



St Luke's C E First School

6th March
2026

Dates for your Diary

March

From Monday 9th
– SCIENCE WEEK

Tuesday 10th –
Lions Class
Mosque Visit

Thursday 12th –
Lions Mothering
Sunday Event @
2:30pm

Friday 13th –
Bears & Giraffes
Mothering
Sunday Event @
9:00am /
Elephants &
Tigers @ 2:30pm

Friday 13th –
Lions Bikeability



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.

What a busy week...and how fantastic to finally see some sunshine!!

We have thoroughly enjoyed our World Book Day celebrations, and we have especially loved having parents/carers in school for this special day of reading.

Lions class have also been very busy with their pedestrian training and their second chef session. A group of KS2 girls have been out of school developing their football skills, and all the children have enjoyed the start of our careers month discussions!

Please remember, we have our parents' evenings coming up later this month. This is a really valuable opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss their attainment and progress, and to discuss how they are developing all around. Class teachers and office staff will be in touch with you soon if you have not yet signed up so that we can get this appointment booked for you.

Attendance:

Our year to date attendance is: 96.94%



Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
95.17%	96%	95.86%	99.23%	100%	97.16%

Careers Month

Careers month has started here at St Luke's! This week in collective worship we have shared some information with the children to get them thinking about what kinds of jobs they would like in the future. We also shared the statistic that around half of them will probably end up doing jobs that haven't even been invented yet!

We've got children aspiring to be a doctor, a pilot, a chef, a mechanic and lots more. Mrs Baker also shared her job history – from delivering newspapers, waitressing and retail work, I then started work as a Teaching Assistant before training to become a teacher, then an Assistant Headteacher and then finally Headteacher here at St Luke's. Across the month of March, staff will be sharing their career history with the children in order to ignite discussions about the future, and we will be putting up posters around school detailing staff job histories. Thank you to the parents who have agreed to come in and speak to the children about your work- it is much appreciated!

Please remember that on Friday 27th March, all children are invited to come to school dressed for their future career!



Think of the Month

Our new March Think is:

Can you accuse me of cheating if I don't know the rules?

Here are some responses from Tigers & Lions:

Noah - No, because if you're playing a game and you don't know how to play it, you're not really cheating.

Amara - No, because how can you cheat if you don't know the rules to break?

Mustafa - Yes, because it will affect other people even if you don't mean to.

Muhammad - No, because you should check the rules before you play.

JV – Yes because you are disobeying the rules.

Blake – No because you haven't read the rules.

Zayan – Yes because people might not know that you don't know the rules.



Lions Class Adopt a Chef Session 2

Today, Lions have enjoyed their second session with chef Ibrahim Bellal. They have been making salad pots!



Children and Phone Safety - NSPCC

The NSPCC's guidance on children, mobile phones and online safety is a useful resource for DSLs to draw on when communicating with parents. It addresses one of the most common questions schools are asked: when is a child ready for a phone, and how can families manage the risks?

Children, phones and online safety

Find out how you can navigate phones and online safety for your child and encourage responsible use.

The guide offers balanced, practical advice on readiness, boundary-setting, parental controls, and ongoing conversations about safe and responsible use. Including or signposting this resource in a parent newsletter can help reinforce consistent messages between home and school, reduce anxiety, and support a shared approach to online safety.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/children-phones-online-safety/>

Kids' Online Safety

The UK government has launched the 'Kids Online Safety' campaign to help parents and carers support their children to navigate the digital world safely and confidently.

The campaign brings together practical, trusted guidance on how to start meaningful conversations about online life, understand the types of content children may encounter, and build critical thinking skills so young people can question what they see and make safer choices.

It also offers advice on using tools such as parental controls, recognising potential risks, and knowing where to seek help or report concerns. The overall aim is to make online safety an ongoing, open dialogue within families rather than a one-off conversation, helping children feel supported as they explore apps, games and social media.

You can find the resources here:

<https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk/>

KS2 Girls' Football Event

This afternoon, a team of girls from Tigers and Lions have been developing their football skills at Redditch United – everyone had a great time, despite the cold!



Science Week – 9th March

Science Week 2026 is taking place next week at St Luke's, and we are excited to be exploring this year's theme, "Curiosity: What's Your Question?" Throughout the week, every class will take part in hands-on enquiries and investigations, using their own questions to spark discovery. From testing ideas and making predictions to observing results and drawing conclusions, our pupils will be developing their scientific thinking skills and learning that curiosity is at the heart of every great discovery.

