



St Luke's C E First School

10th April
2025

Dates for your Diary

April

Monday 28th April
– School opens for the summer term

Wednesday 30th April - Lions class to Malvern!

May

Friday 2nd – Lions class return from Malvern

Tuesday 6th – Elephants Class Cricket Festival

Wednesday 7th – Bears Class height & weight checks

Thursday 8th – Lions Class Adopt a Chef session 3

Monday 12th – Lions Class visit to 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)

Please note that following the Easter break, we return to school on **Monday 28th April**

I don't think we could have packed much more into a 4 day week! There have been two class off site visits, a Science STEM workshop, a Victorian day, a cross country final and all of our Easter celebrations! It has certainly been busy and all of these events have enabled our children to live out our Christian vision through encouraging each other, trusting in themselves and others and flourishing in all that they do!

As we come to the end of the term, I would like to say a big thank you to our parents/carers for your ongoing support for our school – we really appreciate it! Thank you also to our fantastic staff team for all their hard work – and a huge thank you to our children for being so amazing; they make us proud very single day!

Attendance:

Our attendance to date is **95.35%**

The grid below shows this week's attendance for each class/whole school on the top row and the bottom row is the cumulative attendance for each class/whole school from 4.9.24 to 10.4.25.



Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
95.83%	96.98%	97.0%	98.21%	97.84%	97.16%
93.79%	94.98%	94.99%	97.32%	95.74%	95.35%

Summer Term Clubs

As Summer 1 is only 4 weeks long, and includes a Bank Holiday Monday and Lions' visit to Malvern, we will be running 8 weeks of Summer term clubs, commencing week beginning 12th May and running until week commencing 30th June.

Further details about Summer term clubs will be sent out after the Easter holidays.

Tigers Class Visit to Singers Hill

Our Tigers class had a wonderful visit to Singers Hill Synagogue this week and everyone came back full of the information they had learned from this experience. The children had a great time and learned a lot about the Jewish faith, the synagogue as a place of learning and what it means to be a Jew. It was a great way to see all of their learning about Judaism this term 'come to life' and the children were excellent ambassadors for our school. Well done Tigers!



Tigers Science STEM workshop

Tigers also had an exciting afternoon on Tuesday when they completed a STEM Science workshop. The children had to design haulers and loaders to move earth, and they had to include a moving mechanism. Congratulations to Denis and Afiyah who won the competition with their design and how clearly it was presented!



ECO Team

The Eco Council have arranged the next Rags2Riches Collection which will be on **Friday 23rd May 2025**. This is an ideal opportunity to clear out your wardrobes ready for the summer season. If you have any clothes, shoes etc that you would like to donate, please put them into a black bin bag. You can drop off your donations either on Thursday 22nd May or on drop off on Friday 23rd May.

The money we raise will go back into the school either through OPAL play or the Eco Council.



Giraffes Class visit to Avoncroft Museum

What a great day our Giraffes class had at Avoncroft Museum on Tuesday.

This visit linked to their learning in Science all about materials and the children learnt about suitable materials to make a house. The children had to create houses out of sticks, straw and bricks for the three little pigs. They also had the opportunity to explore the museum and all the historic buildings. A final highlight was climbing the steep steps to go up into the windmill! Again, the children were wonderful ambassadors for our school!



Lions Victorian Day

Our Lions class looked a little unusual on Monday, with some very stern looking teachers and children all in Victorian dress! This special curriculum day enabled the children to round off their History learning this term and bring their learning to life. Thank you to all the parents/carers for supporting us with this – the children all had a great time.



Cross Country Final

A huge well done to our KS2 children who competed in the cross country final, running against children from other local schools. You all lived out our school vision by encouraging each other and showed our school values of trust and resilience! Cross country running isn't easy, but all of our children did brilliantly – and a big shout out to Emily who came 3rd in the girls' race – WOW!!



Summer Term

Looking ahead to the summer term, we hope this good weather continues! Please ensure your child brings a hat to wear while they are outside and please apply a long lasting suncream, high UV before coming to school. If you feel your child would need to apply further suncream during the school day, please speak to your child's class teacher. We will need to take arrangements for this to happen as the children would need to apply it themselves. Please see our sun safety policy on our school website.

Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Service

What a wonderful turn out we had for our Easter bonnet parade and Easter service at the Bridge Church this morning. Thank you to everyone for supporting the children with these events – we saw some marvellous bonnet creations!! Thank you also to Reverend Ruth and Maureen for leading the service for us.



PTA Easter Egg Hunt

Lots of fun was had on the playground after our Easter service as the children all went on an egg hunt...I hear the Easter bunny also made an appearance!!



Collective Worship

In collective worship this week, we have completed our half termly theme of Easter but focussing on 'R is for Resurrection.' The children have then learnt more about the Easter story in our Easter service with Reverend Ruth.

Mrs Broughton has also led a Picture News worship. This week's question was:

What qualities should a positive role model have?

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 Individual Liberty.



Individual Liberty

We have the freedom to choose who and what influences us. By picking positive role models and learning from their actions, we show respect for ourselves and others.

In our final Celebration Worship of the term we have said “congratulations” to children impressing their teachers by showing our school values. I was delighted to hand out values certificates to Yusuf (Bears), Phoenix (Giraffes), Bertie (Elephants), Hayden (Tigers) and Macy (Lions).



We also handed out the termly Headteacher awards to Xander (Bears), Salomi (Giraffes) Zayan (Elephants), Grace E-W (Tigers) and Manahil (Lions).

These children have been chosen for having an all round excellent term and for ‘standing out’ in their attitudes to learning and overall progress – well done!

Again, all 5 classes have received attendance certificate of the week for attendance over 95% - Brilliant!!

I was able to hand out 18 100% attendance certificates to children who have been in school every day since September! In addition to this, a further 17 children across the school have received 100% attendance certificates for the spring term – well done!!

Lunchtime Award Winners: Aizah (Bears) and Hadiya (Giraffes)

OPAL Golden Welly Winner: Macy (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: Alexia for her Literacy work - he did not stop writing at two sentences this week, she wrote four!

Giraffes: Emilia for her excellent writing, showing great application of her phonics knowledge.

Elephants: Eesah for his brilliant maths work. Eesah is able to recall his division facts quickly which has helped him with finding fractions of amounts. Although he can do this mentally, he is also able to prove it by showing a written strategy!

Tigers: Zayn for his fantastic vocabulary choices when describing the Giant's castle in Jim and the Beanstalk.

Lions: Arsal for showing great interest in the subjects we have learnt this half term. He has carried out research in his own time and on many occasions shared this with the class. The progress he has made has demonstrated this too – well done!

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.

Casting our Nets into Holy Week!

Join us at **The Bridge Church** to
Worship and Explore Faith through Creativity
on Tuesday 15th April at 10.30am

Hear the story of Holy Week and respond creatively. Using different materials and techniques: collage, fabrics, paper, thread, creative writing, music and more, we will explore the sights, sounds, smells, touch, and taste of Holy Week and worship together.

A simple lunch will be served at 12 noon.

Cast **your** nets, and see what treasures you discover at this new expression of worship.

For **ALL AGES** a truly intergenerational event!

