



St Luke's C E First School

17th July
2026

Dates for your Diary

September

Tuesday 1st
September – TED

Wednesday 2nd –
School Re-opens
to pupils

Friday 25th –
Languages Day

October

Friday 9th – Year
4 @ Gorcott Hill
Forest school

Friday 16th – St
Luke's Day



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.

As we come to the end of another very successful year, it is time to reflect on all of the events of 2025-2026. We achieved our amazing SIAMS outcome back in September, were awarded the Platinum OPAL award in May and most recently we have been recognised again for our contributions to all things ECO with our second Green Flag award! This is all on top of all the amazing learning and wider curriculum activities that are taking place daily across school!

I would like to thank our fantastic parents/carers for your unwavering support and for working so positively in partnership with us – it really is a pleasure to know you all. To our fabulous staff team – thank you! This year has only been so successful because of your hard work, dedication and ongoing commitment to St Luke's and all our pupils. Thank you also to our dedicated PTA who go the extra mile and to our Governors who support and champion our school.

Finally, to our pupils – you are the reason we do what we do! Your kindness, your perseverance and your caring ways truly make St Luke's a special place to be, and you always give 100% to all that you do.

Have a wonderful summer break – we wish our Lions all the very best in their next adventures!

Attendance:

Our year to date attendance is: **97.07%**

Attendance for this week is on the top line and attendance figures for the whole year are below:



Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
94%	87.59%	95.52%	97.73%	91.43%	93.19%
95.34%	97.47%	97.22%	97.47%	97.9%	97.07%

September 2026:

Looking ahead to September 2026, we have a training day for staff on Tuesday 1st September.

School re-opens to pupils on **Wednesday 2nd September.**

Please ensure you have returned from any trips abroad by this date to enable your child to have the best start to their school year. Pupils who miss the first few days of school can find it more difficult to settle back into routines.

Giraffes Australia Day

What a great day Giraffes have had this week for their Australia day – and there were some fabulous costumes! First, they enjoyed an Australian treasure hunt where they had to find hidden animal pictures around the playground with a letter on and work out the mystery word. Later, there was aboriginal dot painting, Olympic animal races on the playground, an Australian animal quiz, finger painting koala masks and designing your own boomerang!



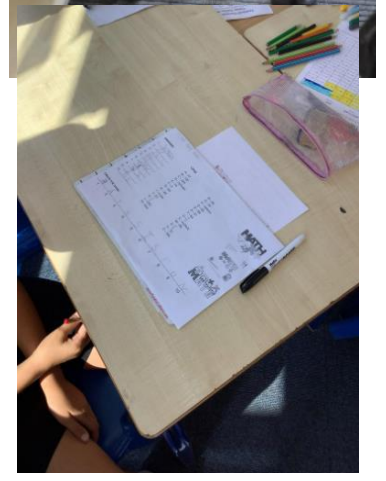
Whole School Maths Day

On Tuesday, we all enjoyed a fun-filled day where children explored maths through cross-curricular activities and outdoor learning.

Throughout the day, children were able to -

- Exploring maths in nature through outdoor investigations
- Solving real-life maths problems
- Creating mathematical art and patterns
- Collecting and analysing data
- Working collaboratively on maths challenges

We had lots of children come to school with clues about their favourite or lucky number!



Rocksteady Concert

What a show we had on Thursday when our Rocksteady performed again to the whole school and their family members. Over the past term, it has been wonderful to see our bands growing in size, and the progress they have all made has been fantastic! Well done everyone!



Lions Leavers

One last roar...our Lions class are going out with a bang!
What a wonderful performance they put on for us yesterday - we all loved it!

Huge well done to everyone, and congratulations to all our values winners,
and to Kevin who won the St Luke's 'extra mile' award!

We will miss you all so much, but we know that you are more than ready for
the move to middle school, where we know you will continue to be absolutely
amazing – good luck!



At the end of this academic year, we also say a fond farewell to Mrs Jedrzejczyk who is leaving St Luke's to spend more time with her family, and to Mrs Hamilton who is retiring from her post here with us. Mrs Jedrzejczyk has been with us for almost 4 years and has been a wonderful Teaching Assistant, supporting children in our Tigers class – we wish her and her family all the very best for the future! Mrs Hamilton tells me she has been teaching music here for over 20 years – wow! We will truly miss her musical expertise and the wonderful singing and performing our children have achieved under her guidance. We wish Mrs Hamilton a wonderful retirement!

