



# St Luke's C E First School

4<sup>th</sup> April  
2025

## Dates for your Diary

### April

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Lions Class Victorian Day / Tigers Class to Singers Hill

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Giraffes Class to Avoncroft Museum

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> - Lions Cross Country Final – top 14 pupils

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> – Easter parade and service

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> – Easter egg hunt

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> – Break up for Easter

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April – School opens for the summer term

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Lions class to Malvern



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 is hard to believe we are almost at the end of the spring term. What a busy few weeks we have had and the children have continued to make us all proud every day! We hope all our families celebrating Eid this week had a wonderful time – we have enjoyed hearing about the festivities and thank you to those who have sent in photos for us to share!

Next week is a shorter week as we break up for the Easter holiday on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April**. However, there is lots to look forward to including trips out, the Easter service and the Easter egg hunt! Following the Easter break, we return to school on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April**.

**Attendance:** Our attendance to date is **95.3%**

Thank you for continuing to support our efforts to improve attendance across the school. We continue to receive positive comments about the change to the drop off times. However, we are still seeing children regularly arriving to school late. Since 24.2.25 when we changed our drop off arrangements, a total of **10 hours and 57 minutes** of learning time has been lost due to children arriving late – this is far too much! Please support us and your child and ensure they are here on time and ready to learn by 8:50am. Thank you.



Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
85.67%	89.66%	86.4%	91.07%	91.72%	88.94%

## Governor Visit

Having heard so much about OPAL playtime, I was delighted to be invited in to St Luke's to observe it in action this week. How wonderful to see the students engaged in such creative and imaginative play using all the equipment and resources! I loved seeing the marble runs, the making of paper aeroplanes, dens being built and superheroes on a mission to name just a few of the fun activities going on. It was great to see our school vision being lived out with children working together, helping and encouraging each other and having fun together.

I would also like to thank the students who let me listen to them reading. It is wonderful to see the progress students are making in their reading as this is such a vital life skill. I was pleased to see students using the reading techniques their teachers had taught them to help them read more fluently. I do hope they will continue to have a love of reading throughout their life.

As always, I was made to feel most welcome in the school and enjoyed being part of such a positive environment. Every blessing to you all this Easter.

Victoria Skelton (Foundation Governor)

## Lions Class Invasion Games

On Wednesday this week, our Lions class enjoyed a trip to Trinity High School to plan a range of invasion games against other local schools. Everyone had a great time trying out their skills and they were an asset to our school through their sportsmanship and support for each other. Well done Lions!



## Lions Final Swimming

Thursday afternoons won't quite be the same for our Lions class now they have come to the end of their swimming lessons. Over the past 10 weeks, all the children have grown in confidence in their swimming skills and have gone from strength to strength. We would like to thank the Sholfins staff for their encouragement and expertise, and we look forward to seeing them again in the autumn term when our current Elephants class will be learning to swim when they are in Year 3!

## Waste

Recently, the following information was shared with schools regarding new recycling regulations:

*From 31st March 2025, all schools in England must separate and recycle food waste, glass, metal, plastic, paper, and cardboard. Food waste must be collected separately to reduce landfill waste.*

We are currently setting up new recycling bins and, with the help of our ECO team, we will be talking to the children about how we separate our waste. We also need to make parents/carers aware that from 28th April when we return from the Easter break, children bringing in their own packed lunch will need to take their packaging and any uneaten food items home with them. We thank you for your understanding with this.



## Emergency Procedure

This week we practiced our emergency procedure in school so that all the children know what to do if we needed to shelter inside. Each class did brilliantly during this practice, following the plans that had been shared with them previously. Well done everyone!

## Bears Visit to Southcrest Woods

Today, our youngest children have been on a local visit to Southcrest Woods – where they were met with lots of parents and carers who came to work alongside them to see the changes spring has brought!

## Thunks

This month's Thunk:

*If I shout at you to protect you, am I still your friend?*

Here are some of our responses so far -

"If I was trying to keep you safe, I would shout so you could hear me – i.e. by crossing a road or in a busy place." Mrs Elmes

"Maybe because it is kind to protect people." Shannon Tigers

"Yes, if you know each other well. No, if you don't know each other." Ursula Tigers

"Yes, because they are defending you but no because they might not like you shouting." Manahil Lions

"You might be my friend but I don't want friends who shout at me. If you shout because you are showing emotion and you are sorry, I will forgive you and try to understand." Miss Gibbons

"Yes, because they are keeping you safe from danger." Jacob Tigers

"Yes, because they are protecting you." Denis Tigers

"Yes, because you could be in danger." Aiza Elephants

"Yes! Even Jesus shouted in the temple because he wanted to protect people who wanted to worship God. Justice needs shouting about." Reverend Ruth



## Easter Events – Don't Forget

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April, we will be holding our Easter parade on the playground before we head over to the Bridge Church for an Easter service led by Reverend Ruth. For the Easter parade, we are inviting the children to create and decorate bonnets, hats and/ or baskets or a cross and wear/bring them to school on the last day of term.

Later on 10<sup>th</sup> April, our PTA will be holding our annual Easter egg hunt!



## St Luke's VIPs!

This week's VIPs are: Aydin(Bears), Yusha (Giraffes), Amara (Elephants), Afiyah (Tigers) and Meme (Lions).

## Collective Worship

In collective worship this week, we have enjoyed a musical showcase from our cornet players. Well done to Tilda and Ursula for the confidence you showed in performing to the rest of the school and for proudly talking about all you have learnt in your music lessons!

In classes, the children have shared the Easter story, in preparation for our final themed week next week when we will focus on 'R is for Resurrection.'

Mrs Hirons-Reed has led a **Picture News** worship, focussing on the following question:

*'Is it important to have a morning routine?'*

As part of our Picture News collective worship, the children consider and reflect on the British Values. This week, they have been considering the British Value of Rule of Law. The discussions this week were around the importance of breakfast and a morning routine which will help make sure you are arriving at school on time!



### Rule of Law

Rules help support fairness and wellbeing. Schools, that take part in the breakfast scheme initiative, must follow the government's guidelines, to ensure children receive a healthy start to the day.

In our Celebration Worship we have said "congratulations" to children impressing their teachers by showing our school values. I was delighted to hand out values certificates to Leo (Bears), Sarah-Aliza (Giraffes), Eliza (Elephants), Rayan (Tigers) and Hannah (Lions).

**Lunchtime Award Winners: Yaseen and Aiza, Giraffes**

**OPAL Golden Welly Winner: Elias, Bears**

## 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:** Rory for his positive attitude towards all areas of his learning. He now actively contributes during whole class learning times and shares his thinking with his peers.

**Giraffes:** Reggie for brilliant problem solving in maths.

**Elephants:** Hafsa for her superb exclamation sentences about Florence Nightingale.

**Tigers:** Louie for his fantastic work in Maths. He has shown he is confident and fluent in using division facts and he is starting to explain his answers when solving problems.

**Lions:** Emily for improvement during independent writing and editing her own work to ensure she is meeting success criteria.

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.

