



St Luke's C E First School

15th May
2026

Dates for your Diary

May

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 / Bears
Pirate Day

Thursday 21st –
Whole School No
Pens Day & OPAL
Parent Session @
2pm

Break up for Half
Term

June



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:

It has been a very mixed week weather wise, but another very successful week in school with the news that we have been awarded the Gold School Games award for the second year running, our successful OPAL audit and all the fantastic extra-curricular activities the children have been enjoying!

A reminder that we break up for half term on Thursday 21st My so school is closed on Friday 22nd for a teacher training day.

Here are some dates for your diary –

Friday 19th 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

Attendance:

Our year to date attendance is: 96.87%



Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
97.33%	97.33%	98.67%	100%	97.84%	98.2%



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.

SEND Information for parents

Mrs Broughton would like to share our school's SEND Information Padlet.

This brings together easy-to-follow links in one place, offering support and guidance for parents on a wide range of SEND matters. The Padlet includes:

- Information on different areas of need
- Details of referral processes within Worcestershire
- Recommended local and online support groups
- Parent workshops available both locally and online
- Information on supporting your child with school transitions
- Our school SEND Information Report

You can access the Padlet by clicking the link below:

[St Luke's SEND Information and Support for Parents](#)

Mrs Broughton will continue to update and monitor the links on this Padlet as new support and guidance become available.

OPAL Parent Session

Don't forget, 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.



Today, we have had our final OPAL audit – we will update you next week on the outcome of this!

Gorcott Hill Forest School Club

Gorcott Hill Forest school club included; mini-beast hunting, stone painting, climbing trees and building hammocks. All children found at least one mini beast on their hunt - we had lots of centipedes, various spiders and a huge black beetle. Great fun was had by all!



Reverend Ruth

Some of you may already be aware that Reverend Ruth is retiring this August. The Bridge Church are holding a leaving service for Ruth at The Bridge on Sunday 28th June at 4.00pm. I will be attending this service and there is an open invitation to all members of our school community who may like to attend in order to pass on their best wishes to Ruth.



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 –

Creativity always starts with the creator. Just because you can not hear it never mean sit doesn't exist in the creator's mind or imagination. Mrs Burling

Even if you can't hear the music you can still read the lyrics. Through reading the lyrics you can still resonate with the music and connect. Miss Powell

It could be calm, quiet music. Haadiyah, Bears

It would still be music because it is noise. Jerome, Bears

It won't be music if you can't hear it. Faith, Bears

It's still music because it is written down. Max, Bears

Yes, it would still be music. Not all great things have to be heard. Mrs Hirons-Reed

Yes, because the person who made it played it, so it is a piece of music. Yasmine, Elephants

Tigers Young Driver Experience

Our Year 3 children had an exciting day on Wednesday with Young Driver! Each child had a 1:1 session learning early driving skills. They all listened well to the instructions and it was fantastic to see them growing in confidence throughout their session. Everyone then earned their very first 'driving licence'! Well done Tigers!



Collective Worship

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

How can we nurture—care for others and the world—just like God cares for us?

When someone is sad → we comfort them

When someone struggles → we help

When someone feels alone → we include them

Nurture:

Helping something grow

Showing care, patience, and kindness

A plant won't grow without water, light, and care.

People are the same—we grow when we are cared for.



Mental Health Awareness

This week is Mental Health Awareness Week. In our Collective Worship on Tuesday, we discussed what mental health means, ways we can care for our mental health e.g. spending time with family and friends, doing activities we enjoy, spending time outdoors, exercising and sleeping. The children thought about who they would talk to in school and at home if they had any worries or concerns and how they can also help others care for their mental health by being kind and caring.



We also discussed Well-Being Wednesday on **Wednesday 20th May** where children are invited to come to school in green socks, green hair accessories or both! They will be completing well-being activities during the day in their classes.

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 Nissi (Bears), Harley (Giraffes), Sarah-Aliza (Elephants), Ethan (Tigers) and Ariaah (Lions).

Lunchtime Award Winners: Theo (Bears) and Haniya (Tigers)

Golden Welly Winner: Amara (Tigers)

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: Radu for improved concentration during kinetic letters and showing determination to form letters correctly to support his ideas during our drawing club activities.

Giraffes: Wali for showing resilience and determination when faced with challenging maths questions.

Elephants: Jasio for his brilliant knowledge of money. He is able to count a mixture of coins, suggest the best way to pay and work out change by finding the difference. Well done Jasio.

Tigers: Bebe for fantastic resilience and great attitude to learning. She has really impressed me with her determination in writing this week, showing good understanding of our text and the writerly skills that we are focusing on.

Lions: Grace D for her excellent comparisons and explanations of how Redditch has changed over time.

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



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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://qrco.de/minfec>.