



St Luke's C E First School

16th May
2025

Dates for your Diary

May

Tuesday 20th –
Tigers Poetry
event at St
Stephen's Church
2:30pm – 3:30pm

Friday 23rd – Break
Up for May Half
Term

June

Monday 2nd June –
School Re-opens
for Summer 2

Wk beginning 9th
June – Year 1
Phonics Screening

Thursday 12th
June – Elephants
Trip to Atwell Farm

Friday 13th June –
PTA Father's Day
Event

Thursday 19th –
Sports Day Yrs 1-4

Friday 20th June –
Sports Day -
Reception



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)

What a wonderful, sunny week we have had in school, with so many different events and opportunities for our children to live out our school vision and flourish in all that they do!! This week's newsletter is a long one!!

As we hope this warm weather continues, please remember –
Apply a long lasting sun cream before school.
Ensure your child has a hat in school each day.

We will ensure the children have their water bottles topped up and are encouraged to drink regularly across the day.

Our clubs have got off to a great start this week, with an extra addition this term as we have launched our morning street dance clubs with Miss Powell – please see Class Dojo for pictures of our clubs.

Attendance:

Our whole school attendance to date is **95.46%**



Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
96.67%	93.79%	94.80%	98.57%	97.59%	96.31%

Endeavour Schools Trust Social Media

This week, we have made our first official posts on the Endeavour Schools Trust social media platform. You can follow us on this on Facebook and Instagram.

We will share examples of the great things and range of opportunities we offer to our children via these platforms, sharing photos of children who we have

consent for. Please look out for our posts on these social media sites and give us a 'like' if you see our pictures posted – thank you!



Work with Me Summer Term

We are excited to invited 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.

Forest School

Years 1-4 will be visiting Forest School with Mrs Burling at least twice during the summer term. Please keep an eye on your child's Class Dojo story to find out when exactly these will be. I know this will please some of our Tigers children who have made the suggestion to School Council that they would like to have some forest school sessions soon!



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!

Reading Ambassadors

As we currently blessed with lovely sunny days, which are forecast to stay for a while, the reading ambassadors have come up with suggestions of local places you could sit outside and enjoy reading.

They would like all of our St Luke's family to take the time to enjoy reading outdoors in the coming weeks, and send a photo of them reading in their chosen location to the school office or class teacher through Dojo. Enjoying reading and spending time outdoors is so good for our health and well-being.

The ambassadors suggestions include:

1. A bench or on a blanket at Arrow Valley Lake

2. Under a tree at Morton Stanely Park
3. On a comfy cushion or chair in the garden
4. Outside St Stephen's Church in Redditch
5. On the grass or bench at Headless Cross Orchard
6. Next to the pond at Southcrest Woods
7. Walking to Redditch library and choosing a book
8. Enjoying a drink and sitting on a table outside a cafe, coffee shop or McDonalds

We look forward to seeing your photos at either one of these locations or somewhere else!

Tigers Young Driver!

The sun was shining down on the Tigers as they 'took to the road' on Wednesday to learn driving skills in our Young Driver event. The excitement shown by the children was certainly infectious and the way they all focussed so hard to improve their skills was wonderful to see. Very quickly, everyone was driving smoothly around the track, and even tried their hand at reverse parking!



Giraffes Athletics

On Wednesday morning, Giraffes worked with the Sports Leaders from Birchensale Middle School. They participated in a variety of sporting activities such as sprinting, long jump, throwing & catching, speed bounce and a slalom. The children worked together in teams to improve and achieve their best scores. Each child received diamond, gold, silver or bronze for every activity. Giraffes embodied our school vision in how they participated this morning; it was fantastic to see the children being part of the St Luke's family as they worked together to encourage and cheer each other on, fostering a caring and nurturing environment outside the classroom. It was also wonderful to see children's relationships between each other develop as they worked with different people to usual and supported each other, even when the activity was a little bit tricky. Miss Courtney and Mrs Martin felt really proud of every single member of Giraffes as they saw everyone flourish during the morning!



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Don't forget, after our last successful Rags2Riches collection, we are having our next one on **Friday 23rd May**. There will be no bags given to children this time, the company are trying to cut back on waste and are asking that clothes, shoes etc be sent in a black bin bag. We will be collecting your bin bags on either Thursday 22nd May at 3.20pm or please bring into school on Friday 23rd May. Thank you for your support!

