



St Luke's C E First School

8th May
2026

Dates for your Diary

May

Monday 11th –
KS2 Gorcott Hill
Forest School
Club

Tuesday 13th –
Tigers Class
Young Driver

Friday 15th –
OPAL Audit

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

Tuesday 19th –
Tigers Roman
Day

Wednesday 20th
May – Lions
Invasion Games
Event / Tigers to
Woodfield to
perform



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:

A special mention must go this week to our Lions children who took part in our Malvern residential. We truly had a wonderful time trying new things, challenging ourselves and growing in independence. It was a fantastic experience for everyone who came on the residential and we are already looking forward to next year's visit! A big thank you to Mr Parker and Miss Grubb who accompanied the children on the 2 night visit – we would not be able to offer experiences like this if we didn't have such a fantastic, dedicated team who are willing to give up their own free/family time to accompany the children – thank you!

We have now completed all of our 'work with me' sessions this academic year. We hope you have enjoyed sharing time in school with your child – as always, it is a pleasure to have so many of you in school with us supporting your children.

As we approach the end of summer 1, we will soon be turning our thoughts to transition, end of year reports and moving on to our new year group!

As always, the remainder of the term is going to be very busy, so please keep an eye on Dojo and the newsletters.

Attendance:

Our year to date attendance is: 96.82%

| Bears | Giraffes | Elephants | Tigers | Lions | Whole School |
|-------|----------|-----------|--------|--------|--------------|
| 97.5% | 97.08% | 94.17% | 96.15% | 97.22% | 96.42% |





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 5th May, we had a fantastic day learning new skills in our golf experience! Each class enjoyed a session in which they played different golf related games and we have been able to follow this up through our OPAL play with the introduction of some new golf equipment for the field!



OPAL Parent Session

On Thursday 21st May, we are holding our second OPAL parent session from 2pm. We would like to extend an invitation to our parents/carers to come and play with your child for an afternoon. All the children will be out on either the playground or the field and we hope to see lots of you joining us for this experience – we hope you will notice all the OPAL improvements we have been making since the last time we help a parent session.

We have our OPAL audit next week -in the meantime, here is some of the feedback we have had from parents in the past week:



My son loves OPAL play and as a parent I love seeing all the photos of him making use of everything available.

Both of my children love OPAL and say it is 'fun, awesome and great'! They LOVE the sandpit and playing outside.

The school have put in so much effort into making it fun for the children – Thank you!

It would not be an overstatement that OPAL has transformed school for my daughter. OPAL has also helped her keep off screen time at home as she is willing to play outside (in all weathers!) It has been satisfying to see the school re-use and re-cycle so many items that we have finished with. I have been impressed in so many ways. It's been great for her social development.

OPAL at St Luke's is great. My child thrives at the school and tells me how much he loves OPAL.

Upcoming Summer Term Dates

Here are some dates for your diary –

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

Thursday 25th June – Giraffes, Elephants, Tigers & Lions sports day – morning

Friday 26th June – Bears sports day – morning

Friday 3rd July – End of year reports sent home



Lions Class Learn First Aid

Lions learnt vital life saving skills this week. They had a visit from staff members from Sholfins Swim School who taught them what to do in an emergency and how to give CPR. Everyone listened so well and joined in enthusiastically with the practical tasks – well done Lions!



Think of the Month

Our May Think –

If I compose a piece of music but no one listens to it, is it still music

Here are some more of our responses so far -

Yes, but no one will hear it. It still has words and a tune. Grace E, Lions

Yes, because it's still music but no one is listening to it. It doesn't matter. At least you tried.

Shannon, Lions

Yes, but no one will ever know it existed. Ursula, Lions

Yes, because you can listen to it later. Arlo, Tigers

No, because it might not sound right. Mustafa, tigers



Collective Worship

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

Inspiring means leading by example—showing others how to act through what we do, not just what we say.

Matthew 5:16:

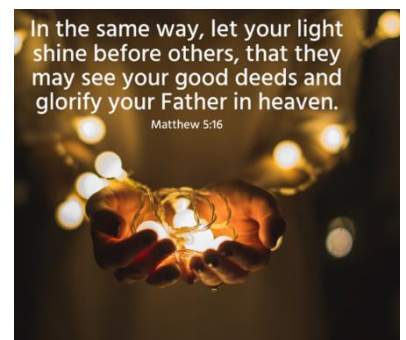
Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

*Jesus teaches us that our actions are like a light. When we make good choices, others notice—and it can **encourage** them to do the same.*

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 Lilibet (Bears), Arthur (Giraffes), Yasmine (Elephants), Aiza (Tigers) and Aleks (Lions).

Lunchtime Award Winners: Nevaeh (Giraffes) and Ahad (Elephants)

Golden Welly Winner: Max (Bears)



Well done to Bears, Giraffes, 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: Theo G for super throwing and catching in PE in readiness for tennis skills.

Giraffes: Dawood for thinking carefully and trying really hard with his writing.

Elephants: Ahad for his spectacular piece sequel to a story we have been reading. He has impressed me with his knowledge of countries and how he has used this to create a better picture of the setting in my mind! Great work Ahad!

Tigers: Hayden for his fantastic effort and attention to detail in his writing. It is clear to see that not only is he using the writerly skills from our lessons, but his own knowledge and understanding of how to be a good author from the books that he reads. It is always a pleasure to read his writing!

Lions: Zayn for accurately comparing and ordering mixed fractions.

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>.