



St Luke's C E First School

13th
February
2026

Dates for your Diary

February

Monday 23rd –
Back to School

Tuesday 24th –
Learn to Ride for
KS2 (pupils who
have signed up
to this)

Wednesday 25th
– Year 4 Cross
Country Qualifier

Wednesday 25th
– Giraffes Trip to
Singers Hill
Synagogue

March

Wednesday 4th –
Lions Class
Pedestrian
Training Part 1



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)**

While January always seems to last forever, it also feels that this first half of the spring term has flown by! As always, we have packed lots into each week, and the children continue to impress their teachers with their enthusiasm and progress. As we look ahead to the second half of the spring term, we all hope for some better, drier weather, with more children accessing the field for OPAL play...to enjoy our **two** new boats amongst other activities!

I would like to thank all our staff who have run after school clubs this half term – it has been a delight to see the children enjoying these experiences and learning new skills. Our spring 2 clubs start from Monday 23rd February. If your child has been successful in gaining a place, you will have received a letter about this.

A reminder, school re-opens on Monday 23rd February – we look forward to seeing you all then! Have a great half term break!

Attendance:

Our year to date attendance is: **96.99%**



Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
96.79%	95.67%	97.24%	100%	97.78%	97.43%

PTA Pancake Breakfast – Friday 13th February

What a great start we had to today with our PTA Pancake Breakfast! Thank you to Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Burling for organising this event and to our PTA for supporting us – everyone had a wonderful time!



Potential Wrap Around Provision at St Luke's

As many of you will know, we have previously consulted with parents/carers about the possible need in our community for a breakfast club and after school provision. So, far our consultations with parents have shown that there hasn't been a need for this, but I am aware that family circumstances change frequently and so we are consulting with you on this again.



I have recently been to visit a school in Birmingham to see the company LSC in action during their after school club provision. I was really impressed with what I saw and so LSC are now looking to potentially set up here at St Luke's and would like to know from you what the need would be around this.

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>

Safeguarding Audit

At the end of January, we had a full day safeguarding audit completed by Brightcore Consultancy. I am pleased to share that the reviewer's report comments that there is a clear culture of safeguarding and pastoral care here at St Luke's and that our pupils feel safe and supported. One of the tasks the reviewer completed during the day was speaking to a group of children. Here is an extract from the write up about this conversation with pupils:

It is clear that pupils at St Luke's feel safe and supported. They feel that there are adults in the school who they can and would report concerns to. They are confident they would be listened to. Pupils understood the term 'bullying; and said bullying rarely happens, and if it does staff deal with it quickly to ensure it is

resolved. The children are able to give examples of how they are educated to keep themselves safe, both online and offline. They demonstrated knowledge of online safety and shared topics from lessons on road safety, stranger danger, mental health and wellbeing. They were able to give numerous examples of how they have contributed to positive changes in the school, including securing new OPAL equipment, organising trips and choosing new books for their classroom and library. When discussing any changes they would like to make at the school, the children found it difficult to identify anything they would want to change, with one child commenting "school is pretty much perfect."

Work with Me

We have completed our spring term 'work with me' sessions this week with two fantastic sessions for Reception and Elephants classes. It is always so wonderful to see parents/carers and family members joining the children in school and working with them in their learning. The children love it and so do we!



Safer Internet Day

We celebrated Safer Internet Day this week. Mrs Martin led a whole school worship on Monday introducing the theme and each class has then completed activities to raise the profile of keeping safe online.



Don't forget our poster competition:

As part of our Safer Internet Day activities, we are launching a whole-school competition. Children are invited to create a poster, at home, that shows how to stay safe online. These posters will then be judged by our Online Safety Team and the winning design will be displayed around school.

If you would like to take part:

1. Make your poster
2. Bring it in and give it to your teacher (don't forget to put your name on that back)
3. Wait to see if your poster is the winning design!

Free Training for Parents & Carers: Understanding Exploitation and Online Safety Friday 6th March 2026 at 10:00

West Mercia Police are offering a free online session for parents and carers to help them better understand the risks of exploitation and online safety for children of all ages.

Format: Free online event

Who it's for: Parents, carers, and guardians of children and young people.

This accessible and informative session will help parents and carers build confidence in recognising risks and supporting their children to stay safe. It will cover:

- Spotting the signs of exploitation and knowing when something isn't right
- How to keep children safe online, including practical steps families can take

- The influence of online personalities and influencers on children's thinking, behaviour, and self-image
- Useful, easy-to-follow safety tips that parents and carers can use straight away

You can get tickets for this free event here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-safety-child-exploitation-session-for-parents-and-guardians-tickets-1981838351860?aff=erelexpmlt>

Shires MAT Mile

Now that we are part of the Shires MAT, we are invited to join in with their whole Trust events. Over half term, they are running a 'Shires MAT Mile' event, encouraging children, families and staff to get outside and walk/run/ride a mile...or more!

