



St Luke's C E First School

17th April
2026

Dates for your Diary

April

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

Wednesday 29th
– Friday 1st May
– Lions Malvern
Visit

May

Monday 4th –
Bank Holiday,
school closed

Tuesday 5th –
Golf Experience
Day – All Classes



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.

Welcome back to the summer term! I hope you all had a relaxing Easter break spending time with your loved ones and that everyone is feeling refreshed and ready for the very busy term ahead.

As usual, our school calendar is jam packed, with extra-curricular experiences starting this week with Lions completing their third Gorcott Hill Forest School session, some Tigers pupils attending a School Games event in Bromsgrove and all of Tigers enjoying a Science STEM workshop – I can't wait for the rest of the fun activities this term!

Summer Term Work with Me Dates:

We hope you will be able to join us at 2:15pm on the following dates:

Bears: Wednesday 6th May

Giraffes: Wednesday 29th April

Elephants: Friday 1st May

Tigers: Thursday 30th April

Lions: Thursday 7th May

As usual, we are unable to accommodate younger siblings in the sessions.

Attendance:

Our year to date attendance is: **96.73%**



Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
96.67%	95.67%	99.3%	96.92%	99.26%	97.55%

YEAR 3 Science STEM Challenge

Tigers had a fantastic opportunity this week and took part in the Primary STEM challenge. They were tasked to create a model of a new theme park ride to be built at West Midlands Safari Park. They thought like engineers and created some fantastic models! Congratulations to the whole class for taking part and working extremely hard, and to our winning team, Bebe and Mustafa, who are invited to the district final in June!



Thunk

Our April Thunk –

If the hands fall off my clock, is it still a clock?



Here are some of our responses so far -

No, because it is just a bunch of numbers on a clock. Mustafa, Tigers

Yes, because it still has the main bits of a clock. Bertie, Tigers

No, because it can no longer tell the time and that is the whole purpose of a clock. Grace E, Lions

Yes, because it is a clock with no hands so it is just a handless clock, but it is still a clock. Eliza, Elephants

No, because the clock hands tell you the time. If there isn't any hands it would just be a number wheel with scales from 1-12. Tilly, Elephants

I agree with Tilly. We don't know the time if there aren't any hands. Reggie, Elephants

I think it is still a clock. If you can't tell the time, just check it on your phone. Khizr, Elephants

YEAR 4 Visit Gorcott Hill – Forest School

Lions have thoroughly enjoyed their final Forest School session at Gorcott Hill today, with the focus being on exploring habitats!





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.

Tigers Team Games

What a great afternoon we have had at Bromsgrove School with a group of Tigers children. They worked together to solve lots of team challenges and also had the opportunity to try activities such as wheelchair basketball, cup stacking, tennis, a silent disco and pickle ball!

Well done everyone!



Green Earth Day – 22nd April 2026

Green Earth Day is taking place on Wednesday 22nd April. This is a special day when people everywhere think about how to look after our planet. It's a chance to learn how to keep the Earth clean, safe, and healthy for all living things. We celebrate Green Earth Day because:

- The Earth gives us everything we need — air, water, food, and places to play.
- We want to protect it from pollution, litter, and waste.
- When lots of people make small changes, it helps the planet in a big way.
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All Shires MAT schools are celebrating this by asking families to walk to school and/or back home on this date. In school, we will keep a list of all the children who either walk to school or home again (or both!) Each child will earn a point for their team for this – let's see who our winning walking team will be!

We will also be completing a Trust wide competition:

For this challenge, the children will work design a **brand-new invention** that helps the Earth.

Their invention can be:

- Realistic
- Imaginative
- Funny
- Futuristic
- Or completely made-up

I will look forward to sharing some of the children's ideas next week before entering them all into the Shires MAT competition.

School Council

In the spring term, School Council were tasked with two important roles to carry out. The first was to find out what kinds of clubs the children across school would like during the summer term. Following this consultation within each class, it is great to see that we have been able to arrange several of the children's ideas – such as dance, an OPAL/field club, cycling for KS2 and athletics! Thank you to School Council for their work on this – we can't wait to see the children enjoying these clubs from next week!



The second task was to ask the children across the school if they feel safe in school, and if so, what is it that makes them feel this way. Here are some of the children's responses:

The boundaries because I can't just wonder off.

The teachers because I can talk to them.

I feel safe having my friends around me.

First aiders make me feel safe.

Things get changed in OPAL if they are not safe to use.

My friends because they are so kind and caring.

Teachers because they handle things smoothly and they keep us safe.

I feel safe when my friends help me.

My teachers because they listen.

Grown ups in school help me feel safe.

Collective Worship

This week we have started our new half termly theme, with our focus words being 'BE KIND'. This week's letter was 'B is for Belonging. We thought about the following

*Everyone **belongs** in God's family.*

*We all **belong** in God's family and everyone is important.*

*Where do you **belong**?*



In our St Luke's family, we believe:

We are all God's children

We care for each other in a nurturing environment

We follow God's word to guide us

When we help everyone feel they belong:

We are trusting God's teaching

We are encouraging each other

We are helping everyone flourish



Belonging helps us grow strong together—just like God wants.

We also enjoyed a visit from Paul from Southcrest Church.

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 Zachary (Bears), Ayaat A (Giraffes), Ewan (Elephants) and Emely (Tigers).

Lunchtime Supervisor Award: Maisie (Lions) and Nevaeh (Giraffes)

Golden Welly Winner: Ahad (Elephants)

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.



Bears: Alma for excellent links in our Pirate topic using knowledge from our class text and our Travelling Tuesdays knowledge.

Giraffes: Huzaifa for brilliant logical thinking in his maths.

Elephants: Jayla for her brilliant story writing of Jack and the Beanstalk. She impressed me with her descriptive language, a range of conjunctions to extend her sentences and she used different sentence types which engaged me further! Well done!

Tigers: Amara for working really hard in our writing lessons this week, showing a great understanding of expanded noun phrases and including them in a short setting description.

Lions: As our Lions have been out today on a school visit, there is no star of the 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>.