



St Luke's C E First School

20th March
2026

Dates for your Diary

March

Monday 23rd
March – Lions
class Malvern
meeting @
2.45pm

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

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

April

Monday 13th –
School Re-opens
for Summer 1

Tuesday 14th –
Year 3 Science
STEM challenge

Friday 17th – Year 4
Gorcott Hill
Year 3 School
Games event



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:

Eid Mubarak to all our families celebrating today!

We hope you are all having a wonderful time together and we look forward to hearing all about your celebrations next week!



It is hard to believe we are almost at the end of the spring term! Over the past couple of weeks, the children have been completing end of term assessments and the teachers are really pleased with how well they are all progressing in their learning. Next week, staff are looking forward to meeting with parents and carers to talk about this progress and share some highlights of your child's educational journey so far this year – we look forward to welcoming you into school for these appointments.

The children are really looking forward to performing their Easter songs in our Easter service next week and I know the PTA Easter egg hunt will be another highlight...I wonder if the Easter bunny will make an appearance?!

Attendance:

Our year to date attendance is: 96.7%



Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
92.57%	87%	92.67%	89.23%	94.07%	91.12%

Lions Pedestrian Training Part 2

This week, our Lions have completed their unescorted pedestrian walk in the local area. Everyone did brilliantly well and showed good understanding of road safety – well done!



Bears Spring Walk

Bears thoroughly enjoyed a walk to Southcrest Woods this week looking for seasonal changes. The children were brilliant nature detectives, spotting signs of spring everywhere they looked. From beautiful blossoms on the trees and daffodils pushing through the ground, to new green leaves unfurling and busy insects buzzing about. They didn't miss a thing!



Elephants Local Walk

Our Elephants have been out this week on a local walk developing their map skills!

Everyone was amazed at how tall the water tower is!



Careers Month

This week the children have enjoyed hearing from Miss Gibbons, Mrs Burling and Mrs Ishaq in collective worship and finding out about their career histories! Tigers and Lions also had a very special visit from the paramedics. The children explored a training ambulance, saw the lights and sirens in action and asked lots of thoughtful questions about the role. They discovered what it takes to become a paramedic and the important role they play in helping others. A huge thank you to Ellen Day (Grace's mum) for organising this for us.



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

Rocksteady Concert

We were blown away this week by our Rocksteady bands who performed to the whole school and family members! Your timing, musicality and performance were all amazing – we are all very proud of you!



Easter Egg Raffle

Thank you for all of your chocolate egg donations for our 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.



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

Tuesday 24th March & Thursday 26th March – Parents' Evenings

Thursday 26th March – Easter bonnet parade and Easter Service @ The Bridge 9.15am



Introducing our New School Governors

We are lucky to have recently welcomed two new school governors to St Luke's:

Amanda Worley

Hello, my name is Amanda and I'm delighted to be a governor at St Luke's CE First School. Since retiring from life as a primary school teacher in Redditch, I spend my time catching up with family and friends, and working as a volunteer at a local church. I love to walk, cycle and travel when I get the opportunity, and I have also written and self published a set of children's stories!



Madiha Hafeez

I am delighted to be joining the governing body as a Parent Governor. As both a parent and a governor, I look forward to working in partnership with staff, families, and pupils to support the school community and help ensure every child feels valued, happy, and able to achieve their very best.

Mental Health & Well-Being

Schools have been asked to share the following information with parents/carers:

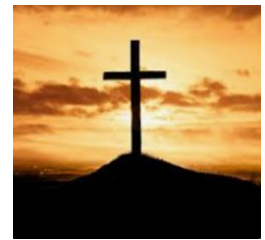
Mental health directory of services Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust has developed a universal Directory of Services for mental health for Children and Young People (CYP) for professional use. Its purpose is to provide a consistent way of describing levels of need for children and young people, using the iThrive model to ensure a shared language and understanding of mental health and wellbeing support across all settings. The directory brings together mental health and wellbeing services available to children and young people in Herefordshire and Worcestershire, including provision from health services, local authorities, the VCSE sector, and regional or national organisations. You can view the resource here:

<https://camhs.hacw.nhs.uk/find-support-cyp>



Collective Worship

This week we have continued our new half termly theme, with our focus word being 'CROSS'. This week's letter was 'S is for Sacrifice'. We thought about the fact that A **sacrifice** is when we **give something up, or do something difficult, to help someone else.**



Link to school life:

When we make small sacrifices for each other, we help our St Luke's family feel caring, safe and supportive.

We shared the story of Jesus on the cross and learned that even though people were being unkind to him, Jesus said:

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

Even in pain, Jesus chose **forgiveness and love.**

Christians believe Jesus made the **greatest sacrifice**, giving his life because he loves people.

Our Reflections this week:

*What is one **small sacrifice** you could make this week to help someone else?*

Picture News: How might robots change our daily lives?

During China's Lunar New Year Gala, one of the world's most-watched TV shows, humanoid robots danced and performed kung-fu moves on stage. The robots could spin, jump, and move with music, showing how fast robotics technology is developing. Other Chinese-designed robots appeared at celebrations in New York, USA. The performances have sparked global conversations about how robots might be used in future entertainment and everyday life.



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

The people who designed and created the robots would have had to work together and encourage each other.

They would have had lots of moments where the robots malfunctioned so they would have had to show resilience to flourish.

You could not develop a relationship with a robot like a human, too many robots would take away jobs for humans.



Individual Liberty

Designers used their freedom and individual liberty to create the robots. The invention mixes tradition with new technology, leading to conversations about how robots might help us in the future.

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 Wkitoria (Bears), Grayson (Giraffes), Salomi (Elephants), Arlo (Tigers) and Isreal (Lions).



**Lunchtime Award Winners: Jayla and Oliver (Elephants)
Rehman (Lions) and Anaya (Bears) – please collect your prizes on Monday**

Golden Welly: Leo (Bears)

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 great reasoning in Maths using the vocabulary of tallest and shortest.

Giraffes: Rory for his excellent contributions in science. Every week Rory's curiosity is demonstrated in his questioning and scientific enquiry skills. He draws on his past knowledge to predict and plan and uses new vocabulary to articulate the why in his review - Well done Rory.

Elephants: Phoenix for his brilliant reading and writing lately. He is choosing interesting vocabulary in his writing and his handwriting is beautiful! I am impressed every reading session with his brilliant retrieval, inference and vocabulary skills. Keep it up!

Tigers: Emely for persevering in all that she does, always being eager to challenge herself and quick to help others.

Lions: Shannon for her excellent division of 2-digit numbers using short division.

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



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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>.