



St Luke's C E First School

9th May
2025

Dates for your Diary

May

Monday 12th –
Lions Class to visit
Redditch Library

Tuesday 13th –
Tigers Poetry
Event @ St
Stephen's First
School

Wednesday 14th –
Tigers Class
Young Driver

Thursday 15th –
Elephants Class to
visit Redditch
Library

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



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 has been a busy 4 day week in school, with VE Day celebrations, a cookery lesson for Year 4 and a cricket festival for our Elephants children. Next week is just as busy with a library visit, a poetry afternoon, an athletics event, and possibly my favourite event of the year – Young Driver! On Wednesday next week, our Tigers children will be developing their early driving skills...look out for lots of pictures on Class Dojo!

This week we have launched our new school vision awards in our celebration worship. Staff are now looking out for pupils who are living out our school vision and these children will be recognised each Friday.

Our school clubs start next week and will run for 8 weeks, ending the week beginning 7th July. Please check your Class Dojo messages as if your child has been successful in gaining a place in one or more of our clubs, Mrs Bird will have notified you by Dojo message. Please see below in the newsletter for information regarding uniform expectations.

Attendance:

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

Thank you to all our families for your ongoing support in increasing our attendance percentage in school.



Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
97.92%	95.26%	94.0%	99.11%	98.71%	97.07%

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As we enter the final term of the year, there are activities and events coming up to make you aware of and which we hope our parents/carers will be able to join us in school for.

I will continue to update the dates on the first page of the newsletter each week, but looking further ahead to later this term –

Friday 23rd May – break up for half term

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

Friday 13th June – Father's Day event

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

Friday 4th July – Reserve Sports Day – Bears

Friday 4th July – PTA Summer Fair

Friday 18th July – School finishes for Summer!



Teacher Appreciation Week!

This week is teacher appreciation week and I would like to take the opportunity to give my heartfelt thanks to our wonderful teachers and our whole fantastic team of staff who work tirelessly across the school year to provide a safe, inviting and exciting learning environment and engaging curriculum for all of our pupils. Thank you for all that you do!



ECO Committee

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. We are unfortunately unable to collect your donations after this time. The money that we raise will go into either Opal or the Eco Council. Thank you for your support.

Items they will accept:



Thanks

A few more responses for this month's think of:

What does the back of a rainbow look like?

"It's an illusion. It has no back, it's just an illusion." Shannon Tigers

"I think you can see both sides of a rainbow. I think the back looks like the front." Ursula Tigers

Tigers



"It looks like dark colours on the back." Anonymous

"I think it looks like some colours that we don't know." Aiza Elephants

"It looks the same as the front but when you are close, you can't see it." Mustafa Elephants

Key Stage 1 Cricket Event

On Tuesday this week pupils from Giraffes and Elephants classes attended a morning of cricket skills.

Miss Gibbons was impressed with the skills that children were showing and their determination to succeed.

Everyone tried their best and persevered when they found the activity challenging, and we could see our school vision in action with our children encouraging and supporting each other.



VE Day Celebrations

This week we have marked the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. Thursday 8th May was Victory in Europe Day (VE Day). This is the day the German forces surrendered to the Allied powers. We loved seeing the children in their red, white and blue outfits and all classes have completed learning activities about VE Day. We also really enjoyed singing our VE Day song altogether in the hall during our collective worship. Please see your child's Class Dojo page for more information and photos.



Lions Adopt A Chef

This week, our Lions children have enjoyed their final Adopt a Chef session. Chef Idris Caldora has been into school to work with the children on their bread making skills...and I think we have some budding new Chefs in our Lions class. Well done to all the children, they have done really well throughout these three sessions.



School Clubs

Clubs start next week! If your child is booked in for our early morning street dance clubs, they will already be in their PE kit as it is on their PE or forest school day.

PE expectations for other clubs:

Tuesday: Dodgeball – children wear school uniform and bring trainers to change into.

Wednesday: Wellbeing – Please wear PE kit each week
For all other clubs, please wear school uniform as usual.



St Luke's VIPs!

This week's VIPs are: Ayaat (Bears), Eliza (Giraffes), Bebe (Elephants), Hayden (Tigers) and Momina (Lions).

Collective Worship

In collective worship this week, we have continued our half term theme of 'LOVE'. We have focused on 'O is for offering help to others. Mrs Elmes led our worship on Monday where we shared the story of Abraham, a man who treated visitors who were strangers with generosity and kindness and service. We will all remember the message of God wants us to offer help to others and we will think about ways we can do this in our every day lives.

In our Celebration Worship we have introduced our new '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 Huzaifa (Bears), Haaniya (Giraffes), Ella & Louis (Elephants), Blake (Tigers) and Mia (Lions).

Lunchtime Award: Mark (Bears) and Bebe (Elephants)

Golden Welly Winner: Ammishaddai (Lions)

Well done to Bears, Giraffes, 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: Zach for always trying is best in all areas of his learning, especially R.E learning. He is always exceptionally reflective when discussing any aspects of RE.

Giraffes: Tilly for fantastic creativity and accuracy in writing. Tilly is always showing our school vision and values in everything that she does and works incredibly hard.

Elephants: Muhammad for his brilliant use of adverbs to describe the characters actions in our story. I love how he could explain his reasons for choosing the adverbs for each sentence!

Tigers: Zorain for her powerful and ambitious opening to her descriptive writing based on Cloud Tea Monkeys.

Lions: Lara for her efforts in writing and ensuring she is adding detail from her writing toolkit during all her independent pieces.

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.

