



St Luke's C E First School

13th March
2026

Dates for your Diary

March

Monday 16th –
School Photos

Tuesday 17th –
Lions Pedestrian
Training Part 2

Wednesday 18th
– Elephants &
Giraffes on a
local walk

Thursday 19th –
Rocksteady
Concert

Thursday 26th –
Easter bonnet
parade & Easter
Service at The
Bridge

Friday 27th – PTA
Easter Egg Hunt
/ Break up for
Easter



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.

All classes have been busy this completing Science week activities – there has been lots of 'curiosity' learning taking place, with the children considering the answers to some 'big' questions. It has been a pleasure to join our Tigers on another swimming lesson this week - they continue to grow in confidence in the water, and this progress is wonderful to see.

Our Mothering Sunday events have meant we have enjoyed welcoming lots of you into school for refreshments and to hear the children sing. Again, these events bring us so much joy as we love bringing together members of our St Luke's family.

Don't forget, our Easter Service at The Bridge Church is taking place on Thursday 26th March. The children are invited to come to school wearing their Easter bonnets and we will hold a short parade on the playground before the whole school walks to The Bridge – we hope lots of you will be able to join us for this!

Finally – please don't forget parents' evenings are taking place on Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th March. If you need confirmation of your appointment time, please contact Mrs Bird in the school office.

Attendance:

Our year to date attendance is: 96.95%



Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
98%	97%	96%	96.15%	99.26%	97.27%

Lions Class visit to the Mosque

This week, our Lions had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon at Redditch Central Mosque to learn more about its role as a place of worship, watch an example of afternoon prayer and learn about the importance of Muslim festivals and celebrations.



Mothering Sunday Events

We have loved welcoming all of our wonderful mummies and female members of the family into school this week for our Mothering Sunday celebrations! Thank you to our fantastic PTA for organising this event and thank you so much to everyone for coming – we hope you enjoyed it!



Careers Month

This week around school, posters have been going up telling the children about the job roles members of our staff team have had over the years. This is definitely sparking some curiosity with the children, who are keen to hear all about these jobs!

Please remember that on Friday 27th March, all children are invited to come to school dressed for their future career!



Think of the Month

Our new March Think is:

Can you accuse me of cheating if I don't know the rules?

Here are a few more of our responses from our Elephants:

No, you just need help with how to do it. Ahad

No because if you don't know the rules, you don't know what you are allowed to do. Yasmin

Yes, because you should ask what the rules are. Haaniya



Lions Bikeability Training

A group of Year 4 pupils have been developing their cycling skills this morning and they have all passed their Level 1 bikeability training – well done!



Science Week – 9th March

This week we have been taking part in British Science Week, exploring this year's theme of "Curiosity: What's your question?"

Over the week, every class has taken part in hands-on enquiries and investigations, using their own questions to spark discovery. From testing ideas and making predictions to observing results and drawing conclusions, our pupils developed their scientific thinking skills and learning that curiosity is at the heart of every great discovery.



Bears have explored 'How can we recycle dirty water?' and 'What does a plant need to grow?', exploring ways of filtering water and planting broad beans!

In Year 1, children have also explored 'How can we recycle dirty water?'. They explored using different materials to filter water and make it clean again!

In Year 2, Elephants have investigated the absorbency and strength of different materials and explored the question "What makes the best design for an airplane?", investigating different materials for building paper airplanes and how it affects the distance that it can fly.

Year 3 asked the question, "How can you tell how old a shark is?". They learned that a shark's age can be found by measuring its length, and the children had a go at comparing their age to their body length, plotting them onto graphs to see if the same theory can be applied to us!

In Year 4, Lions have also investigated "What makes the best design for an airplane?", creating three different flying designs and testing, comparing and improving them on the playground. We also asked the question, "What is the best vehicle for driving on the Moon?". This question encouraged us to consider the challenges you would face driving on the moon, creating buggy designs to overcome them and created a 3D prototype using Kinex!

Please see Class Dojo for all the photos of us being super scientists!

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.



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!

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 continued our new half termly theme, with our focus word being 'CROSS'. This week's letter was 'O is for Obedience' and we learnt about how Jesus was obedient to God even when things were very difficult.



We shared the story Jesus Before Pilate from the Gospel of Luke and thought about the following:

- Jesus was brought before Pilate.
- People accused Him even though He had done nothing wrong.
- Pilate could not find anything wrong with Jesus.
- The crowd shouted for Jesus to be punished.
- Jesus did not fight back or argue.
- Jesus trusted God and followed God's plan.

Jesus was obedient to God to the very end, even when it was unfair and very difficult.

Our Reflections this week:

When is it hard to do the right thing?

How can we show obedience in school?

How can we trust God like Jesus did?

Picture News: Do Gladiators make good role models? A new series of the television programme Gladiators has recently returned to screens, featuring athletes competing in physical challenges such as strength, speed and endurance events. The show is broadcast on the BBC and has attracted large audiences, including families and children. Gladiators train for many years to compete at a high level and often speak about discipline, teamwork and preparation.



The children felt this week's story linked to our school vision in the following ways:

Gladiators have to be resilient and work hard to get to be as good as they are at their sport.

Gladiators, contestants and spectators all support each other, they are part of a community.

Gladiators work hard to flourish in all they do.

Individual Liberty

Gladiators celebrates our freedom to choose who we want to be by working hard and developing our strengths. We can all respect the rights of others and play fairly.

Well done to all 5 classes 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.



Due to our Mothering Sunday events, we have not held our usual Celebration Worship this week – we look forward to finding out who has been chosen next week!

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
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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://qrc0.de/minfec>.