Over the summer holidays, Miss Courtney is getting married! In September, she will return as Mrs Fleeman. We wish Miss Courtney and her future husband a magical wedding day and a wonderful summer celebrating their marriage!



Autumn Term Clubs

When we return in September, we will be sending out information about our Autumn 1 clubs programme. Clubs will start week beginning 14th September and will run for 5 weeks. Please remember, that due to the lack of sports premium funding for schools this year, there will be a small charge for clubs from September.

Lumi Nova APP

Lumi Nova Summer Resources Summer is a great time to recharge, but the break from routine can sometimes bring about fears and worries for some children and young people. The feeling of change, going back to school or being away from friends and missing out, can bring a wave of different worries and difficulties.

Lumi Nova is an NHS funded service designed to support young people aged 7-12 who are experiencing worries or anxieties. With the end of the school year approaching, we wanted to remind you to take advantage of our offer as your child/ren transition into the summer and new academic year.

Subject: Lumi Nova: Helping young people manage their worries



What is Lumi Nova?

Lumi Nova is an intergalactic adventure game to support young people to fight fears and manage worries. Whilst exploring planets, customising characters and earning treasure your child breaks their fears and worries down into manageable steps, learning life-long skills and building resilience.

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

Who can use Lumi Nova?

Lumi Nova was created for 7 - 12 year olds (school years 3 - 7) who are having difficulties with fears, worries, or anxiety related to social situations, separation or phobias.

Lumi Nova can help your child to face their worries by breaking them down into small manageable challenges and can support your child with:

- Returning to school or starting a new school
- Making new friends and going to social events
- Speaking in front of a group

And lots more!

REMINDER - School Uniform & PE Kit Reminder for September 2026

As we start to look ahead to September 2026, I would like to remind parents/carers about our uniform expectations so that you can plan for our return in the autumn term.

School uniform – grey trousers, shorts or skirt, white/blue/yellow polo T-shirt or white shirt, blue jumper or cardigan, black shoes.



PE Kit – navy blue jogging bottoms and top, plain white T-Shirt, blue/black shorts, white or black pumps/trainers. We have recently seen an increase in children wearing brightly coloured trainers, and would like to remind parents that these do not meet our school uniform expectations.

Parents can purchase uniform with the school logo but parents are also welcome to purchase non-logo clothes as long as they are plain and the correct colour. There are no expectations around wearing branded uniform or PE kit.

If your child arrives at school in the incorrect uniform, we will change them into spare uniform which we keep in school.

Please make every effort to name all of your child's uniform. While we do all we can to make sure jumpers that are taken off are placed in the class uniform box, items of clothing do go astray from time to time. If everything is named, we can return it to its rightful owner, and if your child brings home an item that does not belong to them, please return it to school straight away.

Our school operates a 'tie hair back' policy for pupils whose hair can be combed back into a pony tail or plait. We ask that pupils only wear small hair accessories, preferably in school colours.

For safety reasons, children who have pierced ears should only wear small stud earrings – and no hooped earrings should be worn. County Health & Safety Guidelines state that earrings must be removed or covered during PE. As this procedure will be difficult for many young children, we highly recommend that earrings be left at home on identified PE days. If they need to be kept in, we ask that parents cover earrings with tape prior to coming to school. Failure to do so will mean your child will miss PE as Health and Safety guidelines state adults in school should not be doing this for children.

Please ensure your child does not wear any jewellery, make up or temporary tattoos to school.

As is the tradition at St Luke's, all children are welcome to wear their own clothes on their birthday or on a day closest to their birthday if it falls in a school holiday or a weekend.

Staff will continue to monitor school uniform closely. If your child is not wearing appropriate school uniform or PE kit, we will aim to find them something to change into and teachers will talk to parents at the end of the day. Thank you for your support with this.

Collective Worship

This week we have completed our half termly theme, with our focus words being 'PARABLE. This week's letter was 'E is for Example.' We shared the parable of The Wise and Foolish Builders and thought about the following –

One builder listened to Jesus and acted on His words.

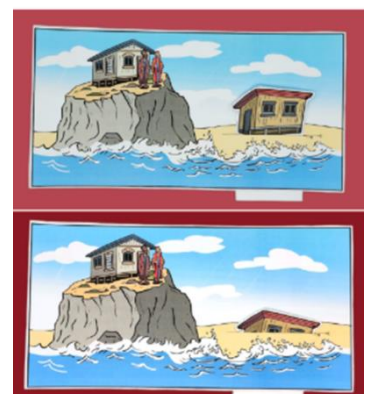
He built his house on rock.

