



# St Luke's C E First School

7<sup>th</sup> March  
2025

## Dates for your Diary

### March

Week Beginning  
10<sup>th</sup> March –  
Science Week!

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> –  
Lions Class visit to  
the Mosque

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> –  
Lions class  
Stepping Out  
Pedestrian  
Training Part 1

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> –  
Lions class Cross  
Country Qualifying  
Race @  
Birchensale

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> –  
Bears Work with  
Me @ 2.15pm

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> –  
Lions class  
Stepping Out  
Pedestrian  
Training Part 2

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> –  
Tigers class  
Hockey event @  
Redditch Hockey  
Club

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> – Lions  
class Bikeability



### **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)*

This week in Collective Worship, we have reflected on our school vision and what 'flourishing in all that we do' means. I asked the children whether they thought this meant that we flourish in our curriculum subjects, and they were quick to tell me that it goes much wider than this! The children were able to articulate that our school supports them to flourish through their wider curriculum opportunities, such as school trips and clubs and that they are also flourishing in their play!

Our OPAL play has certainly moved up a notch with the introduction of 'Welly Wednesday' and 'Field Friday' and seeing our children flourishing in their play is nothing short of joyous!

This week has been very busy with special visitors and World Book Day. The children have enjoyed learning about keeping safe through our carbon monoxide assembly and workshops and, although I was sadly not in school for World Book Day, I have heard it was a wonderful day!

Next week is also a very busy one – especially for our Lions class – and all classes will also be celebrating Science Week!

### **Attendance:**

Our attendance to date is **95.33%**



| Bears  | Giraffes | Elephants | Tigers | Lions  | Whole School |
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| 95.65% | 95.17%   | 97.6%     | 99.29% | 98.62% | 97.23%       |

## Parents' Evening

Our Spring term parent/carer consultations will be held on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** from 3:30pm – 6:30pm. The link to sign up for an appointment has been sent out by Mrs Bird to the email address we have on file for each parent/carer. If you have not received this email, please contact Mrs Bird in the school office.

## Science Week 2024 – Change and Adapt!

*Next week is Science week!* We have a very exciting time planned for *Science Week* as we explore this year's theme of "**Change and Adapt!**"

The world around us is constantly evolving—whether it's our climate, technology, or the way we live and work. Throughout the week, children will dive into

hands-on investigations and experiments to discover how nature, science, and technology adapt to change. They'll also explore the incredible careers and skills in STEM that help us tackle challenges and shape the future. We will be sending home some ideas for activities you can complete at home, as well as regular updates about the investigations the children have been taking part in during their time at school!



## Bedtime Stories

A big thank you to Mrs Broughton and the PTA for organising our annual bedtime stories event to help celebrate World Book Day – it was lovely to see the children back in school in their pjs listening to stories and enjoying their hot chocolate and biscuits! Thank you to all our staff who also gave up their time to support this event!

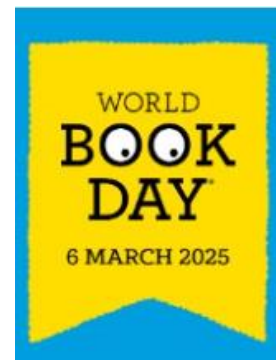


## World Book Day

The children had a wonderful day celebrating World Book Day 2025 on Thursday. Our day started by everyone arriving at school snugly in their pjs to enjoy a day of stories and book related activities.

The book swap event took place in the hall and was a huge success! All the children who took part were very pleased with the 'new' books they chose to take home. In the afternoon, the children swapped classes so there were a few children in each classroom from every year group. They then spent 20 minutes all sharing stories together. This was lovely as all the older children instantly gravitated towards the younger children to read to them.

Throughout the day, every child made their own book mark which they will have brought home along with their World Book Day Book voucher.



We will certainly be running more pupil book swaps in the future – watch this space!



## PCSO Road Safety Assembly

Today we had a visit from the PCSOs who taught us all about road safety. The PCSOs shared the Green Cross Code with the children and talked to them about the importance of taking care and being vigilant when near roads. The PCSOs have set the children a challenge of designing a road safety poster, which lots of pupils were keen to complete!

Again, we noticed today that with the PCSOs outside the school at morning drop off, there were no cars parked on the double yellow lines and the zig zags – and all children were in school on time by 8:50am. This shows us that all our children can be dropped off at school within the 10 minute time available, without parents/carers needing to park in unsafe areas around the school.



## Carbon Monoxide Workshops

This week we have welcomed Bonanza Creative to school to deliver an assembly and safety workshops around the potential dangers of carbon monoxide.



Carbon Monoxide (CO) is an incredibly poisonous gas that poses a serious threat to health if exposure occurs. It's known as the 'silent killer' because we can't see, hear, smell, taste or touch it. Bonanza Creative are on a mission to raise awareness about carbon monoxide safety in primary schools to help keep children and their families safe – and this will be done in a child friendly way. By participating in the workshops, the children will receive free activity packs, including pens, keyrings, booklets, and a free CO alarm.



### St Luke's VIPs!

This week's VIPs are: Grayson (Bears), Haaniya (Giraffes), Iyla (Elephants), Grace D (Tigers) and Tilda (Lions).

## Collective Worship

In collective worship this week, we have continued our half term theme of 'EASTER'. We have focused on 'A is for Authorities, and the fact that as Jesus is God's son, then Jesus has God's authority. However, by using his power and authority, this meant some of the church leaders didn't want him to do things differently – they wanted the authority themselves, and so they would try to trick him. We enjoyed sharing a story from Matthew's Gospel (Caesar and money). We have also enjoyed a visit from Paul from Southcrest Church and Reverend Ruth from the Bridge who has shared the story of Story of Nicodemus.

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 Ayaat (Bears), Eliza (Giraffes), Aiza (Elephants), Ursula (Tigers) and Lustina (Lions).

**Lunchtime Award Winners: Zach (Bears) and Maryam (Lions)**

**OPAL Golden Welly Winner: Haniya (Elephants)**

For the second 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: Liza for her super Literacy writing this week.

Giraffes: Emilia for trying really hard to use her phonics with her writing.

Elephants: Bebe for her efforts with forming her letters correctly using Brave Monkey's line for her ascenders and Scared Monkey's line for most other letters.

Tigers: Rehman for his effort and enthusiasm in RE when learning about the Exodus, discussing how Moses, the Pharaoh and the Israelites would each be feeling during this important Jewish story.

Lions: Momina for independently using skills from her interventions and English lessons to deepen her understanding in foundation subjects.

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.

