



# St Luke's C E First School

1<sup>st</sup> May  
2026

## Dates for your Diary

### May

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> –  
Bank Holiday,  
school closed

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> –  
Golf Experience  
Day – All Classes

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> –  
Lions First Aid  
Training

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> –  
KS2 Gorcott Hill  
Forest School  
Club

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> –  
Tigers Class  
Young Driver

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> –  
OPAL Audit

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> –  
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.**

*'God's word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.'* (Psalm 119:105)

A shorter newsletter this week as I have been with Year 4 on their Malvern residential since Wednesday! What an amazing time we have had – the sun has shone for us and the children have tackled every challenge and new experience with excitement and determination. Thank you Lions for a wonderful week!

Our 'Work with Me' sessions have started this week – thank you to everyone who has joined us in school. Please have a look on Class Dojo for the photos Mrs Broughton has posted. Next week we have -  
Bears: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May  
Lions: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May

A reminder if you don't already follow us on social media, please look for our Facebook and Instagram pages and click the 'follow' button. We are keen to spread the word of all the great things we get up to here at St Luke's.

Please remember, school is closed on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May for the Early May Bank Holiday. We hope you all enjoy the long weekend and look forward to seeing everyone again on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May when every class will be learning golf skills. **Please remember, all children need to come to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May wearing PE kit in order to take part in this activity.**

### **Attendance:**

Our year to date attendance is: 96.83%

Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
97%	98.33%	97.33%	96.92%	99.26%	97.76%





## 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.

## Golf Experience Day

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Upcoming Summer Term Dates

Here are some dates for your diary –

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May – OPAL parent session. Times to be confirmed

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June – PTA Father's Day Events – further details and timings to be confirmed

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Giraffes, Elephants, Tigers & Lions sports day – morning

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Bears sports day – morning

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – End of year reports sent home



## A Message from Our Reading Ambassadors

Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated books to our school. Thanks to your generosity, we now have a wonderful range of books in our library and class book corners for children to enjoy.

We are currently at capacity and have no more space for additional books, so we kindly ask that donations are paused for the time being.



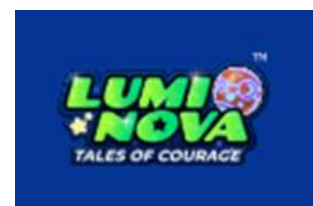
The Reading Ambassadors would also like to remind parents about our **Book Swap Trolley**. We have a number of books available for parents to take, and you are welcome to donate books that you have already read. The trolley will be available outside the school office every morning and afternoon for parents to access.

Finally, we are excited to share that the Reading Ambassadors will soon be starting a **Reading Buddy Area** during OPAL lunchtimes. They will be reading and sharing stories with pupils across the school, helping to promote a love of reading for everyone.

## Luminova

A reminder of the free APP to support children (aged 7-12) with anxieties, fears and worries

Herefordshire and Worcestershire NHS have partnered with BFB Labs to offer children and young people in Herefordshire and Worcestershire free access to Lumi Nova from 1st October 2024.



Lumi Nova: Tales of Courage is a digital therapeutic mobile game supporting children with fears, worries and anxiety. Designed for children aged 7-12 years, Lumi Nova helps children to reflect on their feelings, build resilience and learn lifelong skills to self-manage their worries in a fun intergalactic adventure.

- Recommended by NICE (The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence)
- Lumi Nova offers a Gold Standard of Care by facilitating graded exposures (the active ingredient of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy) with psychoeducation
- Parent/guardian supported intervention
- Built in safeguarding & accessibility features

You can access the app here - <https://luminova.app/>

You can watch this short-animated video to learn more: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mmgrU4zXU3M>

### OPAL Update

With the improving weather, we are now able to access the school field without our wellies, which means we are seeing an increase in the number of children engaging with and enjoying our ever changing OPAL activities! Over the past couple of weeks, several new pieces of equipment have been added to our OPAL provision – including rounders, volleyball and hockey on the field and improved lego station and small world area on the playground, to name a few. Please keep your eye on Class Dojo for regular OPAL updates and photos.



### Governor Update

As Chair of Governors, I'd like to keep you updated about what we've been doing. Last Thursday we had our half-termly LGC (Local Governance Committee) meeting. These are an opportunity for us to discuss monitoring visits, review and adopt policies, and hold school leaders to account.

We were joined at the meeting by the school's link-trustee, Julie Greenwood. Julie sits on the board of trustees for Shires MAT, having moved across from Endeavour when they merged. Julie was there as an observer, to see how we operate as governors, but it was also an opportunity for us to ask informal questions about the Trust.

We also said farewell to one of our governors, Lisa Brough. Having recently retired she is now moving house and will sadly be too far away. We're incredibly grateful for all the work Lisa has done and we wish her all the best in her retirement (and thank her for the chocolates). This means we'll be recruiting for a new governor and we'd be particularly interested in anyone with a safeguarding background.

Governors will be in school a few times this term conducting our monitoring visits. Each governor is assigned particular roles and produces a monitoring report so it only needs that particular link governor.

In other news, we have also been to the recent Community Day (thank you to everyone that attended and contributed) and before that the Easter service at the Bridge Church. I'm sure it won't be long before it's sports day again!

### Collective Worship

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

*How do we know what kindness looks like?*

*Who teaches us how to be kind?*

At St Luke's, we believe we are all God's children. That means everyone matters, and everyone deserves kindness.



### Our vision states:

*Encourage each other → kind words*

*Develop relationships → kind actions*

*Flourish → kindness helps everyone grow*

*God's word shows us the right path—and that path includes kindness.*

### Picture News

**This week's question –**

*What is the best way to support people who need extra help?*



New AI-supported glasses to help people with dementia or memory problems have won a £1 million prize. The glasses, made by the company CrossSense, can recognise objects and show labels or give spoken instructions to help people remember what things are and what to do. They use an AI assistant that learns how each person lives and adapts to their needs over time. Early tests show these glasses could help wearers feel more confident and independent in their daily lives.

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

- We are a caring and nurturing school and we look after others.
- We treat everyone with respect.
- We are all God's children and deserve the same opportunities



This story shows individual liberty as the glasses help people with dementia to be more independent and make their own choices.

This story shows mutual respect and tolerance because it uses technology to treat people with kindness and help people with dementia feel included.



Which British Value can you see in this week's story?  
Do you agree with either person, or think something different?

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 Year 4's Malvern visit and the Work with Me sessions, there has been no celebration worship this 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  
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



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/minfec>.