



St Luke's C E First School

27th
February
2026

Dates for your Diary

March

Wednesday 4th –
Lions Class
Pedestrian
Training Part 1

Thursday 5th –
World Book Day!

Friday 6th – Lions
Class 2nd Adopt a
Chef Session

Friday 6th – KS2
Girls Football
Event @
Redditch United

From Monday 9th
– SCIENCE WEEK

Tuesday 10th –
Lions Class
Mosque Visit



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.

This short half term has got off to a flying start this week, with our new after school clubs being a bit hit and some fantastic new learning taking place in all year groups!

I have had the pleasure of showing three different sets of visitors around St Luke's this week, and they have been so complimentary of the children's learning and behaviour, as well as amazed by all the additional activities and experiences we offer our children.

Parents Evening Dates

We have parents' evenings on 24th March and 26th March for all classes. You will be able to book your slot for this from 5.30pm today.

Please book by 22nd March, after this day the booking system will close.

If you have any issues making a booking please see Mrs Bird in the office who will be happy to help.

Attendance:

Our year to date attendance is: 96.93%



Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
92.5%	95%	94.83%	99.23%	97.41%	95.71%

Careers Week

March is 'Building Bright Futures' month across the Shires Trust, giving us the fantastic opportunity to focus on Careers delivery with a wealth of different activities. The month also incorporates National Careers Week (2-7 March), British Science Week (6-15 March) and International Women's Day (8 March). We would love to start to inspire our children with thoughts of what they would like to do in the future for their career. We are interested in arranging for visitors to come in to talk to classes about their chosen career paths and jobs they have done in the past. Some of our staff will be speaking to the children about their previous jobs before St Luke's, including their first roles and jobs away from education. If any parents/wider family members would like to come in and speak to the children about careers (this is open to ALL jobs), please speak to me on the playground or send me a Dojo message so we can arrange this – thank you in advance for your support with this.



On Friday 27th March we are inviting all children to come to school 'dressed for success' – with the idea being that the children come to school dressed for the future career they would love to have. We look forward to seeing everyone's outfits, which will spark further careers discussions.

Potential Wrap Around Provision at St Luke's

Today is the final day to complete the online survey about your needs regarding wrap around care.



Some information from LSC:

LSC Multi-Activity wraparound clubs offer fun, active, engaging and creative activities delivered by a team of friendly childcare practitioners. From arts & crafts, to multi-sports and Nerf, each club offers a mix of practitioner-led activities and child-led play promoting an engaging but supportive environment for physical development and mental wellbeing.

Our Multi-Activity Wraparound Programme offers:

- ▶ Breakfast Clubs: from 7:30am until start of the school day, children will receive breakfast.
- ▶ After School Clubs: Standard day collection until 6pm and short day pick up until 4:30pm.

Please click the link below to answer a few short questions about this so that LSC can see if this could be a viable option for us. Thank you.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KWTY8JW>

Year 4 Cross Country

Unfortunately, due to the conditions of the field at Birchensale, this event has been cancelled. We hope it can be re-arranged for later this term!

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.

KS2 Learn to Ride

Some pupils in Key Stage 2 have taken part in 'learn to ride' cycling training this week. Everyone attempted learning this new skill with such determination and perseverance...it was amazing to see how quickly they started to grow in confidence and ride without adult support!



Giraffes Visit to Singers Hill

Our Giraffes class had an exciting visit to Singers Hill Synagogue this week to deepen their understanding about Judaism. We started our day in the children's synagogue. It had stained-glass windows and a small Ark where they keep the Torah. We then went into the main synagogue, which was beautiful. We enjoyed seeing the red and blue stained-glass window (which is actually in the logo of the synagogue) and standing on the Bima where the Rabbi addresses the congregation. Our tour guide opened the Ark, and we were amazed to see not one, but eleven Torah scrolls! It was an interesting morning and it was lovely to see such a special building.



