



St Luke's C E First School

23rd
January
2026

Dates for your Diary

January

Friday 30th –
Lions 2nd visit to
Gorcott Hill

February

Wednesday 4th –
Elephants
Sporthall
Athletics

Wk Beginning 9th
– Children's
Mental Health
Week

Tuesday 10th –
Safer Internet
Day

Friday 13th –
Break up for Half
Term

Monday 23rd –
Back to School



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:

We have had another thoroughly enjoyable week in school! I have been delighted to see all the after school club photos which staff have posted on Class Dojo; it is a joy to see our children loving all of these experiences. I've had the pleasure of listening to our Rocksteady bands and join our Tigers on their second swimming lesson. The Sholfins team are so impressed with how well they are learning this skill, which is new to many of the children – well done!

A reminder of our work with me dates for this term. We would love to see parents/carers joining us in school to work alongside your child on the following dates:

- Bears - 10.2.26
- Giraffes - 4.2.26.
- Elephants - 11.2.26.
- Tigers - 3.2.26.
- Lions - 2.2.26

All sessions start at 2:15pm for 1 hour. Please remember that we are unable to accommodate younger siblings at these sessions.

Attendance:

Our year to date attendance is: 96.89%



Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
96.07%	97.59%	97.93%	96%	97.78%	97.1%

SEND Panathlon Event

A small group of pupils have had a brilliant time at a KS2 sports event, this morning. We competed against 9 other schools in activities such as kurling, bowling, basketball and bean bag throw. We were really proud of how the children represented our school, encouraging each other and cheering each other on. We even won a medal!



Spring Term Parents Evenings

Early notification that our spring term parent evenings will take place on Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th March 2026. These will run between 3:30pm and 6:30pm. Further information about booking your appointment will be shared soon. We hope this advance notice will enable our parents/carers to make arrangements to be able to attend in order find out important information about your child's learning and progress.



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.

Collective Worship

This week we have started our new half termly theme, with our focus word being 'PRAYER'. This week's letter was 'A is for Action'. We talked about how we can **act with kindness**, and that kindness is not just something we feel, it is something we do.



We learnt about the 'Golden Rule' from the Bible: *Do to others as you would have them do to you* and we discussed how this means we should treat others as we would like to be treated. We also discussed why this is important:

- It makes the world a better, happier place.
- It helps you make good choices.
- It shows God's love by treating others with the same care He shows you.

Our Reflections –

Who could I show kindness to today?

What kind action could I do?



Our Picture News question this week: *Can awards encourage people to help others and care for the world?*

Recently, a new award, called the Jane Goodall Earth Medal, has been created to celebrate people who work to help others and care for the world. It is named after Dr

Jane Goodall, who spent her life protecting animals and encouraging people to look after nature. The award recognises kind and caring actions that make a positive difference, even when people are not looking for praise.

The children shared that this story links to our school vision in the following ways:

Links to caring and nurturing environment because we are caring for our environment.

If someone is trying their best you can encourage them and give them awards.

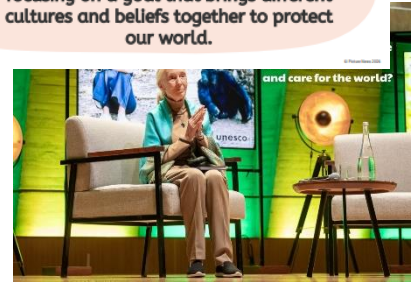
Encouraging people to do nice things.

Trust and rely on God's teaching because God taught us to care for the world.



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

The Jane Goodall Earth Medal shows us that being respectful means looking after all living things. It encourages tolerance by focusing on a goal that brings different cultures and beliefs together to protect our world.



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 Arlo (Bears), Nevaeh (Giraffes), Isla (Elephants), Amara (Tigers) and Eleanor (Lions).

Lunchtime Award Winners: Arina (Bears) and Alex (Elephants)

Golden Welly: Eleanor (Lions)

Well done to all classes for attendance over 96% 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.



Bears: Finley for amazing reading of words and different resources around the classroom.

Giraffes: Yahya for using conjunctions in his sentences and trying really hard with colourful semantics. He is also trying really hard with his handwriting.

Elephants: Amelia for developing her confidence with numbers to 100 and for being able to subtract 1digit numbers from 2digit numbers by drawing the tens and ones. Keep up the hard work Amelia!

Tigers: Aiza for composing brilliant descriptive sentences using similes and fronted adverbials, as well as ambitious vocabulary.

Lions: Kevin for his description of what life in the Victorian era, with facts about laws, lifestyle, education and clothing.



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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://qrc0.de/minfec>.