



St Luke's C E First School

27th March
2026

Dates for your Diary

April

Monday 13th –
School Re-opens
for Summer 1

Tuesday 14th –
Year 3 Science
STEM challenge

Friday 17th – Year
4 to Gorcott Hill
for 3rd Forest
School Session

Monday 20th –
KS2 Gorcott Hill
Forest School
Club (selected
pupils)

Wednesday 22nd
– Year 4 Cross
Country Final
(top 14 pupils)

Thursday 23rd –
KS2 Cinema Trip



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.

As we reach the end of the spring term, we look forward to some family time and slower days over the Easter break. We hope you all have an enjoyable time with your loved ones and find time to make some special memories. This term has been a short but very busy one! Spring 2 particularly has been packed with fantastic learning and lots of wider opportunities for our children. I would like to thank the staff for their ongoing hard work and efforts, and for going above and beyond to ensure everyone in our St Luke's family is flourishing. I know the teachers have really enjoyed meeting with parents/carers this week for parents' evening appointments as they have been able to share lots of highlights for every child so far this academic year. A big thank you to all of our wonderful children – you make us smile every day! We have recently welcomed 5 new pupils to St Luke's and it is heart-warming to see how well they have all settled into life at their new school – our children are so caring and nurturing towards each other.

HAPPY EASTER!

Attendance:

Our year to date attendance is: 96.69%

The top line shows this week's attendance and the bottom line the year to date attendance for each class.



Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
91.33%	97.33%	96.33%	98.46%	99.26%	96.43%
94.77%	95.75%	97.06%	97.69%	98.34%	96.69%



Dress for your future career day!

During the month of March, we have enjoyed hearing about the career history of our staff team. All staff have shared information about their previous jobs prior to entering education and prior to joining St Luke's. We have also had visits from the paramedics, a business owner and a published author! We have concluded our focus on careers by inviting the children to come to school dressed for their future careers – we've had teachers, footballers, Police Officers, pilots, nurses, astronauts and lots, lots more!



Easter Bonnet Parade & Service

What a wonderful time we had on Thursday with our Easter bonnet parade followed by our Easter service at The Bridge Church. Thank you to everyone for supporting our Easter bonnet parade – the children all looked wonderful! If you joined us in the church, I'm sure you will agree, the children's singing was amazing!!



A Fond Farewell

Today, we say a sad goodbye to Mrs Martin, who leaves us to take up a new position closer to home after Easter. We would like to thank Mrs Martin for all her hard work here at St Luke's – we have loved having her with us as part of our St Luke's family and we wish her every success for her future career!



Thank

Some final Thank responses for March!

Our question is -

Can I be accused of cheating if I don't know the rules?

If you're unsure of something, it is always best to check. Mrs Hirons-Reed

Yes, it is cheating. Arlo, Bears

No because you don't know it's cheating. Tilly, Elephants

No because you might not have played before. Aiza, Tigers

No because you don't know the rules. Jemimah, Tigers



PTA Easter Egg Raffle

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Easter egg raffle over the past week...we had a huge turnout of eggs and a very excitable collective worship where the winning raffle tickets were drawn! Congratulations to all our winners and a huge thank you to Mrs Burling, Mrs Griffiths and the PTA for organising this fabulous event for the children – we raised a huge £210 which will be spent on OPAL/ECO and events organised by the PTA – all to benefit our children!



Well done to these children for winning the TESCO Easter egg design competition!



PTA Easter Egg Hunt

Our week has ended with a very exciting Easter egg hunt and a visit from the Easter bunny – please see the photos on Class dojo!

Fire Evacuation Drill

This week, we completed a surprise fire evacuation drill and we chose to do it during phonics when there are groups of children working around the school and not in their usual classroom setting. I am delighted to report that this practice was a huge success – everyone exited the building swiftly and sensibly, with everyone being in our safe area, all present and correct in order 3 minutes!



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.

Safe Car Parking

This week, I have been made aware of a situation on the church car park where a taxi has reversed into a parent's car, causing a significant amount of damage. Luckily, no one was injured in this accident, however it serves as a reminder to everyone that accidents such as these can happen, and they are more likely to occur if people are not driving and parking safely.



You will all know that I am frequently reminding and asking parents and carers to park considerately and drive carefully/safely around the school grounds. While many people are taking notice of this, it is clear not everyone is - I still see people parking on the side of the road closest to the school and driving at speed, and I am still receiving reports from parents about their concerns around the safety outside of school.

If you use a taxi for school drop off and collection, can I please ask that you speak to the driver about our expectations around safe driving and parking – thank you.

It is noticeable that on days when the traffic enforcement team are outside the school gates that parents/carers can park safely and considerately - if it can be done then, surely it can be done every day in order to keep all members of our St Luke's family safe.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Collective Worship

This week we have completed our half termly theme, with our focus word being 'CROSS'. This week's letter was 'S is for Salvation and Shine'. We shared the story of the empty tomb and Jesus rising from the dead. We also talked about **Salvation** means being saved— Jesus died and rose again so we can be close to God. We discussed how at St Luke's, we shine when we:



- Care for one another
- Encourage each other
- Build strong relationships
- Help everyone to flourish

Picture News:

Athletes from around the world have been competing in the Winter Paralympic Games in Italy. The Paralympics are an international sporting event for athletes with disabilities. This year's competitors took part in events such as skiing, snowboarding, wheelchair curling, and ice hockey. Many athletes train for years to compete at this level. Some have overcome injuries or health challenges, while others were born with disabilities. Using specialised equipment and incredible determination, they compete for medals.



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

We are all God's children and part of our St Luke's family, everyone is included.

We encourage each other and include everyone in all that we do. Everyone can flourish no matter what barriers they may have.



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

The Winter Paralympics value every athlete's achievements equally. By respecting differences, they make sure everyone has a fair chance to succeed and follow their dreams.

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 Jerome (Bears), Aliya (Giraffes), Gentian (Elephants), Luis (Tigers) and Ursula (Lions).



We also handed out the termly Headteacher awards to Arina (Bears), Harley (Giraffes), Tilly (Elephants), Aiza (Tigers) and Eleanor (Lions).

These children have been chosen for being excellent role models, hard workers and all-round super stars for the entire term. We congratulate them and thank them for all their hard work and efforts – A huge well done to you all!

Lunchtime Supervisor Award: Haaniya & Aleiza (Elephants)

Golden Welly Winner: Nicholas (Giraffes)

Team Point Winners: WATER

Today, we handed out 23 100% attendance certificates to children who have been in school every day of the school year so far – wow!

A further 35 children have received a certificate for 100% attendance for the spring term – amazing!!



Well done to Giraffes, Elephants, Tigers & Lions 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.



Bears: Avayah for having a great first couple of weeks settling in school and applying herself to all areas of learning even when things have been a little bit different to what she is used to.

Giraffes: Liza for her hard work and determination in her writing this week all about Stanley's Stick. She thought carefully about what she knew about the book and included it into her independent writing, as well as using an exclamative sentence and adjectives to describe!

Elephants: Emilia for her brilliant retell of Jack and the Beanstalk. She has used lots of adjectives to describe and she has remembered to use commas to separate these adjectives she has listed.

Tigers: Eliza for crafting an excellent setting description, choosing vocabulary very effectively.

Lions: Afiyah for her persuasive letter writing in English. She has used emotive language, fronted adverbials and a range of conjunctions to give her reasons for the flyover to be cancelled in our Jack and the Bakedbean Stalk story.

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>.