



St Luke's C E First School

28th
March
2025

Dates for your Diary

April

Wednesday 2nd -
Lions class
invasion games @
Trinity High School

Wednesday 2nd –
Bears Class Vision
Screening

Friday 4th – Class
Photos

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

Tuesday 8th –
Giraffes Class to
Avoncroft Museum

Wednesday 9th -
Lions Cross
Country Final – top
14 pupils

Thursday 10th –
Easter parade and
service

Thursday 10th –
Easter egg hunt

Thursday 10th –
Break up for
Easter



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)

We have had another wonderful week in school, with an extra curricular learning day for Tigers and our Mothering Sunday events across the school – we've definitely seen lots of examples of our children flourishing in all that they do!

Fire drill

This week we have completed a whole school emergency fire evacuation. Every class was excellent, following our school rules and sensibly moving to our assembly point within 2 minutes and 25 seconds. Next week we will be practicing a whole school emergency lockdown so that the children are prepared for an emergency situation within school. They have already been practicing this in class.

Next week it will be the final swimming lesson for Lions class.

Attendance:

Our attendance to date is **95.55%**

Well done to our 4 classes who have attendance over 95% this week!



Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
97.49%	98.28%	98.00%	95.98%	93.1%	96.54%

Eid al-Fitr Celebrations

We are aware many of our families will be celebrating Eid next week, most likely on Monday. Please contact school to inform us on the morning of your Eid celebrations to inform us of your child's absence from school. Although we don't typically accept Class Dojo messages for reporting an absence, on this occasion, as we know there will be a lot of children absent, a Dojo message to Mrs Bird in the office will be the best way to report the absence. If we do not hear from you, we will need to contact you by phone to ensure we are fully aware of the reason for absence. We don't wish to intrude on your celebrations, but for safeguarding reasons, we do need this information. Thank you for your support.



Tigers Egyptian Day

Our Tigers class have enjoyed a special curriculum day this week, dressing up as Ancient Egyptians and enjoying a day full of History learning! We loved seeing everyone's wonderful costumes and everyone had a very interesting day learning about mummification and the pyramids.



Thunks

As we approach the end of the month of March, here are a few more of our think responses: This month's thunk:

Is it ever ok to bully a bully?

"No, because the bully can do more stuff to you." Isreal Tigers

"No, because being a bully is bad." Arlo Elephants

"No because being a bully hurts their feelings." Iyla Elephants

"No! We should treat others how we'd like to be treated. Lead by example." Mrs Hirons-Reed

"No, it's not ok to bully a bully because if you do there is no difference between you and the bully!" Aarav Lions



HAF has been confirmed for the financial year 2025-2026!

This means that all Free School Meal eligible families will have access to free holiday provision at lots of different activity clubs during Easter, summer and winter school holidays. Previously, children, have participated in activities from go karting to multi-sports and ice skating to day trips, and so much more, as part of the HAF programme.

To find out more, go to the HAF page on the Worcestershire County Council website.



<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/childrens-social-care/virtual-family-hub/holiday-activities-and-food-haf-programme>

OR

Take a look at the HAF Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/HAFWorcestershire/>

Mothers Sunday Events

Thank you to all the female members of the family who joined us this week for our Mothering Sunday events. We hope you enjoyed hearing the children sing and spending time with them in school. Each event was so special and it is always wonderful to see so many parents and family members supporting the children. Thank you to our wonderful PTA for arranging this special event for us!



Bikes

We love our cycling here at St Luke's and Miss Grubb runs fantastic after school clubs for cycling and balance bikes. Following her training, Miss Grubb has gone on to win us a delivery of 6 bikes last year, and today we have taken delivery of 2 more brand new bikes which we can't wait to start using! Thank you, Miss Grubb!

Easter Events

On Thursday 10th 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 10th April, our PTA will be holding our annual Easter egg hunt!



Young Writers

We have a very proud group of Lions children who have received Young Writer certificates! Each of these children have written a poem that is now going to be published in a book! Wow - published authors in Year 4!

What a great example of St Luke's children flourishing!!



Governor Learning Walk

When I came to visit on Wednesday 5th March, Mrs Baker accompanied me on a walk to visit different areas of the school. Small groups of pupils and their teaching staff were practising phonics together. The children were grouped by phonics level which enables them to flourish in their language development. Some children were working individually with teaching staff on tailored activities and were well engaged. We visited the Ark, where the children are provided with a calm and enriching learning space.

Lions and Tigers classes were each working hard on their English lessons when we visited them. Elephants class were well engaged in Times Tables Rockstars, Giraffes class were practicing using partitioning in Maths and Bears class were enjoying their discovery time in lots of ways, including riding the increasingly popular balance bikes. It was a joy to share these moments with everyone in the St Luke's family, keep up the good work and thanks for having me.

Suzie Watts



St Luke's VIPs!

This week's VIPs are: Leo (Bears), Khizr (Giraffes), Emely (Elephants), Ozzie (Tigers) and Savannah (Lions).

Collective Worship

In collective worship this week, we have continued our half term theme of 'EASTER'. We have focused on 'E is for Eating. We have shared the story of The Two Sisters and considered the two different approaches Mary and Martha had to following Jesus. Maureen from the Bridge Church has also shared the story of the Last Supper with the children.

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

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.



This week, we have been unable to hold our usual celebration worship due to our Mothering Sunday events. We look forward to seeing who has been flourishing in all they do next week!

