



St Luke's C E First School

21st May
2026

Dates for your Diary

June

Monday 1st –
School Re-opens
/ Year 4 Times
Table Check
begins / Gorcott
Hill Forest School
Club (selected
pupils)

Tuesday 2nd –
Elephants Trip to
All Things Wild

Monday 8th –
Year 1 Phonics
Screening begins

Tuesday 16th –
Lions Adopt a
Chef Session 3

Friday 19th –
Father's Day
Events



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:**

I am not sure we could have fit any more into a 4 day week! It has been even busier than usual this week, with children in all classes enjoying a range of exciting curriculum experiences. We have had a Severn Trent water workshop, a collective worship about water safety, a carnival, a Romans day, a pirate day, a morning of sport at Trinity High School for our Lions, a musical performance at Woodfield Academy for our Tigers, a visit to the church for Elephants, well being Wednesday for mental health, No Pens Day...and to top it all off, an amazing OPAL parent session!

What a brilliant way to end Summer 1!!

Here are some dates for your diary –

Friday 19th June – PTA Father's Day Events – sessions at 9.00am and 2.30am

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

School is now closed for a TED and May half term. We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 1st June!



Attendance:

Our year to date attendance is: 96.9%

Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
97.5%	97.5%	100%	95.83%	100%	98.19%



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.

OPAL Audit – We are a PLATINUM school!

As you know, we had our OPAL audit at the end of last week. This was an assessment to review how far we have come on our OPAL journey over the last 2 years. We know our children love our OPAL play offer, and we know that this has led a positive impact in many areas of school life - for example in the reduction of the number of first aid incidents, improved behaviour across school and our increasing attendance.

We are absolutely delighted to share that all the hard work and efforts of the team have paid off and on Friday we were awarded the **PLATINUM level award**. This puts St Luke's in the top 1% of schools in the country for their play offer - wow!!

I know you will all join me in thanking and congratulating Mrs Burling for all her hard work and imagination during the 2 years of our OPAL journey. I have said many times, I may have had the original idea for OPAL, but it is Mrs Burling who has really brought it to life and made it what it is today - an absolutely amazing play offer for all our children...and I know it will only continue to go from strength to strength!

Together, Mrs Burling and the play team have created something really special for us at St Luke's and I could not be more proud and grateful.



OPAL Parent Session

Thank you for attending our parent session – we hope you enjoyed spending time playing with your child and seeing the improvements we have made to our play provision. Please look out for an article about St Luke’s in the Redditch Standard!



Year 4 Invasion Games

This week, Lions have competed against other school teams in invasion games! We played hockey, football and hand ball and had to really focus on developing and improving our teamwork and awareness. It was commented multiple times by how much effort our children put in, but also on how they demonstrated good sportsmanship, politeness and respect throughout the morning. We are all very proud of this, thank you Lions!



Bears Class Pirate Day



Our Bears have had an exciting end to their Pirate topic this week, with a special pirate themed day!

They particularly enjoyed a wonderful extended discovery time on the field – they have used lots of the loose parts to create pirate boats and walk the plank challenges. They have scrubbed the decks, created potions, pirate grub and dug for treasure!

Year 3 Trinity Performance

Our Tigers class have blown everyone away this afternoon with their performance!

We all went to Woodfield Academy to perform our song 'Let it Go' in the Trinity pyramid music concert and they were AMAZING!

A big thank you to Mrs Hamilton and Miss Benning for helping the children to practice this song over the past few weeks!



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.



Year 4 Severn Trent Workshop

The whole school enjoyed a collective worship delivered by Severn Trent this week, where everyone learnt about the importance of saving water. Year 4 then enjoyed a 'Water Street' workshop to gain an interactive insight into the water cycle and Severn Trent's journey of water. As part of this workshop, the children carried out a measuring activity where each group looked at how various families use water to consider the differences between water wasters or water savers.



Year 3 Romans Day

What a fantastic day Year 3 have had on our Roman Day – we loved all the fabulous costumes! The children designed their own shields, made laurel wreath crowns and even had time for a game or two of Roman Numerals Bingo! In the afternoon, the children spent time working collaboratively and using their imagination to build Hadrian's Wall. It took the Roman's 6 years, but it only took Tigers 7 minutes!



Collective Worship

This week we have continued our half termly theme, with our focus words being 'BE KIND'. This week's letter was 'D is for Develop.'

*We thought about the following -
How kindness doesn't just happen once – it grows and becomes stronger the more we practise it.*

Kindness works in exactly the same way.
The more we practise saying kind words,
the more we help others,
the more we show patience,
...the more kindness develops in us.

Kindness isn't just a one-time action—it's something that grows inside us over time.

Our reflections this week:

*What is one kind thing I can practise today?
Who could I show kindness to?*

Water Safety:

We also had a water safety worship this week, where we learnt an important four letter word to help us remember what to do around water:

- S - Spot any dangers
- A - Ask for advice from a trusted adult
- F - Friend, don't go in alone!
- E - Emergency, call 999 or 112 for help if we need it!

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.



Well done to all 5 classes for attendance over 95% - and a huge well done to Elephants and Lions on their 100% attendance this week!



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 our OPAL parent session, 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



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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>.