



St Luke's C E First School

17th
January
2025

Dates for your Diary

January

Week Beginning
20th – All classes
to complete
NSPCC's Speak
Out, Stay Safe
activities

Wednesday 22nd –
Elephants Class
Sporhall Athletics
at Trinity High
School

Friday 24th – SEN
Sport Event at
Arrow Vale

February

Wednesday 12th –
Lions Adopt a Chef
2nd session

Friday 14th – Break
up for Half Term

Monday 24th –
School Re-opens
for Spring 2



HOPE



TRUST



JUSTICE



FORGIVENESS



HUMILITY



RESILIENCE

This week...

Cornet lessons, swimming lessons and a wide range of fun after school clubs have kept us busy this week! The children are continuing to work extremely hard and are impressing their teachers and teaching assistants every day.

We have had confirmation this week that our academy conversion will take place on **1st February** and therefore, from this date, we will officially be part of the Endeavour Schools Trust. More information will be shared soon.

Work with Me Sessions

I am pleased to share our spring term 'work with me' dates. We invite parents/carers into the classroom from 2.15pm – 3.15pm on the dates below to work alongside your child. On this occasion, we will also be allocating some time for the children to share their work books with you so you can see first hand the excellent work they are producing.

Giraffes: Wednesday 5th February

Elephants: Wednesday 12th February

Tigers: Tuesday 11th February

Lions: Tuesday 4th February

Attendance:

Our attendance to date is **95.03%**.

Despite reminders, we still have high numbers of children arriving at school after the gate has closed at 8.50am. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time. Arriving late can cause disruption to learning and children who are late can often be upset on entering the classroom.



Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
93.22%	97.0%	98.08%	96.9%	94.14%	95.82%

Music Lessons

This week, our brass music lessons have started, with three children in Key Stage 2 starting to learn the cornet! These lessons are a great way to raise the profile of music within our school and for the children to learn a new skill. I couldn't believe how confident the group was – after only a few minutes, they were having a go at playing several notes!



Public Health Innovation Grant

We had some great news this week when I received an email informing me that a grant application Mrs Burling and I put forward before Christmas has been accepted. We will soon be receiving a grant for £3000 to help us to further develop our OPAL playtime offer further. Well done Mrs Burling and thank you for all of your ideas for OPAL and for the grant application!

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.

We will be hearing from Cupcakes soon with information regarding our new lunch menu. This new menu, which will launch from February, will also include a Halal option for all chicken dishes.

Speak Out, Stay Safe

Next week, all classes will be completing activities linked to the NSPCC's Speak Out, Stay Safe programme.

Speak out, Stay safe is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims 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 which we have reviewed.

The content is 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.



E-Safety – Tik Tok

We have recently needed to speak to some parents about the children informing us that they have been watching age inappropriate content online or playing age inappropriate games. As part of our computing teaching, we frequently teach the children about online safety and making sure they share any concerns with a trusted adult. We also share online safety tips each with parents/carers through our weekly newsletters and we hope you find these useful.

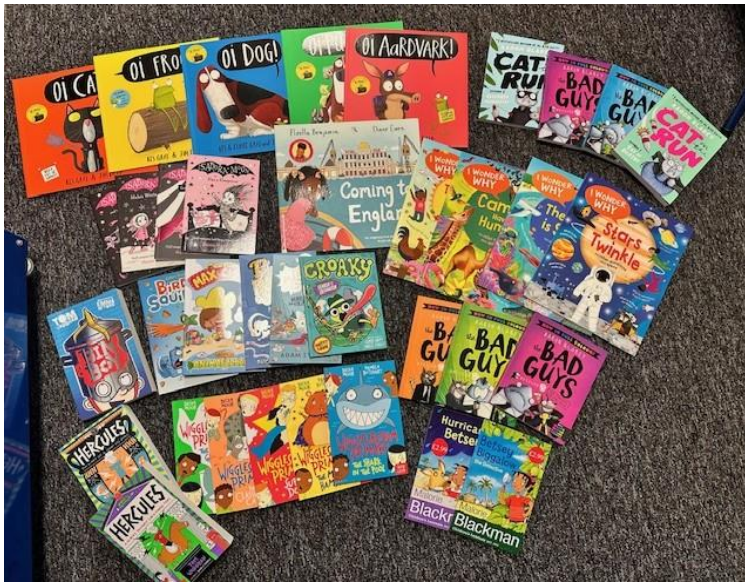
This week, the online safety poster is related to the social media platform TikTok.

Among children – and especially teenagers – TikTok boasts approximately 220 million users, providing a near-endless reel of short clips intended to entertain, educate and more. However, along with its enormous userbase comes a significant number of possible risks: Ofcom have dubbed it the most likely app on which teen users would potentially suffer harm.

With the platform reaching astronomical levels of success among the younger generation, it's vitally important for parents and educators to understand the risks it poses. This free guide lets you know about the most prominent potential dangers associated with TikTok and offers expert advice on how to safeguard youngsters who are navigating the site.

Reading Ambassador Update

Before Christmas the Reading Ambassadors asked their classes which books they would like to see in our school library. The school were then able to purchase these using the money raised from the Scholastic Book Fair. Here are the lovely new books we now have in our library!



The Reading Ambassadors have now been set another task. They are to ask their class for ideas on how we could celebrate World Book Day in school this year. It would be really helpful if you could discuss some ideas with your child at home, so they can share these during the class discussions which will take place next week.

We can't wait to hear all their ideas and plan our World Book Day celebration!

Data Collection

On Monday, your child will be coming home with a data collection sheet which contains the details that we hold for them on our MIS system in school. Please double check this document carefully and return it to the school office if there are any errors or updates which are needed. This might be a change of address/Doctor's Surgery or a new mobile phone number that you now have. Thank you.

St Luke's VIPs!

Last week, we launched our very first school rule VIP reward. The staff are looking out for children who consistently show and model our school rules of 'Ready, Respectful, Safe' and each week will choose one person from each class to be the 'VIP'. The VIPs will be presented with a special certificate and will be the line leaders for the week, wearing a special class lanyard. They will also have the opportunity to meet together with me for hot chocolate and biscuits.

Our very first VIPs were: Huzaifa (Bears), Emilia (Giraffes), Aiza (Elephants), Ursula (Tigers) and Esme (Lions).

This week's VIPs are: Aizah (Bears), Sarah-Aliza (Giraffes), Haniya (Elephants), Abhinav (Tigers) and Mia (Lions)



Collective Worship

In collective worship this week, we have continued to focus on our half termly theme of 'GOSPEL'. We have thought more about the meaning of the word 'Gospel' and the 'Good News' which is shared through the Bible. We have shared the story of the parting of the Red Sea from the Old Testament to show that God is all powerful and Maureen from the Bridge Church has shared the story of Jesus Calms the Storm. We have also enjoyed a visit from Paul from Southcrest Church.

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 H (Bears), Jasio (Giraffes), Iyla (Elephants), Rehman (Tigers) and MeMe (Lions).

Lunchtime award winners:

OPAL Golden Welly Winner:

Giraffes, Elephants 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: Xander for his amazing maths work using the part, part whole model to find different ways of making 6, 7 and 8.

Giraffes: Salomi for showing great resilience in English this week when learning how to ask and write questions.

Elephants: Amara for using excellent adjectives and verbs in her written description.

Tigers: Muhammad for confidently and independently adding and subtracting within 20.

Lions: Hannah for excellent Science work! She is always listening well and giving excellent explanations in Science. We have been learning about sound and how it travels to our ears. She was able to explain this in great detail to her peers.

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.