Please see the letter attached and if you do take part, you can log your miles via this Microsoft form below.

I'll be taking part, I hope you will too!



<https://forms.office.com//Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=0RabBXdlZ0WeMIsQQT8xkMFEKCouMfpPm3nbYRpjNOxUQTMyTUowWVRIRiFXQjcyVUkwQlhCSUpMSy4u&fromie=true>

Children's Mental Health Week

We have been celebrating Children's Mental Health Week 2026 is 'This is My Place', and our aim is to support the systems around children and young people to help them feel they belong. Each class has been completing activities to promote positive mental health. You can find out more about Children's Mental Health Week here:

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



In addition to the activities, each class delivered a special Children's Mental Health Week Collective Worship in class.

The focus was on 'our place' and knowing that we all have a special place(s) and that they are anywhere they feel safe, calm, happy, or like they belong.

Children shared their special places, some examples of these are:

"At home feeding my pet" Taro

"At home and a school" Alexia

"At the art gallery" Jemimah

"At my nan's house" Noah

"My Sonic bed" Theo M

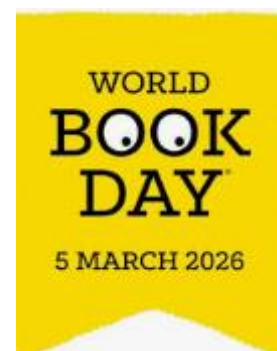
World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

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

This week, children voted for 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

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

- **EYFS:** 8:45am – 9:15am
- **KS1:** 9:15am – 10:00am
- **KS2:** 2:45pm – 3:15pm

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.

Think of the Month:

Our February Think is:

If you read a magazine in a shop without paying for it, is that stealing?



Some more of our responses so far -

No, because you haven't left the shop. Blake, Lions

No because you are still in the shop and haven't left yet so you are allowed to read it in the shop. Afiyah, Lions

Well no because you are looking at it before buying it, so no! Shannon, Lions

No because you are just reading it to see what is inside. You are not taking it. Yasmin, Elephants

You are reading it without asking. If it is in a library and you have a special card it is ok, but in a shop it is stealing. Eve Elephants

It's not stealing because you didn't take it home. Henza, Bears



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 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



Curriculum Days

Our Key Stage 2 classes have enjoyed History curriculum enrichment days this week – we've had Ancient Egyptians in Year 3 and Victorians in Year 4. Both classes have had a fantastic time deepening their History learning and have been able to tell me lots about their History topics following their learning this half term and these special experience days. Thank you to all our parents/carers for supporting us with costumes – the children all looked wonderful!



Collective Worship

This week we have completed our half termly theme, with our focus word being 'PRAYER'. This week's letter was 'R is for Responsibility'.

We thought about the following questions –

What does it mean to be responsible?

Who helps us know what the right thing to do is?



We talked about how **Responsibility** means doing what is right, even when it is difficult, and understanding that our choices affect others. We talked about the following –

Responsibility to God

Listening during prayer.

Trying to follow His Word in our lives.

Micah 6:8 reminds us of what God asks of us: "Act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God."

This helps us understand that being responsible to God means making fair choices, showing kindness, and remembering that God walks with us every day.

Responsibility to Others

Showing kindness and encouragement.

Caring for everyone as part of God's family.

Responsibility to the World

Looking after our environment.

Making choices that help others flourish.

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 Ryan (Bears), Zach (Giraffes), Jasio (Elephants), Bebe (Tigers) and Jessica (Lions).

Lunchtime Award Winners: Blake (Lions) and Haaniya (Elephants)

Golden Welly: Nevaeh (Bears)

Well done to **ALL** classes for attendance over 95% this week, and a very special mention to tigers for another massive 100%!



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: Lottie for developing friendships with others and inviting them to play during discovery time.

Giraffes: Huzaifa for flourishing in his learning by challenging himself to make his work even better.

Elephants: Yaseen for his increased independence in class in all lessons. He is now writing in full sentences with finger spaces and full stops at the end. I am also impressed with how nurturing he has been towards his peers.

Tigers: Mustafa for a creative innovation in French, challenging yourself to translate your writing, as well as exceptional improvement in your handwriting.

Lions: Grace D for her retelling from Odd and the Frost Giant.

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



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrc0.de/minfec>.