



St Luke's C E First School

20th June
2025

Dates for your Diary

June

Monday 23rd –
Work with Me
Tigers @ 2:30pm

Tuesday 24th –
Elephants Forest
School Session

Tuesday 24th –
visit to Animal
Pantry for selected
pupils

Wednesday 25th –
Lions Class
Athletics Event @
Abbey Stadium

Friday 27th – Dare
to be Different day

Monday 30th –
Work with Me
Lions @ 2:30pm

July

Thursday 3rd –
OPAL parent
session

Friday 4th –
Reports sent home



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)

It has been another busy, and very warm week in school! We have enjoyed being able to invite members of our wider St Luke's family into school for our sports days and our Year 1 'work with me' session. As well as sport, Year 4 have had opportunity to develop their art skills, and we are thrilled with the news that we have been awarded the ECO green flag award. It has certainly been a week for St Luke's to 'flourish'!

Thank you to the parents/carers who have completed the online form about how you feel as a school we live out our school vision. There are some truly wonderful comments that have been made, about the school, staff, children and the provision we offer your child, both through the curriculum and through our wider offer. I really value these comments and appreciate everyone for taking the time to write them – thank you! There is still time to add your comment if you would like to – please see the link on Class Dojo.

Don't forget, next Friday is 'dare to be different' day! See below for more information.

Attendance:

Our whole school attendance to date is **95.3%**



Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
95%	96.55%	98.4%	98.57%	95.3%	96.69%

Work with Me Giraffes Class

Our Giraffes had a wonderful time working with their grown ups in school on Monday to develop their learning all about the Redditch carnival and creating masks to wear in a parade. Thank you to everyone for coming – we hope you enjoyed spending time in school with your child.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming Tiger's parents/carers into school for our next work with me session.

Please remember that due to space in the classroom and so all the focus can be on your child in school, we are unable to invite younger siblings to join the work with me sessions. Thank you for your understanding.



ECO Green Flag Award

We are so excited and pleased to share that we have received confirmation this week that we have been awarded the ECO Green Flag award with Merit for all our efforts towards helping the environment! Mrs Griffiths and the ECO committee have worked so hard this year on their litter picking, planting, bee corridor, re-cycling projects and much more, and I am so proud that they have achieved this recognition! This would not have been possible without Mrs Griffiths' dedication towards this project, going above and beyond to lead the ECO team to this success. Well done to you all, and thank you!



Feedback

Green Flag Award, 2025

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Award Level: Merit

Focus topics:



Your greatest overall success:

Pupil engagement and ownership. From litter picking to planting bulbs for your bee corridor, every action has helped build a culture of care, curiosity, and commitment. Your experience echoes the ethos of the Eco-Schools Litter topic, which encourages young people to take pride in their surroundings and lead by example. And your bee corridor is a brilliant way to support biodiversity while creating a vibrant, living learning space.

We also loved...

- Working with Rags2Riches4Schools is a brilliant blend of eco-consciousness and community fundraising. It helps schools raise money by collecting reusable clothes, shoes, and accessories. Not only does this reduce textile waste and promote sustainable habits, but it also gives pupils a hands-on way to learn about recycling, teamwork, and global citizenship.
- Creating a bee-friendly corridor with flowers like snapdragons, California poppies, and cornflowers is a proven way to support pollinators and boost biodiversity on school grounds. Together, these plants create a colourful, nectar-rich corridor that not only supports pollinators but also provides a living classroom for pupils to observe life cycles, ecosystems, and seasonal change.
- Teaching the science behind a balanced diet helps children understand how their everyday choices affect their bodies and minds. Hands-on activities like sorting foods into groups, designing healthy lunchboxes, or tracking their meals for a day can make the learning stick. You might also explore how dietary needs change with age or activity level, and how cultural foods fit into a balanced diet.
- Plastic pollution is one of the most pressing environmental challenges of our time, and Geography lessons are the perfect place to explore its global and local impact.

Next year, why not try...

