



St Luke's C E First School

24th April
2026

Dates for your Diary

April

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

May

Monday 4th –
Bank Holiday,
school closed

Tuesday 5th –
Golf Experience
Day – All Classes

Tuesday 13th –
Tigers Class
Young Driver

Friday 15th –
OPAL Audit

Monday 18th –
Severn Trent
Water Assembly
& Year 4
Workshop



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.

We have had another exciting week in school, with sport events, a cinema trip and the celebration of Green Earth Day. We have also had 2 days of 100% attendance, which is fantastic. Following our community day last weekend, the children have been enjoying the enhanced OPAL provision, and with the sun shining, our play offer has just got better and better! Next week, our Lions class will be off on their Malvern residential – let's hope the good weather continues for them. Year 4 parents, if you have any final questions about the visit, please speak to myself or Mr Parker.

Finally, please take note of our final work with me dates this academic year:

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:

Your year to date attendance is: 96.8%



Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
97.67%	100%	98.67%	99.23%	99.26%	98.6%

Giraffes Athletics Event

We had such a great morning, thanks to the PE leaders from Birchensale Middle School. We had lots of athletics stations set up and we moved around each of them, competing for bronze, silver and gold places – everyone tried so hard, well done Giraffes!



Thank

Our April Think –

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

Here are some more of our responses so far -

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

Yes – because it still is a clock. It is a broken clock, but still a clock! Shannon, Lions

Yes. The hands can be repaired. Even though the clock may not work in that moment, it still has a purpose. Mrs Hirons-Reed

No, because it won't be anything. Theo G, Bears

Yes, it just needs new hands. Umme, Bears

Yes, because they have only fallen off. Lottie, Bears

Here are some ideas from Giraffes Class:

I think it is still a clock because you can fix the hands. Liza

No, it isn't, because once the hands fall down they won't be with the clock and they need to be on the clock to tell the time. Rory

Yes, because you can get the hands and put them back together. Yahya

No because if the hands fall off, you might not be able to fix it. Zaiba

No, because if the hands are broken you don't know what time it is. Harley

It's not a clock anymore because the hands might keep falling off. Ayaat

Yes, because you can fix it with sticks. Grayson

No, because you won't be able to tell the time. Arthur

I think yes, because if the hands come off it is still a clock, - it doesn't change into something else. However, you can't tell the time anymore, so it has become useless. Mrs Elmes



KS2 Cinema Visit

On Thursday this week, Tigers and Lions classes had an exciting trip out to VUE cinema to watch *The Magic Faraway Tree*. This visit is going to support their work in English this term as both classes are focussing their writing on this Enid Blyton text. We look forward to seeing all their excellent writing as the half term progresses.



KS2 Gorcott Hill Forest School Club

Our summer term Gorcott Hill forest school club has got underway this week, with a group of pupils from Tigers and Lions enjoying all the fun! The children have enjoyed exploring, learning the rules, observing and discussing the vast display of bluebells and pushed ourselves whilst climbing the large oak tree.



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.

Lions Cross Country Final

What a great morning we had today over at Birchensale Middle School, with 14 pupils from Lions class competing in the Redditch First School cross country event! Everyone did brilliantly to finish the course - it certainly didn't look easy!

A special mention must go to Grace E who came 3rd in the girls' race, and Maisie who came 4th...and to the entire girls' team who came out on top out of all the 6 schools taking part! CONGRATULATIONS - We are very proud of you all!



ECO Team Update

Our ECO team are having a busy week! The Eco Council were introduced to their vegetable/flower beds this afternoon. We have planted beetroot and Gladiolus, and over the coming weeks we will be planting more exciting things including a pumpkin. They have also been out litter picking regularly as part of our work for Green Earth Day.



Golf Experience Day

On Tuesday 5th May, we will be holding a whole school golf experience day. Each class will take part in a golf workshop, either on the playground or the school field with pro golfer Stu Warren. Please ensure your child is wearing their full PE kit on this date so they can take part in this activity.



Safeguarding – The Hidden Dangers of Pinterest - White Hatter

I have received the following information about hidden dangers of using Pinterest:

Pinterest tends to fly under the radar. Unlike Instagram or TikTok, it has never attracted the same level of public concern, it's older, it's built around image collections, and most parents consider it benign, if they think about it at all.

That perception is the problem. The White Hatter, a Canadian digital safety organisation, published a blog post recently after supporting two families whose children had shared intimate images via Pinterest's direct messaging feature. In both cases, the parents had no idea the platform had a messaging function.

It's a broader pattern worth raising with parents. Platforms that present as visual or creative tools like Pinterest, VSCO, Tumblr, Lemon8, Canva, Amino, often include messaging features that aren't obvious. The question worth putting to parents isn't "what app is my child using?" but "what can that app actually do?"

The article is a short, practical read:

<https://www.thewhitehatter.ca/post/what-parents-didn-t-know-about-pinterest-matters-for-all-caregivers>

Togetherness Parent Wellbeing Newsletter

Schools have been sent copies of the most recent NHS Wellness Newsletter – this can be found for your reference on Class Dojo.



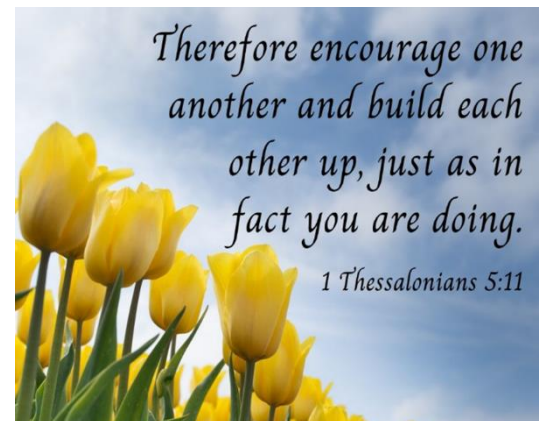
Collective Worship

This week we have continued our half termly theme, with our focus words being 'BE KIND'. This week's letter was 'E is for Encourage.' We thought about the following -

*How does it feel when someone says something kind to you?
Can you remember a time when someone **encouraged** you?*

We also talked about the power of our words - They can either knock people down or lift them up!

We can choose to encourage others and help them to flourish!



Green Earth Day Collective Worship

During Tuesday's collective worship, we discussed what Green Earth Day is and when this special awareness day began. The children explored ways they can care for our Earth, starting right now. Please take time to talk with your child about the ideas they shared, such as turning off lights, planting trees, recycling, and reusing materials.

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 Kurtis (Bears), Leo (Giraffes), Iley (Elephants), Vanessa (Tigers) and Zorain (Lions).

Lunchtime Supervisor Award: Nevaeh (Giraffes) and Ella (Tigers)

Golden Welly Winner: Kristian (Bears)

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: Umme for being resilient and putting her hand up more during discussions in the classroom. Umme is also joining in play with others a lot more.

Giraffes: Mark for showing resilience and determination in our sports event.

Elephants: Yusha for his enthusiasm and passion that he has for every subject, and for working hard to flourish in all that he does. I am always blown away with his vast knowledge and the impressive vocabulary he uses. Keep up the hard work Yusha.

Tigers: Haniya for her hard work and determination in Maths.

Lions: JV for her fantastic descriptive writing in English, using adverbials and expanded noun phrases to create certain feelings and imagery for the reader.

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.



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



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/minfoc>.