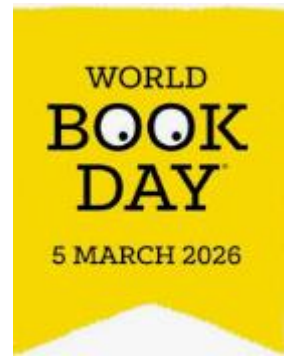
World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

We are delighted to share our plans for **World Book Day**, and as always, pupils at St Luke's are already very excited for the celebrations!

This year's theme is **"You Are a Reader!"**, celebrating the joy of reading in all its forms.

Pyjama Theme

We have held a democratic vote in school, asking the children to choose their preferred dressing-up theme, and we had an overwhelming majority in favour of wearing pyjamas. We look forward to a cosy, book-filled day together!



Biscuit and Book Swap – Families Welcome – PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATES/TIMES:

EYFS: 8:45am – 9:15am

KS2: 9:15am – 10:00am

KS1: 2:45pm – 3:15pm

Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us for our Biscuit and Book Swap event at the following times:

Each class will also perform a short poem or story during their session.

After half term, we will begin collecting book donations. Children who donate a book will receive a book swap token, which they can use at the event to choose a new book to take home.

Reading Buddies

Our Reading Ambassadors are organising a whole-school Reading Buddy session. Classes will pair up to share stories and enjoy reading together across year groups.

In-Class Activities

Throughout the day, children will also take part in a variety of fun, engaging reading-themed activities in their classrooms.

Bears Class Police Visit

What an exciting day we had when two friendly police officers visited our classroom! The children were absolutely fascinated to learn all about the important work that police officers do in our community to keep everyone safe.

The highlight of the visit was definitely when the children got to try on some of the police officers' equipment! They took turns wearing the police hats, high-visibility jackets, and even got to feel how heavy the police belt is with all its special equipment. You should have seen their faces light up as they transformed into mini police officers!

The officers were wonderful with the children, answering all their curious questions about police cars, helping people, and what it's like to be a police officer. The children have been busy in our role-play area ever since, taking turns being police officers and helping to keep our classroom community safe.

It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn about people who help us and to see real-life connections to our learning about community helpers.



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!

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day (see information above)

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 started our new half termly theme, with our focus word being 'CROSS'. This week's letter was 'C is for Choice'.

We thought about the following –

In our St Luke's family, we say we **trust and rely on God's teaching**.

But what happens when following God's teaching feels difficult?

Before Jesus went to the cross, He had a choice to make.



We shared the story of Jesus praying in the garden of Gethsemane from Luke's Gospel and discussed how Jesus was afraid. He knew suffering was coming and he asked if there was another way. But in the end, He chose to trust God's plan.

We linked this to our school vision and how in our caring and nurturing environment, we make choices every day to:

Encourage one another

Forgive

Tell the truth

Include others

Be respectful

Try our best

NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe

All classes this week have taken part in the Speak Out Stay Safe Programme. The programme is aimed to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom based activities. We have reviewed the content of the resources which will be delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy. If you would like to know more about the Speak out. Stay safe. programme visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout



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 Faith (Bears), Elias (Giraffes), Reggie (Elephants), Eesah (Tigers) and Abhinav (Lions).

NSPCC Pantosaurus

Today, all classes have completed the NSPCC PANTS lesson and activities. These Talk PANTS lessons are to help children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell a safe adult they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried.

For further information and advice for families please follow this link
https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/pants-underwear-rule/?utm_old=pants



Lunchtime Award Winners: Uzair (Tigers) and Tilly (Elephants)

Golden Welly: Taro Giraffes

Well done to Giraffes, Tigers and Lions 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: Taha for super focus and engagement in phonics sessions and creating CVC words during continuous provision.

Giraffes: Aizah for increased confidence and independence with her work, and for applying her phonics and writerly skills in her writing.

Elephants: Eliza for her brilliant attitude towards her learning in all subjects but especially in her English. I am impressed with her choice of vocabulary and sentence structure. Her dedication to improving her writing and selecting word choices for effect blows me away!

Tigers: Vanessa for settling in confidently and showing fantastic enthusiasm for learning, particularly in writing an innovation of an unfamiliar text.

Lions: Hayden for his excellent ideas for classifying and grouping living things in Science.

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://qrco.de/minfec>.