



St Luke's C E First School

23rd May
2025

Dates for your Diary

June

Monday 2nd June –
School Re-opens
for Summer 2
/ Work with Me
Bears @ 2:30pm

Wk beginning 9th
June – Year 1
Phonics Screening

Monday 9th June –
Work with Me
Elephants @
2:30pm

Thursday 12th
June – Elephants
Trip to Atwell Farm

Friday 13th June –
PTA Father's Day
Event

Monday 16th –
Work with Me
Giraffes @ 2:30pm

Thursday 19th –
Sports Day Yrs 1-4

Friday 20th June –
Sports Day -
Reception



HOPE



TRUST



JUSTICE



FORGIVENESS



HUMILITY



RESILIENCE

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 is hard to believe we have come to May half term already! This has been an unusually short half term but we have managed to pack a great deal into our curriculum and our wider curriculum offer over the past 4 weeks – from local visits to the library, a poetry slam, an athletics morning and learning to drive a car, we have all been kept busy and the children continue to flourish in all that they do!

Today we break up for the May half term holiday. School re-opens on **Monday 2nd June**. We wish you all a happy and enjoyable half term break. Let's hope this sunny weather continues through the break from school, and when we come back for our final half term of the year!

Attendance:

Our whole school attendance to date is **95.42%**

Our attendance is lower this week, mainly due to unauthorised holidays. Please remember that we are unable to authorise holiday absence and that unauthorised absences can lead to a fixed penalty notice fine.



Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
94.33%	90.69%	91.2%	97.86%	97.24%	94.33%

Gold School Games Award!

This week we have been informed that we have won the Gold School Games Award! This is reflective of all the work we have done improving our lunch time play offer through OPAL, all the sporting clubs we run, as well as all the sporting competitions we take part in and the active English and Maths lessons that the teachers have been delivering!

I'm really pleased and proud of this achievement and would like to say a big 'thank you' to the St Luke's team for their part in us winning this award!



Governor Message

At our recent governors meeting, we were reflecting on the year at St. Luke's and how many fantastic opportunities the students get at school. It is a joy to read this newsletter each week and hear about all the exciting activities, beyond the everyday classroom, that the teachers provide for our pupils. It is also lovely to log on to Class Dojo and see so many smiling faces enjoying all the activities – it brings to life our school vision.

The staff at the school are guided by God's word to provide the best school experience they can for each of God's children in their care – and they certainly achieve this. There have been many trips out to see the world around them including to the woods, the synagogue, Malvern, the mosque, Avoncroft Museum and local High Schools. There have been numerous visitors coming into school sharing their interests like Animaltastic, brass instrument players and members of local churches. There has also been Science week, Egyptian Day and Victorian Day to bring their learning alive. Plus, many opportunities to develop important life skills like Bikeability, road safety day, pedestrian training, being a chef and even learning to drive! I could keep going...the choir visiting residents at Plymouth Court, swimming lessons, the chance to perform in a Christmas play.... all these things give our pupils so many opportunities to flourish and create wonderful memories.

These activities take a lot of effort to organise and we are most grateful that staff at the school want to encourage and develop our children through all these extra-curricular activities. What a wonderful, nurturing school this is. It is also lovely that the students embrace all these opportunities with such enthusiasm and joy.

I am sure that the remainder of the summer term will be packed full of learning and fun too. Until then, I hope you all have a good week off and the lovely sunshine continues.

Victoria Skelton
Foundation Governor

World Bee Day

This week we have celebrated World Bee Day during OPAL play time. A huge thank you to our St Luke's family for your kind Donations of seeds, bulbs and compost, your generosity really is appreciated. Mrs Griffiths and the Eco Council will be busy planting and making our school bloom over the next few weeks.

To celebrate the importance of bees all the children were given the opportunity to plant a sunflower seed to bring home. Some children have also decorated stones to brighten up the walkway to the field and some have practised their DT skills by embroidering some bunting ready to hang in the field.



OPAL Update

This week we have had a visit from Kaleigh, our OPAL mentor, who has given us some fantastic feedback in how well we are progressing with our play time offer. She commented on how engaged and happy the children were in their play, and how well they were playing together. She could clearly see children from different year groups playing and encouraging each other.

Kaleigh loved the 'festival' feel of the field and enjoyed observing the children using the spinning tops, play bus



and social spaces. She has also given us some ideas to improve our provision, including making our wheeled play area larger and suggesting a slight change to our tidy up time. In a staff training session she completed after observing the play, Kaleigh could see the enthusiasm and commitment of our staff and she has worked with us to plan some ideas for our next steps. I am sure you will agree, Mrs Burling has transformed our playtimes here at St Luke's through the development of OPAL play and I can't wait to see how it continues to progress! Next stop...the sandpit! Mrs Burling was in school at the weekend, along with her nephew, to dig out the area where the sandpit is going to be. Dormer Plant Hire very kindly loaned us the digger for this job, and we are very grateful for their support in helping us bring this plan to life.

Don't forget, our OPAL parent session is on Thursday 3rd July – we hope to see lots of you joining us!

ECO Committee

A big thank you to Mrs Griffiths and the ECO team for their efforts arranging our Rags to Riches collection today. We have raised £38.90 due to everyone's support with this initiative. Mrs Griffiths and the team will now look to see how we can best spend the money on continuing to improve our approach to all things ECO.