As well as carrying out practical investigations, we will also explore a range of STEM careers and find out more about what it really means to be a scientist. We will learn about the different ways science, technology, engineering and maths shape our world, and discover the skills scientists use every day – such as perseverance, teamwork and critical thinking. We are looking forward to a week full of wonder, questions and inspiring future scientists!



Lions Pedestrian Training Part 1

This week, our Lions class have completed their 'stepping out' pedestrian training taught practice sessions. Everyone did really well listening to the instructions and following the safety rules. On Tuesday 17th March, they will be stepping out again...this time for their unescorted walk to show all that they have learnt.



Information from our PTA

The PTA are holding their AGM on Friday 20th March from 2.50pm - 3.15pm in the school staffroom. If you would like to support the PTA whether as a parent/carer/grandparent, we would love for you to join us. It's a brilliant group of caring people, whose aim is to raise as much money as possible to give the children memorable experiences. If you have ideas or suggestions, this is a great place to voice them.

If you would like to be a part of this worthwhile group, please come along to the school at 2.50pm on 20th March.

Easter Egg Raffle

The PTA are holding their first Easter Egg Raffle on Wednesday 25th March 2026 during collective worship. The raffle tickets will be on sale from the lovely PTA in the playground, every afternoon from Thursday 19th March until Tuesday 24th March. Each strip of tickets costs £1 and this raffle is solely for the children. Children can buy as many strips as they wish, the more tickets the more chances! All monies raised from this event will go towards the Christmas Surprise 2026.

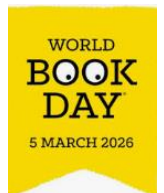


Easter Egg Donation - Non Uniform

To support the Easter egg raffle, all children are invited to come to school on Wednesday 18th March 2026 in non uniform for a donation of an Easter egg. The egg can be any size, all eggs are going into the Easter Egg Raffle which is being held on Wednesday 25th March 2026 during collective worship.

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

Our World Book Day celebrations have been wonderful! Everyone has looked brilliant in their snugly pyjamas and we have really enjoyed inviting parents/carers into school for our 'books and biscuits' event. Thank you to everyone who joined to see the children perform to an audience and to share reading together. Please see Class Dojo for more pictures!





Nut Free School

Please continue to remember that due to allergies, we are a nut free school! This means no nuts or products which contain nuts are to be brought into school. Thank you for your support with this.

Upcoming Dates

Spring 2 is set to be very busy...here are a few key whole school dates!

Week Beginning 9th March – Science Week

Thursday 12th March – Lions Class Mothering Sunday Event @ 2:30pm

Friday 13th March – Bears & Giraffes Mothering Sunday Event @ 9:00am / Elephants & Tigers @ 2:30pm

Monday 16th March – School Photos

Tuesday 24th March & Thursday 26th March – Parents' Evenings

Thursday 26th March – Easter bonnet parade and Easter Service @ The Bridge 9.15am



Collective Worship

This week we have continued our new half termly theme, with our focus word being 'CROSS'. This week's letter was 'R is for Rescue'.

We have shared the story of the crucifixion and thought about the following –
Jesus was arrested even though he had done nothing wrong.

He was taken to a hill and nailed to a wooden cross.

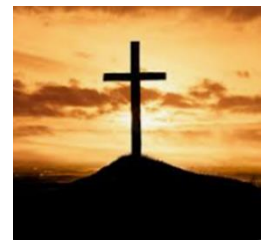
It was a sad and difficult day.

Before he died, Jesus said: "It is finished."

Christians believe this meant that God's rescue plan was complete.

Jesus gave his life because he loves everyone.

He took our place so we could be close to God.



We have linked this to our school vision and discussed how the story of the cross reminds Christians that **everyone matters to God**.

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 Ahad (Bears), Taro (Giraffes), Alex (Elephants), Jemimah (Tigers) and Eisa (Lions).

Lunchtime Award Winners: Ollie (Elephants) and Haadiyah (Bears)

Golden Welly: Faith (Bears)

Well done to Lions for a fantastic 100% attendance this week, and well done to all other classes 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.



Bears: Zachary for amazing effort with blending CVC words and using his sounds around the classroom.

Giraffes: Aydin for super instruction writing!

Elephants: Hadiya for her brilliant maths when exploring multiplication. Hadiya can confidently make equal groups and record these as repeated addition. I am really impressed Hadiya! Keep it up!

Tigers: Zayan for brilliant enthusiasm every day, especially in geography, sparking discussion and asking thoughtful questions.

Lions: Ramon for his super use of conjunctions 'because' and 'so' in his sentences to explain why things have happened.

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.



UK Health
Security
Agency



Should I keep my child off school?



Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrc0.de/minfec>.