Tigers Poetry Event

Tigers have been up to something else slightly different this week as they have been to a poetry workshop and have learnt lots of new skills from the fabulous poet, Kurly! I hear the children have been rapping, beatboxing, dancing and creating posters for their performance which is scheduled for Tuesday 20th May at St Stephen's Church. I can't wait to see them all perform! This has all been organised through our Trinity Pyramid of schools and is a fabulous opportunity for our children. All schools in our Trinity Pyramid are taking part and will be watching each other perform. Unfortunately, on this occasion, there is no space for a parent audience.



Elephants & Lions visit to the Library

Our Elephants & Lions classes have both been out and about this week – this time enjoying visits to the local Redditch library! While they were at the Library, the children learned how the library is organised, read stories and completed different tasks using the library resources. They all now feel confident to use the Library to search for books they would like to read and find different resources.

Thank you Redditch Library for hosting our visits!



Think of the Month

We've had more lovely responses this week to the question:

What colour is the back of a rainbow?

"The back of the rainbow is the same as the front but on the other side." Nancy Lions

"I think it is the same as the front. I imagine you could go under it and it would be the same to look at." Mrs Elmes

"It can look like anything. It might change every day, depending on how you feel." Mrs Hirons-Reed

"I believe that the back of the rainbow looks the same as the front. God made it wonderfully, pleasing to the eye and it would be a shame not to reflect it at the back." Mrs Gafka



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!

School Council

School Council have met with me this week and we have reviewed some of the comments that the children have put in the suggestion box. Some of the suggestions and school council's responses:



- Forest School sessions for Years 1-4 – this is being actioned in the summer term!
- Muddy Mondays (opening the field) – this is already taking place!
- Violins – good idea. We do have a set of ukuleles on order for KS2 to use.
- Can we go to the small park near the car park? – Yes, school council agree this is a good idea. They will talk to classes and the teachers about this.
- Add more stuff to the playground and field – School Council feel that we already have A LOT available...but they were pleased to hear our sandpit is getting closer to becoming a reality and that we also have some climbing domes on order which will be placed on the field.
- Bubbles on the field – we will speak to Mrs Burling about this.
- Can we have a 'best describe you day' – Yes, School Council thought this was a really good idea and we are planning to speak to the PTA about linking this to another 'make the rules day' or something similar.
- Can we have a culture day? School Council liked this idea and will come back together to discuss this more.



St Luke's VIPs!

This week's VIPs are: Huzaifa (Bears), Isla (Giraffes), Hayden (Elephants), Eleanor (Tigers) and Mia (Lions).

Collective Worship

In collective worship this week, we have continued our half term theme of 'LOVE'. We have focused on 'V is for Valuing Others'. We have considered how Jesus taught us that everyone is special and important. He taught that we should value everyone, no matter who they are or where they come from. This means being kind and respectful to everyone we meet. We read different versions of the story of the lost sheep and thought about the similarities and differences between the stories told in the two different Gospels. As part of our reflections, we have been thinking about how we can show that we value others and also thinking of times when we have felt valued.

This week's picture news question was:

'What every day items could be changed to help others?'

The children have thought about the fact that when we use our creativity to help others, we are living out the message of the Gospel — bringing good news and hope to the world through our actions. Even small acts, when done with kindness, can make a big difference. God invites each of us, whatever our age, to bring hope and help into the world around us. We linked this to our school vision by encouraging us to show care for our environment and those around us and to flourish in all that we do.

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 and Tolerance.



Mutual Respect & Tolerance

By learning about issues in our world, we can identify people in need and work together to think of and create solutions.

In our Celebration Worship we have continued our 'school vision' awards and have said "congratulations" to children impressing their teachers by living out our school vision. I was delighted to hand out vision certificates to Anaya (Bears), Salomi (Giraffes), Ethan (Elephants), Habib (Tigers) and Manahil (Lions).

Lunchtime Award: Payton and Jacob C (Tigers)

Golden Welly Winner: Amara (Elephants)

Bears, Tigers and Lions classes 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 for trying her best in all areas of her learning. This week she willingly shared her thinking in Geography about where different types of fruit grow.

Giraffes: Oliwer for composing a fantastic and creative piece of music on the iPad. Oliwer practised and changed the melody of his composition to suit his preference. He also changed the tempo of the piece and preferred it when it had a quick tempo. Well done Oliwer!

Elephants: Jemimah for her superb artwork when drawing stick people in various poses showing movement.

Tigers: Jacob for working well as part of a team in Science, using mirrors to reflect torch light around a maze.

Lions: Nelson for his amazing retention of knowledge in Science. Nelson could answer all of the questions independently and used all of our key vocab words within his responses.

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.



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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