Expanding your eco efforts into the wider community. Hosting hands-on workshops for families on topics like recycling, composting, or sustainable gardening can be both educational and fun. Planting Flowers at a Care Home is a beautiful way to brighten someone's day—literally and emotionally.

Sports Days

Wow! What a great two days of sporting mornings we have had! With the children sat in the shade under the canopy Mr Bone very kindly put together for us, we were able to enjoy our usual range of competitive races and it was wonderful to see the children encouraging each other, cheering for their teams and congratulating each other on their successes. Thank you to all the parents and wider family members who came to join us, it was lovely to see you all!



Lions Art Project

This morning, Year 4 have been developing their art skills and taking part in an art workshop with Jo Bussey. They have been producing art work that will showcased at the Arrow Valley Lake, to celebrate the 40 years of Redditch twinning with Mtwar.



Dare to Be Different Day – Friday 27th June

Later this month, our PTA will be holding a 'Dare to be Different' day where, for a **£1 donation**, we invite all the children to come to school wearing clothes which they feel 'express themselves'. This is a twist on our 'break the rules day' which we held last year and has come to fruition from a suggestion from a Year 4 pupil to School Council to have a day where the children can come dressed in a way to describe yourself. On Friday 27th June, the children can come to school in their pjs, onesies, favourite fancy dress, football kit, comfiest clothes or wearing funky hair accessories, glitter etc...anything goes on 'Dare to be Different' day!



All the money raised from this event will go back to the children through our OPAL provision and resources, so please remember your £1 coins!

Collective Worship

This week we have continued our half termly theme, with our focus word being 'Disciple'. We have focussed on 'S is for Serve Others.' We discussed the fact that Jesus asked his disciples to treat others as they would want to be treated. We shared the story of Tabitha, who was known for her good works and acts of charity. Her story highlights practical ways of helping and serving others in the community. She was very much loved by the community because she cared for them and encouraged them. We linked this story to our school vision and the Psalm "God's word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Tabitha's actions were like a light, showing others how to live. Serving others is a way of making good choices (good decisions) and following God's teaching.

Following on from this, the children have been thinking about how they can serve others and follow God's teachings. We will be reviewing the children's ideas and seeing how we put some of these into action in the coming weeks and months.

Also this week, Mrs Burling has led an OPAL worship where the children have been introduced to the risk assessment and risk benefit surrounding our new climbing frame. We have one frame built and a further one has been delivered this week. Mrs Burling has also shared our OPAL play charter with the whole school. This was created by myself and the School Council who got together to plan a set of OPAL expectations which takes into account both our school vision and our school rules. You can find the play charter on our school website on the OPAL page and it is set out below:

We have the right to play and enjoy OPAL.



Everyone has the responsibility to make sure we all enjoy playtime by making sure:

- Everyone chooses what to play
- We share equipment fairly and kindly
- We take care of equipment and our school environment
- We treat others how we would like be treated, showing kindness to all
 - We keep everybody safe
- We help, support and encourage each other
 - We allow people to join in games
- We ask adults if we need help to sort out our problems
 - We listen to one another
 - We play safely
 - We all help to tidy up
 - We have FUN!

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 Ayaat A (Bears), Isla (Giraffes), Kristos (Elephants), Zayn (Tigers) and Hannah (Lions).

Lunchtime Award Winners: Eesah (Elephants), Minsa (Giraffes)

OPAL Golden Welly Winner: Me Me (Lions)

Wow - well done to all classes who have received attendance certificate of the week for attendance over 95% - Brilliant!!

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: Liza as the star of the week for trying her best her literacy learning. She always perseveres even when she finds it challenging.

Giraffes: Aleiza for demonstrating great creativity in her choice of adjectives and conjunctions in her writing.

Elephants: Hafsa for her superb attitude towards all areas of her learning; especially in her writing and reading. I am proud of the reading skills she has developed and the language and punctuation she is now able to use in her writing! Well done!

Tigers: Afiyah for her non-fiction report on plastic pollution. She has written Year 3 level factual sentences based on her research and organised her work using subheadings.

Lions: Jacob for demonstrating great teamwork and being really patient when throwing and catching in PE.

