelong love of reading
- Boosts confidence, creativity, and imagination
- Fun for the whole family. Visit your local library together
- 95% of you said they read more after joining!
- You choose your own books to read over the summer, collect rewards for each milestone you reach, and receive a certificate or medal when you complete the challenge.



Scan the QR or visit:  
[worcestershire.gov.uk/read-and-discover/summer-reading-challenge](http://worcestershire.gov.uk/read-and-discover/summer-reading-challenge)  
to get started from 5 July 2025.

