



# St Luke's C E First School

6<sup>th</sup> June  
2025

## Dates for your Diary

### June

Wk beginning 9<sup>th</sup>  
June – Year 1  
Phonics Screening

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June –  
Work with Me  
Elephants @  
2:30pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>  
June – Elephants  
Trip to Atwell Farm

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June –  
PTA Father's Day  
Event

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> –  
Work with Me  
Giraffes @ 2:30pm

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> –  
Sports Day Yrs 1-4

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> –  
Sports Day -  
Reception

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> –  
Work with Me  
Tigers



## 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)

Welcome Back to the final half term of this academic year! I hope you all had an enjoyable half term break. This half term is set to be possibly even busier than other half terms so please keep an eye on the dates in the newsletter and Class Dojo posts which will be informing you of upcoming events.

Eid Mubarak to all our families celebrating today – we hope you have had a lovely day and we look forward to hearing all about your celebrations next week.



Father's Day Celebration – We have sent home the invitations to our annual PTA Father's Day event. If you would like a male member of your family to attend, please return the slip to Mrs Bird by **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June**.

## Attendance:

Our whole school attendance to date is **95.17%**



Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
84.67%	88.28%	83.2%	90.71%	91.38%	87.73%

## Staffing for September 2025:

As we begin the final half term of the year, our thoughts naturally start to turn towards preparing for September. We will be saying goodbye to our wonderful Lions class and will look forward to seeing each class move on to their next academic adventure. Staffing for next year will be as follows:

- Bears Class – Mrs Hirons-Reed & Mrs Burling
- Giraffes Class – Mrs Elmes, Mrs Broughton & Miss Courtney
- Elephants Class – Miss Gibbons & Mrs Griffiths
- Tigers Class – Mrs Martin & Mrs Ishaq
- Lions Class – Mr Parker & Miss Grubb

1:1 TAs will move on with the class and the child/ren they are supporting.

We will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Larsen at the end of the summer term as she moves on to new experiences. I would like to thank Mrs Larsen for all her hard work and commitment to the school, and I know you will join me in wishing her all the very best for the future.

## Work with Me Bears Class

Thank you to all the parents/carers who came to our Bears class last 'work with me' session this week. It was lovely to see so many members of our St Luke's family outside in the sunshine enjoying the sea creature scavenger hunt with the children!



## Rocksteady

Wow! What a morning we had with Ben from Rocksteady who came and demonstrated lots of different musical instruments and helped us to learn how to play them. We loved seeing the children getting involved in this musical showcase and performing to an audience, and so many of them have expressed an interest in joining Rocksteady next academic year. We particularly enjoyed watching Mrs Burling on the drums and Mr Parker on the electric guitar!

If you would like your child to be involved, please follow the link in the Class Dojo post.



## Peer Review

This week we were visited by two members of the Endeavour Schools Trust Leadership team who completed a peer review, focussing on our maths provision. I am delighted to report that this visit went extremely well, with our visitors being highly impressed with the quality of teaching and learning they saw across the school, as well as the leadership of our maths curriculum. Mrs Hirons-Reed has been leading maths at St Luke's for the past two years and our maths provision has been transformed in this time. We are seeing increases in maths standards across all classes, and an increase in the percentage of pupils working at greater depth in this subject. This is all down to Mrs Hirons-Reed's leadership of the subject and the hard work and commitment of the wider staff team to ensure our children are given quality maths teaching and an increase in opportunities to reason and problem solve.



## Giraffes Forest School

Our Giraffes have spent a very enjoyable afternoon in forest school this week. This experience was driven by their new Science topic all about plants and trees and seeing the photos of everyone having a fantastic time in our wonderful grounds has been a highlight of my week!



## Think of the Month

This month's think – Please feel free to discuss your ideas and responses at home!

*Is it ever ok to cheat?*

"No, because if you cheat or copy someone's work you are not actually learning anything for yourself." Hannah, Lions

"No, because if you cheat you will be in trouble and you wouldn't learn." Nadine, Lions

"No, because then the leader or teacher doesn't know what you can do. You also might upset the person you are copying." Mia, Lions

"No, because you won't get the full experience." Ursula, Tigers

"No, because you don't get the joy of victory." Grace D, Tigers

"It's not ok to cheat because people might get sad." Zorain, Tigers

"No because it doesn't matter if you get things wrong as we learn from our mistakes. As long as we try and give our best that is all that matters." Miss Courtney



## Dare to Be Different Day – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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!

## Safeguarding Pupil Voice

This week I have met with groups of children across the school to carry out some pupil voice about feeling safe in school, with the results of this being overwhelmingly positive.

All the children I spoke with said they feel safe in school and when asked what it is that makes them feel safe, some of the responses included:

- *The teachers look after us and keep us safe.*
- *The teachers are kind and caring. They help you all the time.*
- *Everyone looks after us and it makes us feel safe.*
- *All the grown ups protect us.*
- *There is always a trusted adult I can speak to.*
- *The teachers check you are ok.*
- *Friends look after us and make sure we are ok.*
- *Adults are caring and nurturing.*
- *We are taught things like pedestrian training and bikeability.*
- *Everything is secure and we know what to do if there is a fire or a lockdown.*

All the children could name trusted adults they would speak to if they had a worry and could explain what they would do if they felt unsafe. Everyone could also very confidently tell me our school rules, with one response telling me 'that's easy!' When I asked groups of children how they know the rules so well, they said that we talk about them all the time in class, in collective worship and on the playground, and that we also have lots of signs around school to remind them. The children were also able to make links to our school vision with the rules, explaining that if we are being respectful and safe, it means we are also being caring towards others!



## St Luke's VIPs!

This week's VIPs are: Rory (Bears), Reggie (Giraffes), Kiswa (Elephants), Oswin (Tigers) and Meme (Lions).

## Collective Worship

This week we have started our new half termly theme, with our focus word being 'Disciple'. We have focussed on 'D is for decisions – making good decisions!' We shared the story of The Wise and Foolish Builders and considered the good consequences of listening to God's teaching and following his word in order to help us to make good decisions in life.

On Tuesday, we had a visit from Marissa from Worcestershire Wildlife Trust who came to school deliver a KS2 worship on Saving our Soils and an EY and KS1 worship on The Lost Words which taught us the importance of all living things. We linked this learning to our school vision and reflected on ways we can show care for our world and nurture it so that all living things have an environment in which they can grow and flourish.

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 Grayson (Bears), Ollie H (Giraffes), Hunter (Elephants), Maisie (Tigers) and Toby (Lions).

Lunch Time Awards: Ella (Elephants), Emily (Lions)

Golden Welly Winner: Eliza (Giraffes)

Unfortunately, we do not have any class attendance awards to celebrate this week.

## 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:** Nicholas for trying his best in all areas of his learning, especially his willingness to participate in his written work.

**Giraffes:** Jasio for fantastic independence in the classroom and brilliant creativity in his writing.

**Elephants:** Emely for her descriptive writing this week using expanded noun phrases using interesting adjectives, commas and conjunctions to provide more detail.

**Tigers:** Eleanor for her excellent sentences when writing for purpose, making her audience feel sad, angry, happy or scared.

**Lions:** Aarav for improved efforts in spelling and proof reading his work. Aarav is now taking the time to ensure his work meets our class success criteria's and that he has spelt all key words correctly. He has been using the resources around the classroom to do so.

*Please continue to send in certificates and awards from outside of school achievements so we can share them with the whole school community during our celebration worship.*

