



# St Luke's C E First School

2<sup>nd</sup> May  
2025

## Dates for your Diary

### May

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Bank Holiday: School Closed

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Elephants Class Cricket event

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> – Bears Class height and weight checks

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> – Lions Class Adopt A Chef 3<sup>rd</sup> session

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> – VE Day: Children to wear red, white and blue

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Lions Class to visit Redditch Library

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Poetry Event @ St Stephen's First School

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Tigers Class Young Driver

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> – Elephants Class to visit Redditch Library



### **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 summer term, and what a glorious week of sunshine we have had! I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break and found opportunities to spend time with your friends and loved ones. It was been wonderful to have the children back in school this week – they have settled back in to their learning brilliantly and we have enjoyed some wonderful OPAL playtimes.

This week we have welcomed Mrs Martin to our St Luke's family as our new teacher in Giraffes class. We hope Mrs Martin will be very happy here working with our wonderful children and team.

Our Lions class have had a very exciting week, with their long-awaited Malvern residential taking place from Wednesday – Friday, and what a fabulous time they have had! See below for more information on this exciting visit.

Please remember, it is Bank Holiday Monday next week so school is closed on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May and reopens on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Attendance:**

Our attendance to date is **95.38%**



Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
96.33%	94.83%	94.8%	95.0%	98.97%	96.03%

## Dates for your Diary

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 23<sup>rd</sup> May – break up for half term

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – School re-opens for Summer 2

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Father's Day event – timings to be confirmed

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

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

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

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – OPAL Parent event @ 2pm

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Reserve Sports Day – Bears (timings as above)

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – School finishes for Summer!



## Think of the Month

This month's Think was chosen by children Lions class –

*What does the back of a rainbow look like?*

*"I've never seen the back of a rainbow but I think it would be a white template with slight colours"* Grace E-W Tigers

*"It looks exactly the same on the back."* Eliza Elephants

*"It looks the same as the front side."* Amara Elephants

## VE Day

2025 marks the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, with two key dates to remember, Thursday 8th May and Friday 15th August.

Thursday 8 May is Victory in Europe Day (VE Day). This is the day the German forces surrendered to the Allied powers. We will be marking this important day by inviting pupils and staff to wear red, white and blue to school. During the day there will be activities across school to celebrate and we will all be getting together to sing the VE Day song we have been leaning in our singing worship.



## Mrs Burling does it again!

Wow – Mrs Burling has completed another marathon, this time running through the night with no London marathon crowds to cheer her on, all in aid of raising as much money as possible for the incredible Pancreatic Cancer UK charity. To say we are incredibly proud and inspired by another amazing achievement is an understatement. How wonderful to see our school value of resilience in action once again, and Mrs Burling is certainly living out our school vision of showing care and kindness to others and flourishing in all that she does!

I hear Mrs Burling is also running a half marathon over the weekend...good luck!!

Congratulations to Mrs Hirons-Reed who has been informed this week that she has successfully passed her National Professional Qualification in leading Maths. Mrs Hirons-Reed has been undertaking this qualification over the past year in addition to her typical workload and I am delighted that her hard work has paid off. Mrs Hirons-Reed has done great things to move our maths curriculum forward over the past two years, and the progress we are seeing in the children's maths work and levels of attainment outcomes is excellent. Well done Mrs Hirons-Reed, another member of our staff team flourishing!

### School Clubs

On Tuesday next week, we will be sending home our school clubs letter. We will be offering after school clubs running from the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> May to week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> July. I am also excited to announce that this term we are also offering two morning clubs – Miss Powell will be running a Key Stage 1 street dance club and a Key stage 2 street dance club starting at 8:10am on Thursday and Fridays. Please remember, places in our clubs are limited and some are very popular!



### Collective Worship

In collective worship this week, we have started our half term theme of 'LOVE'. We have focused on 'L is for Listening and we have thought about the following:

*Listening well to others shows we respect them and value them.*

*Listening well to God shows God how much we love him.*

*And God, through Jesus, teaches us how to love the world and everything in it.*

We have also enjoyed a visit from Paul from Southcrest Church.

Well done to Bears, Tigers and Lions who have all received attendance certificate of the week for attendance over 95%!!

## 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.



Our weekly celebration worship and VIPS will be back next Friday!

