



St Luke's C E First School

11th July
2025

Dates for your Diary

July

Monday 14th – Star Project Drama Workshops

Tuesday 15th – Quidditch Day

Thursday 17th – Year 4 Leavers' Service and family picnic

Friday 18th – Break up for the summer holidays!

September

Monday 1st – TED

Tuesday 2nd – TED

Wednesday 3rd – School re-opens to pupils



Our 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)

Last Week of Term

Our final week of term is nearly here. Here is an overview:
Monday 14th July – Star Project drama workshops for Years 2-4
Tuesday 25th July – Whole school Quidditch event
Thursday 17th July – Year 4 Leavers' Service at 2pm in the hall, followed by family picnic
Friday – Break up for summer holidays!



This week we have welcomed 3 work experience students to St Luke's to find out more about working in a school. They have all been wonderful and we hope they have enjoyed the experiences.

Thank you for the report comment replies we have received so far. Please do send these back in to us if you haven't already.

Our Family Support Worker, Justine Fitzer is still available to support families during the summer break. Contact: Tel: 07809330825 Email: jfitzer@stlukesfirst.worcs.sch.uk

Attendance:

Our whole school attendance for the year to date is **95.4%**

Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	School
95%	95.86%	99.2%	95.0%	97.67%	96.48%



Singing Club

This week, our singing club have visited the Brambles Care Home to sing to the residents. This was a wonderful experience and has helped the children to live out one of their suggestions of how we can 'serve others' from our collective worship a few weeks ago. One of our reflection responses was that in order to serve others we could spend time with people who may be feeling lonely – and we certainly cheered everyone up with our singing!!



Transition Days

We have enjoyed two fabulous transition days this week where we have said a warm welcome to our new Bears who will be joining us in September, and each class has moved up to impress their new teachers. I have had such lovely feedback from all the staff about how well the children have settled into their new environments and how they are really excited to start working with their new classes from September. While our transition was taking place, we really missed our Lions children but it has been wonderful to have them back with us today and to see their smiling faces as they have told us all about how they have got on at their new schools.

Tigers at Forest School

Our Tigers have thoroughly enjoyed a forest school session this week – there was a real buzz of excitement during lunch time before they spent the afternoon exploring. Thank you, Mrs Burling, for leading another fantastic afternoon!



Lions First Aid Training

This week we have welcomed staff from Sholfins Swim School to work with our Year 4 class to learn vital first aid and life saving skills. The children were all excellent, listening carefully and showing a really good understanding of the key information they learned. Since the training, we have heard from Sholfins who have highly praised the children – the 2 staff have passed on that we were their favourite school to teach and that the children were amazing. I am so proud!



Bears Visit to Little Owl Farm

What a wonderful time the Bears had at Little Owl Farm this week, and what a great way to end their first year at school! The children met lots of different critters and animals. They had an excellent tour guide who taught us lots of interesting information about meerkats, pigs, deer and ducks. The children were delighted to pet and feed the animals which was lovely to observe. They completed the visit by exploring the play area, enjoying an ice cream and watching a sheep race! I was delighted to hear from staff that a member of the public complimented the children on their excellent behaviours throughout the visit – well done Bears!



Giraffes walk to the Woods

Our Year 1 children had a fabulous walk to the woods today in order to support their Science learning. Everyone was fabulous and had a great time!



OPAL – Governor Message

Last week I had the opportunity to attend a meeting about OPAL. As both a parent and a governor, it was good to see so many other parents attending and engaging. The presentation from OPAL was clear and interesting and covered how and why it works. The hardest hitting moment for me went like this:

“This is a great ape enclosure. It has things to climb, it has water, it has opportunities to swing and experience nature. There are things to pick up and move around.

And this is a photo of a playground.”



Once we got outside, the children were very enthusiastic to show us everything! The Burling Beach sandpit was busy but everyone was cooperating and sharing. Everybody, children and parents alike, was playing together and I even spotted 1 parent on the climbing frame!

Keep nurturing the opportunity to play and letting them flourish. But most of all, just play.

Rich Bone
Chair of Governors

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.

Think of the Month

This month's think – *If you say sorry, but you don't really mean it, does it still count?*

Here are a few more of the children's responses this week -

"It doesn't count because in your heart, you don't mean it." Maryam Lions

"No because it's just words if you don't mean it." Mia Lions

"No, if you apologise, it should come from the heart." Mrs Hirons-Reed

"If you say sorry you mustn't do it again." Noah Elephants



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 1st September. This is inline with the cost of lunches at the other 3 schools within the Trust.

Collective Worship

This week we have continued our half termly theme, with our focus word being 'Disciple'. We have focussed on 'P is for presence.' We discussed the fact that being a disciple means being **present** with God **and** being the **presence** of Christ in the world so that by our words, actions and behaviour, we make a positive difference in the world around us, always reflecting God's love.

Our picture news question this week is:

What makes somewhere a good place to live?'

This links to our Christian vision in the following way:

By learning about God's world and how it has changed over the years, we can gain knowledge that helps us to appreciate the differences in people's lives and environments and the importance of caring, respecting and nurturing them all.



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

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British value link is: Mutual Respect and Tolerance

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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), Minsa & Yaseen (Giraffes), Shakir (Elephants), Oswin (Tigers) and Emily (Lions).

Lunchtime Award Winners: Aiza (Elephants), Eliza (Elephants), Nicholas (Bears), Lashley (Lions)

Golden Welly: Eliza (Giraffes)

Well done to **ALL** 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: Alexia for always giving 100% effort to all areas of her learning. This week she has written a lovely independent piece of writing describing how to care for chicks.

Giraffes: Alex for his amazing handwriting and creativity in his setting description.

Elephants: Noah has been working really hard on his writing and his last retell really blew me away! He wrote in detail using conjunctions to extend his sentences and the descriptive language he used was brilliant!

Tigers: Aleks for her excellent work in RE describing how people do good things for both religious and non-religious reasons.

Lions: Manahil for her super first aid knowledge, administering CPR and using the recovery position effectively.