The other builder ignored Jesus' teaching and built on sand.

When the rain came, the winds blew and the floods rose:

The house on the rock stayed strong.

The house on the sand fell down.



Jesus explained that people who hear God's Word and put it into practice are like the wise builder.

We linked this to our school vision:

At St Luke's, we trust and rely on God's teaching.

His Word helps us to encourage one another, build strong friendships and develop caring relationships with our community and the wider world.

Just as a strong foundation helps a building stand firm, God's Word helps us remain strong when life is difficult.

By following Jesus' example, we help our whole school family flourish.

God's Word truly is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, guiding every step we take.

Picture News

This week's question – What makes something popular?

Squishy dumpling toys have become popular with many children in recent months. Videos showing people squeezing, collecting, and opening the toys have helped them spread quickly online. As more people have bought these types of toys, Trading Standards officers have been called in to carry out safety checks on some of the products being sold in shops and online.



Which British value do you think this week's story highlights?



Do you agree with either person, or think something different?

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

Trusting that people that make products ensure they are safe for everyone to use.

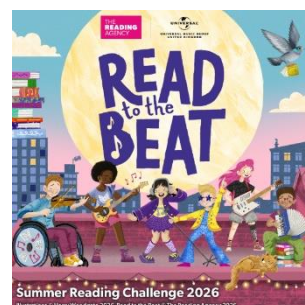
That producers use materials that are safe for our environment.

Library Summer Reading Challenge

A reminder about this year's Summer Reading Challenge, "Read to the Beat." The theme encourages children to explore the connection between stories and music, and how both inspire imagination and creativity.

The challenge is completely free, and children can sign up online at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/join-in> or at their local library. It runs from 20th June to 30th September, so there's plenty of time to take part.

There is also a friendly competition between local Redditch schools to see who can get the most participants—so it would be fantastic to see St Luke's on the leader board!



In our Celebration Worship we have replaced our usual vision award with Shires Values this week. Our Academy Trust asked us to identify pupils who show the following –



Shires
Multi Academy Trust

Nurture –

Put relationships first/ support wellbeing and belonging/ help others to feel valued, confident and secure

Our Winner: Isreal (Lions)

Equity –

Champion inclusion and diversity/ advocate for those whose voices may be unheard /actively reduce disadvantage through their actions.

Our Winner: Eve (Elephants)

Service -

Serve others with generosity and integrity/ strengthen connections within and beyond the school/give their time, energy or expertise for the benefit of others

Our Winner: Haaniya (Elephants)

Wisdom –

Apply knowledge with insight and purpose/learn from experience and support others to do the same/make choices guided by values, evidence and long-term impact

Our Winner: Aiza (Tigers)



We also handed out the termly Headteacher awards to Jerome (Bears), Ayaat A (Giraffes), Hadiya (Elephants), Vanessa (Tigers) and Ramon (Lions).

These children have been chosen for having an all round excellent term and for 'standing out' in their attitudes to learning and overall progress – well done!

Lunchtime Award Winners: Max (Bears) & Ewan (Elephants)

Golden Welly Winner: Kiswa (Tigers)

Attendance Awards

We have handed 14 100% attendance certificates for the entire year! A huge well done to Ramon, Jacob, Ursula, Kevin and Maisie from Year 4, Ella from Year 3, Reggie and Yasmine from Year 2, Denis, Grayson, Alexia and Denis from Year 1 and Ryan and Theo G from Reception – what a fantastic achievement!

We have also handed out 55 100% attendance certificates for the summer term.

This has been our best year yet for attendance – thank you for all of your support with this!



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: Ruby for being a valued member of our St Luke's family and develop relationships with her friends.

Giraffes: Elias for always making the right choices, for wanting to make his work the best it can be and for being a brilliant role model – thank you!

Elephants: Ewan for his excellent progress since joining our school. He has flourished in all learning; especially maths where he almost scored full marks in both papers and his letter formation where he has learned how to form 13 more letters this term! I am very proud of his resilience.

Tigers: Hafsa for flourishing in her English, especially where she had to create her own character and write a descriptive text. She used her imagination and creativity to write a lovely piece of writing and remembered all her writerly skill in doing so / Muhammad for super work in Maths, especially his understanding of adding and subtracting fractions. He also showed humility when he was able to support some of his peers with understanding fractions.

Lions: Jess for her great problem solving and teamwork during our Maths day.



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>.