



St Luke's C E First School

21st March
2025

Dates for your Diary

March

Tuesday 25th @
2:45pm – Lions
Class Malvern
Meeting

Thursday 27th –
Tigers Class
Egyptian Day

Thursday 27th –
Mothering Sunday
Event Bears Class
@9:00am

Thursday 28th –
Mothering Sunday
Giraffes/Elephants
Event @ 9:00am
and Tigers/Lions
Event @ 2:30pm

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



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 has been wonderful this week to open our classrooms to our wider St Luke's family members for parents' evenings. The teachers have really enjoyed meeting with you to share all the great work your child is completing and to talk to you about their strengths and how well they are flourishing, not just academically, but in their all round development. Thank you to all parents/carers who attended these meetings.

We have loved the sunshine this week, which has only added to our OPAL playtime fun, and I have found myself at several points across the week standing back and reflecting on how amazing our school is, and how proud I am to be the Headteacher here with such wonderful children and such a dedicated and talented staff team. From watching Year 4 children complete their pedestrian training course so confidently, to hearing them sing their Easter songs and watching the sheer joy OPAL dancing has brought to so many this week, it has been wonderful!

Attendance:

Our attendance to date is **95.52%**



Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
97.67%	97.24%	97.6%	98.57%	98.62%	97.97%

Staffing

We have recently welcomed Mrs Bird to our school office, and in the past couple of weeks we have also welcomed Ms Read and Miss Powell to our team of Teaching Assistants. Also this week, our new teacher, Mrs Martin, has visited us, spending time in the Giraffes class getting to know the children. We look forward to welcoming her to the St Luke's family after Easter.

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/>



Music Grant

This week I have been informed that we have been successful in a grant I applied for earlier this year and we will soon be receiving £350 towards some new musical instruments for school. Watch this space!!

Parking

I have continued to receive positive feedback about our morning routine. However, it has been raised that there are cars parked on the yellow lines blocking the road, and causing potential hazards directly outside of school, while there is space on the bridge for parents/carers to park and then walk a slightly longer distance. Please consider carefully where you park – thank you.

Today, Jo Bussey from Little Oaks Preschool and I have met with Worcestershire County Councillor Brandon Clayton to discuss further improvements that can be made to make the area surrounding our school site safer. Brandon has agreed to put forward an application for a zebra crossing directly outside the school gate, and he is also going to arrange for a Highways Engineer to visit the surrounding area next week to look into the possibility of removing the double yellow lines on Plymouth Road in order to provide further parking space. I will keep you updated on further progress with this.

Mothering Sunday

Our fabulous PTA will be hosting a special Mothering Sunday event at the end of March. We invite one female member of the family to join their child in school for tea and cake on the following days and times:

Bears Class – Thursday 27th March at 9:00am

Giraffes & Elephants Classes – Friday 28th March at 9:00am

Tigers & Lions Classes – Friday 28th March at 2:30pm



Each class are currently working on a special something to say thank you to all the wonderful mums, nans, aunties, sisters etc. We hope to see lots of you in school for these events.

Lions Pedestrian Training

This week, our Lions children have completed the second part of their very important pedestrian training by completing their unescorted walk.

The children have put into practice all that they learnt from Mrs Wood last week about how to be a safe pedestrian, and have walked the set route independently, with adults stationed along the way to check they were being safe.

Well done to all our Lions and thank you to all our adult helpers – we couldn't have done it without you!



ECO Committee

Our ECO team have been out within our school grounds this week completing another litter pick. They collected 1 bag of rubbish. The Eco Council has pledged to collect 10 bags of rubbish for the Great Big School Clean which is between 21st March to the 6th April.



Lions Bikeability

What a brilliant morning some of our Lions class have had learning vital safety skills when riding their bikes. The feedback from the children is that they have had a fantastic time completing this Bikeability training, and the feedback I have been given from our instructors is that the children were 'outstanding'! during the training, the



children were seen to be encouraging and supporting each other, and everyone has passed the course – well done!

Tigers Hockey Event

On Wednesday, our Tigers class went to Redditch Hockey Club to practice their hockey skills with other schools from around Redditch. They particularly enjoyed playing hockey matches against other children and practising our skills including passing, dribbling and tackling. Again, this was another opportunity for our children to live out our school vision by encouraging each other during the activities and caring for each other in some of the more competitive elements.



After School Clubs

Our after school clubs continue to be very well received. This half term, the children are enjoying balance bikes, sewing, forest school/ECO, archery, lego and netball. We will soon be looking for our summer term clubs. If the children have any ideas or suggestions for these, please ask them to let us know.



St Luke's VIPs!

This week's VIPs are: Harley (Bears), Eve (Giraffes), Arlo (Elephants), Kevin (Tigers) and Aرسال (Lions).

Collective Worship

In collective worship this week, we have continued our half term theme of 'EASTER'. We have focused on 'T is for Temple and have shared the story of Jesus in the temple. From this story, the children could identify that Jesus worked hard and was keen to learn, and that Jesus thought it was important to learn about God as well as reading, writing and other subjects.

Also this week, Mrs Broughton has led a collective worship about the importance and history of Mothering Sunday.

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 Dawood (Bears), Khzir (Giraffes), Emely (Elephants), Abhinav (Tigers) and Debora (Lions).

Lunchtime Award Winners: Iyla and Emely (Elephants)

OPAL Golden Welly Winner: Aliya (Bears)

For the **fourth** week in a row, all 5 classes have received attendance certificate of the week for attendance over 95% - Brilliant!!

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: Aydin for always trying his best in all areas of his learning. He also ensures that our classroom environment is neat and tidy, despite not making the mess!

Giraffes: Amelia for accurate measuring work in maths.

Elephants: Hayden for his excellent, varied use of vocabulary in English and History.

Tigers: Grace EW for her excellent diary entry in History, describing a day in the life of an Egyptian building a pyramid.

Lions: Esme for improved independent writing. Esme is ensuring all spelling and grammar is correct during her editing and improving sessions. She has written a great story using all of our writerly skills.

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.

