



St Luke's C E First School

31st
January
2025

Dates for your Diary

February

Week Beginning
3rd – Children's
Mental Health
Week

Tuesday 4th –
Work with Me
Lions

Wednesday 5th –
Work with Me
Giraffes

Tuesday 11th –
Safer Internet Day
/ Work with Me
Tigers

Wednesday 12th –
Lions Adopt a Chef
2nd session / Work
with Me Elephants

Friday 14th – Break
up for Half Term

Monday 24th –
School Re-opens
for Spring 2

March

Thursday 6th –
World Book Day



This week...

It has been a slightly quieter week in school, but with lots of great learning happening across every class!

Next week we are looking forward to the start of our spring term 'work with me' sessions – we hope to see lots of you in school to share the children's learning and join them in a task.

Bears Work With Me Sessions:

We hope to see lots of parents and carers in school on the following dates at 2.15pm – 3.15pm to work with your child.

Thursday 13th Feb – maths focus

Thursday 13th March – activity linked to changing/growing topic

Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is 'Know Yourself Grow Yourself' and every class will be spending time focussing on this throughout the week and discussing the importance of looking after our mental health. Class teachers will be sharing examples of the activities completed on Class Dojo. If you would like to find out more about Children's Mental Health week, you can visit the website:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

Attendance:

Our attendance to date is **95.03%**



Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
96.0%	96.0%	91.54%	95.17%	92.76%	94.38%

Goodbye!

Today we have said 'goodbye' to Mrs Warrender, our Finance Administrator, as she moves to the Endeavour Schools Trust central team now that we are officially academizing. Mrs Warrender has been working with us here at St Luke's for 15 months and has been a vital member of our admin team. However, with the academisation and all of the finance work for schools within the trust being dealt with by the central team, we have needed to say a fond farewell. We wish Mrs Warrender all the best in this new role, and I know we will keep in contact, and that she will be able to help us with our finances moving forward!

Mrs Cox has been a wonderful help to us over the past 3 weeks covering the office and supporting Mrs Bird in her induction to her new role...but I am pleased to say that she can now fully go and put her feet up and enjoy her well-earned retirement.



ECO Council

The Spring term has just started and already the Eco Council are thinking about our school and the environment. The Eco Council have recently planted around 50 daffodil bulbs in the playground which we are excited to watch grow. We have also completed our first litter pick in the playground, we were surprised at the amount of rubbish we collected.



Reminder - Cupcakes Catering

We have been informed by our school caterers that they are increasing the price of school lunches to £2.45 from 1st March 2025. We have been fortunate that our school meal prices have not increased since we joined Cupcakes almost 2 years ago, but unfortunately, due to rising costs, they have needed to make this decision. This price increase will not affect those who are in receipt of free school meals.

National Story Telling Week

National Story Telling Week is taking place from 1st – 9th of February.

What is National Storytelling Week?

This fantastic annual event is a joyful celebration of the power of sharing stories. Stories teach us about the world; they allow us to step into someone else's shoes and feel empathy; they help us to relax and escape and they can help develop essential literacy skills.



As a school, we prioritise reading and share stories with the children daily. We will continue to do this during national story telling week and hope that you might share more stories at home over the next week or so.



St Luke's VIPs!

This week's VIPs are: Rory (Bears), Eliza (Giraffes), Hafsa (Elephants), Grace EW (Tigers) and Nancy (Lions).

Collective Worship

In collective worship this week, we have continued to focus on our half termly theme of 'GOSPEL'. We have focused on 'P is for Prayer' and the children have learned about the Lord's Prayer, as well as the importance of prayer to Christians. In our reflection area, we are inviting the children to come and write 'Teaspoon Prayers' to say 'thank you, sorry and please' to God.

This week's Picture News Question was:

Who should be involved in key decisions for the world?

As part of our Picture News assembly, the children consider and reflect on the British Values. This week, they have been considering the British Value of Democracy.



Democracy

We all have the right to share our ideas and be listened to. At COP29, world leaders showed democracy in action by working together to make decisions that will protect our planet.

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 Nicholas (Bears), Isla & Yusha (Giraffes), Noah (Elephants), Kevin (Tigers) and Ibrahim & Maryam (Lions).

Lunchtime award winners: Hayden (Elephants) and Eliza (Giraffes)

OPAL Golden Welly Winner: Shakir (Elephants)

Bears, Giraffes and Tigers classes have received attendance certificate of the week for attendance over 95% - well done!

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: Florence for her Literacy work. She acknowledges that she will not always get everything perfect and allows herself to make mistakes and try again if needed!

Giraffes: Isla for always trying her best and listening carefully in class and Yusha for showing understanding and respect when learning about Shabbat in RE.

Elephants: Ella for an excellent re-tell of the story of Bog Baby.

Tigers: Aleks for her fantastic effort using her times table facts in Maths - She is also our first to 'Go Green' on Times Table Rock Stars!

Lions: Lashley for applying himself in our recent Maths lessons and becoming more confident with using his multiplication skills to reason and find out whether something is always, sometimes or never true.

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.

