



St Luke's C E First School

6th February
2026

Dates for your Diary

February

Wk Beginning 9th
– Children's
Mental Health
Week

Tuesday 10th –
Safer Internet
Day

Friday 13th –
Break up for Half
Term

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



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)**

We are gearing up for a very busy time in school between now and the Easter break in March, especially for our Lions class who have a lot of events and activities coming up.! Please keep checking Class Dojo and the weekly newsletters for dates and further information.

I am delighted to inform parents/carers that we will be holding our Easter bonnet parade, followed by our Easter service at The Bridge Church on Thursday 26th March 9.15am. As last year, we will hold a parade on the playground before all classes walk to the Bridge for the service where they will each sing a song. We hope to see lots of you there!

As we are almost at the end of the first half of the spring term, our thoughts turn to our after school clubs offer for spring 2. Mrs Bird will soon be sharing the letter with the link on Class Dojo, so please sign up to book your child's place in the club/s they would like to attend.

Attendance:

Our year to date attendance is: 96.96%



| Bears | Giraffes | Elephants | Tigers | Lions | Whole School |
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| 94.29% | 97.93% | 97.59% | 97.2% | 99.26% | 97.25% |

Lions Class at Gorcott Hill

Our Lions children had another great forest school session last Friday at Gorcott Hill. They were kept busy learning 'all things maps' - map making, reading and following, with breaks for den building, hide and seek and a just little bit of mud!



PTA Pancake Breakfast – Friday 13th February

Mrs Griffiths, Mrs Burling and our PTA are organising a special 'pancake breakfast' to end the first half of the spring term.

The breakfast menu comprises of:

2 Pancakes

Choice of toppings - golden syrup, jam or banana

Fruit juice - orange/apple



If you wish your child/ren to attend the breakfast, a cost of £2 per child will be requested this to cover the costs of the refreshments. All money raised will go back into school funds to enable us to be able to provide resources and special items for the children.

Elephants Athletics Event

Our Elephants had a brilliant morning of athletics this week at Trinity High School! We were so proud of them all for trying new activities with such determination!



Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. Mrs Broughton and the Well Being Champions are planning some activities for this special week, and into the rest of the spring term.

The theme for 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 will be completing activities to promote positive



mental health – keep an eye on Class Dojo from 9th February to see that they are getting up to. You can find out more about Children’s Mental Health Week here:

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

Think of the Month:

Our new February Think is:

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



Some of our responses so far -

“No, because they might not like it so they need to check it first.” Phoenix, Elephants

“It’s not stealing if you put it back.” Faith, Bears

“If you’re not buying it, you can’t read it.” Bella, Bears

“No, because you are still in the shop.” Maisie, Lions

“It is stealing because they are reading it but not paying for it.” Ishanvi, Elephants

“No, because you’re not leaving the shop with it, you are reading it while you are there.” Grace E-W, Lions



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.

National Storytelling Week

This week, all classes have been taking part in national storytelling week. At St Luke’s we love stories and reading. Stories connect us. When we tell them, we share a piece of ourselves and invite others to do the same. Folk and fairy tales, myths and legends from around the world carry timeless themes we have in common, while also highlighting what makes each culture unique. At the same time, the everyday stories we share – a funny tale from work, a memory passed down by a grandparent, a family tradition or dramatic life event – are equally powerful in shaping how we connect with others.



National Storytelling Week is a chance to celebrate tales in all their forms, pass them on and enjoy their wisdom and wonder.

Each class has enjoyed some additional reading opportunities across the week and it was lovely to see Bears and Elephants join together to share a story time. Some classes have taken part in a live storytelling workshop with Annemarie Anang (an author and a musician). She read a story called I am Nefertiti; involving actions, music and dancing! The children enjoyed being involved and especially enjoyed the dance at the end!



Mrs Broughton has posted some reading packs on Class Dojo for each class. If you have any photos of your children taking part in the activities at home, we would love to see them!

Work with Me Spring Term

Thank you to all our parents/carers and wider members of our St Luke's family who have joined us in school this week for three of our 'work with me' sessions. We've had Year 4 testing their grown ups on their times tables facts, Year 3 tackling a range of Science experiments and Year 1 getting crafty! We hope you have all enjoyed the sessions and having the opportunity to work alongside your child in school.



Next week, we look forward to our sessions for Reception and Year 2!

Collective Worship

This week we have continued our half termly theme, with our focus word being 'PRAYER'. This week's letter was 'E is for Encourage'.

We thought about the following questions –

What does the word encourage mean?

How does it feel when someone believes in you?

How can we encourage others with our words, actions, and prayers?



We then shared the Bible story of Barnabas and Paul.

Paul had become a follower of Jesus, but many Christians were afraid of him. They did not trust him and did not want him to join them.

Barnabas stepped in.

He listened to Paul, believed him, and spoke up for him.

Because of Barnabas' encouragement, Paul was welcomed and able to grow in faith.

Our reflections:

Is there someone who needs encouragement today?

How can I show encouragement to others?

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 Estera (Bears), Alexia (Giraffes), Ollie (Elephants), Shakir (Tigers) and Zayn (Lions).

Lunchtime Award Winners: Phoenix (Elephants) & Arlo (Bears)

Golden Welly: Bella (Bears)

Well done to Giraffes, Elephants, Tigers and Lions for attendance over 95% this week!



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: Anayah for amazing Maths and doubling using numicon. She has found parts of a number.

Giraffes: Nicholas for trying really hard with his reading and for brilliant Fred Talking with his alien words.

Elephants: Haaniya for her brilliant science work; researching habitats, animals that live there and how animals adapt to survive in their habitat. I am impressed with how you use the 'find' tool to find answers to questions, which is a skill we have learned in computing this half term!

Tigers: Uzair for demonstrating fantastic enthusiasm for learning, being eager to challenge himself and always keen to help others.

Lions: Jacob for his efficient addition and subtraction of 4-digit numbers when solving word problems.

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...

| | |
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| 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...

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|----------------------|-----------------|
| 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>.