Work with Me Summer Term

We are excited to invite parents/carers into school for our final 'work with me' sessions for this academic year.

These will take place for each class on:

Monday 2nd June – Bears Class

Monday 9th June – Elephants Class

Monday 16th June – Giraffes Class

Monday 23rd June – Tigers Class

Monday 30th June – Lions Class

Each session will start at **2:30pm** and will finish at 3:15pm. Just like in the spring term, we will ensure you have opportunity to have a look in your child's exercise books so you can see all the wonderful progress they have made this year! Please remember that in order to ensure the focus is on your child in school and due to the lack of space we may have when lots of adults join us, we are unable to also allow younger siblings/family members to join these sessions. Thank you for your support with this.

Year 3 Poetry Event

We were so proud of our Tigers this week for standing up in front of a packed audience at St Stephen's Church to perform their poetry piece all about 'teamwork'! It was so lovely to see each member of the class join in with confidence – well done Tigers!

Giraffes Australia Day!

Our Giraffes class have had a fantastic Australia Day today! They have explored some different Australian scenery and written brilliant descriptions of the Great Barrier Reef. They've also read a story all about Theodore's adventures in Australia and listened to some didgeridoo music being performed. They really enjoyed clapping along to the strong beats!

Sports Days

Our sports days are scheduled to be:

Thursday 19th June – Sports Day for Giraffes & Elephants (9:00am – 10:30am) and Tigers & Lions (10:30am – 12:00pm)

Friday 20th June – Sports Day for Bears class (9:00am – 10:15am)

Thursday 3rd July – Reserve Sports Day – Giraffes, Elephants, Tigers & Lions (timings as above)

Friday 4th July – Reserve Sports Day – Bears (timing as above)



We welcome all our parents/carers and wider family members to come and join us on the school field to watch the children take part in a range of traditional, competitive races...please bring your chairs/picnic blankets so you can sit back and enjoy these events!

Quidditch

We have booked an exciting whole school event on Tuesday 15th July – a quidditch day! We will be joined in school by members of the Enrich team who will be teaching us the skills of Quidditch and our Tigers and Lions classes will have the opportunity to play games. Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter for more information. We hope this will be a really fun and engaging day, and a great way to end this academic year!



St Luke's VIPs!

This week's VIPs are: Arthur (Bears), Ishanvi (Giraffes), Haniya (Elephants), Ursula (Tigers) and lustina (Lions).

Collective Worship

In collective worship this week, we have completed our half term theme of 'LOVE'. We have focused on 'E is for Encouraging Others. We have shared the story of Moses, Aaron and Hur from the Old Testament and talked about how this links to our school vision. At St Luke's our vision is to ensure we have a **caring and nurturing environment** where we encourage one another to flourish - Just like Aaron and Hur helped Moses, we can help our friends when they need it.

If someone is finding their work tricky, we can offer to help them understand.

If someone is feeling sad, we can be a kind friend and cheer them up.

If someone is finding something physically hard, we can lend a hand.

When we help each other, we are following God's word to be kind and loving, and we help everyone to do their best and flourish, just like our school vision says.

This week's picture news question was:

'Whose job is it to keep our local places clean and tidy?'



We linked the question to our school vision by thinking about how we are all God's children and as People of God, we form part of a community where everyone has a role and is valued. God wants His people to look after each other and treat everyone with kindness and respect. When we thank and respect the people who help keep our places clean and safe, we are working together as God's people to make our community a better place.

As part of our Picture News assembly, the children consider and reflect on the British Values. This week, they have been considering the British Value of Mutual Respect.



Mutual Respect

Everyone deserves to feel valued and respected at school or work. By showing respect to others, we can help make sure everyone feels fairly treated and listened to.

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 Elias (Bears), Eliza (Giraffes), Mustafa (Elephants), Ariaah (Tigers) and Shanaya (Lions).

Well done to Tigers and Lions classes who have received attendance certificate of the week for attendance over 95% - Brilliant!!

Lunchtime Awards: Ayaat A (Bears), Manahil (Lions)

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: Aliya and Mark for their team work skills during DT. They worked extremely hard to make a boat and test it with their partners.

Giraffes: Alex for independently composing a fantastic diary entry using time words and conjunctions to develop his ideas.

Elephants: Bertie for his excellent work on time and his brilliant story writing where he used adverbs to describe, a range of conjunctions and punctuation, and he even decided to write a simile without being prompted!

Tigers: Kevin for his excellent description of the 6 major biomes and where they can be found.

Lions: Baqir for excellent planning ideas in English, using writerly skills independently.

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.



Quidditch Event Day Experience



What's included?

- Interactive and immersive **Sorting Hat Assembly**.
- Engaging and active **Quidditch** sports sessions, tailored to all year groups, from EYFS to key Stage 4.
- Celebratory trophy presentation for the winning **Hogwarts House** and special individual awards.
- Official Youth Quidditch equipment - **Hoops, Quaffles, Bludgers & Golden Snitch** - provided for the day and available to purchase after the event to sustain the magic in school.
- 2 x qualified **Quidditch Instructors** and a dedicated Event Coordinator to undertake all the planning and preparation ahead of the event.

Benefits & outcomes:

- A new and different sport to engage and excite all pupils in physical activity.
- A truly unique intra-school **competition opportunity**.
- Youth Quidditch fits closely with **PE and Sport Premium Funding** criteria.



Watch a Quidditch Event Day Experience in action

71%

