



Friday 14th March

St Luke's CE Primary School News

Our Vision

'Growing in Strength, Love and Wisdom We Shine'

We shine like bright stars in the sky

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16)

"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving," Albert Einstein

Dazzling Dolphins' Class Assembly and Cake Sale

This is on Thursday 20th March, starting at 5pm. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing our learning since September. We would also like the children in Dazzling Dolphins to provide cakes for a sale. Monies raised will go towards school trips and experiences.

Parental Meetings

Thank you to everyone that attended on Wednesday. Lots of positive comments were made. If you were unable to make a meeting, please speak to your child's teacher.

St Briavel's Castle

We are finalising the coach prices for the trip in the Summer next year and we hope to have them with you by the end of next week.

Madula

Well done to the group of Year 5 children that took part in the Madula concert on Thursday evening. The children played brilliantly and I am sure they will remember it for a very long time. They were an absolute pleasure to take and behaviour throughout was impeccable. Thank you. Here is a little video of the evening.

<https://youtu.be/NKEySTqyk6c>

Thank you to Mr Will and the team at The New Vic for a memorable evening in memory of Mr D.



Star of the Week

Tiny Tigers	Henry and Darcie
Busy Bees	Jorgie
Performing Pandas	PJ
Dazzling Dolphins	Nancy
Outstanding Owls	Macie
Fantastic Foxes	Skylar
Learning Leopards	Alfie

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Tiny Tigers	Robert
Busy Bees	Eadie
Performing Pandas	George
Dazzling Dolphins	Ezra
Outstanding Owls	Joshua
Fantastic Foxes	Brody
Learning Leopards	Kai

Attendance

Tiny Tigers	96%
Busy Bees	94%
Performing Pandas	95%
Dazzling Dolphins	94%
Outstanding Owls	93%
Fantastic Foxes	95%
Learning Leopards	93%

Wednesday 19th March

Last day for dropping off Bags2School

Thursday 20th March

Craft and Cake with mum/Special person @2.15pm (KS1)

Thursday 20th March

Dazzling Dolphins' Class Assembly and Cake Sale 5pm

Thursday 27th March

Craft and Cake with mum/Special person @2.15pm (KS2)

Special Mentions

Well done to you all



Football achievements: Oscar (OO), Reggie (OO) and Charlie (FF)
Trampolining Reward to: Albie (LL)

The Robinson-Phillips Excellence in Kindness goes to: Joshua B (PP) – nominated by Chester.

Mr Shenton's Award goes to: Theo

Musical Trophies to: Lacey and Noah

Well done to all of the children that completed the Dojo task. They are all on display in the school hall. Delicious Doughnut Dojo treat on Monday play time for you all.



This week our football team put in some fantastic performances that we are all so proud of. The improvements made throughout the year have been amazing to see. Well done all.

Class Dojos

<p>Dojo Task Return by Friday 21st March</p> <p>Create a picture about the Creation. Which is your favourite day?</p> <p>The Creation Story Bible Stories for Kids (English Accent)</p>	3 rd	1 st
	4 th	2 nd

Price Increase

Unfortunately, due to price increases out of our control the catering company as of Tuesday, 1st April will be increasing the school meals to £3.20 per day (£16.00 per week). This is the price for the children in Key Stage 2 (Juniors)

The following snack prices (for all children) will also increase:
Toast, Bagel and Crumpet – 38p each
Milk shake – 82p

If you believe that you could be entitled to free meals, please contact Mrs Carpenter.

Spotlight on the Governors

Introducing Gemma Whittingham

Why you are a Governor

My name is Gemma Whittingham and I am the Head of School at Betley CE Primary School and the Executive Deputy Head of St. Luke's CE Primary School. Being a governor is a fundamental part of making decisions and giving my insight from school enables appropriate decisions to be made.

Your occupation

I have been teaching for 14 years. My second-year placement was at St. Luke's and from that point I knew that is where I wanted to work. I taught in Reception at St. Luke's and thoroughly enjoyed being part of the start of the children's learning journey. Since 2022, I have been based at Betley Primary School where I am immersed in a loving and supportive community. I am proud to be part of a Federation that always endeavours to provide the children with an engaging, broad curriculum, safe and trusting environment to enable every child to achieve their goals.

A little about me!

Prior to teaching I was part of a day centre team for Staffordshire County Council where I managed a unit that supported day provision for patients with mental health and dementia. I worked there after completing my A Levels in Biology, English Literature and Psychology. Whilst completing my A levels I worked for the NHS in the pathology laboratory analysing antibiotics.

I am always at my happiest when I am with my four children that I am extremely proud of. They keep me very busy! As a family we are very active and always doing some sort of sport.

<https://www.st-lukes-silverdale.staffs.sch.uk/click-here-to-find-out-about-our-governors/>

Science Week

This week, the children of St Luke's have been getting their teeth stuck into British Science Week. All classes have taken part, and produced wonderful work around the topic of "Change and Adapt". We have had classes investigating Climate Change with melting ice cubes, and even a class testing what things should go down the "u-bend" of a toilet. To say Mrs Smith looked a little "flushed " was an understatement.

Well done to everybody that took part. Mr Bartels

Climate catch up corner

[Climate Action and Sustainability | St Luke's CofE \(VC\) Primary School](#)

We have signed up to the no-idling campaign. More information coming soon. If you are dropping off/collecting children, please switch off your ignition.

#StaffsEngineSwitchOff



Bedtime Stories

This week each teacher has completed a Bedtime Story. Here is the link to the one that Miss Bowen has completed.

https://youtu.be/Q_GNUta2A1g

Thank you Miss Bowen.

Reading

Each week it is expected that the children read at least four times. Next week we would like every class to achieve 85% or higher. Don't forget to bring in your reading diaries for checking on Thursday. Every child that reads independently or with an adult four times gets entered into the draw to win a book from the vending machine. You've got to be in it to win it! If you are unable to read with your child, the library is always open at play times.

Musician of the month

[March - Annie Lennox | St Luke's CofE \(VC\) Primary School](#)

Our School Prayer

God give me the strength to accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can, And wisdom to know the difference. With the help of your love. Amen.

Collective Worship Focus

This week our focus has been The Naturalists, part of the Sacred Pathway. The children have thought about the type of nature they like.



Snacks

Children order snacks on a Monday for the week. If your child is absent on Monday they will be able to order on their return to school.

Snacks	
Milkshake	75p
Bagel	35p
Pancake	45p
Toast	35p
Crumpet	35p

Lunches

To go alongside the daily menu below, there is also Hot Tomato Pasta, Jacket Potatoes with Baked Beans/Cheese or Tuna and sandwiches with either ham, cheese, tuna or egg.

Week beginning 17th March

Monday: Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges

Vegetarian option – Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges

Tuesday: BBQ Chicken Tortilla with Golden Rice

Vegetarian option – Mild & Sweet Veggie Curry with Golden Rice

Wednesday: Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy

Vegetarian option – Loaded Yorkshire with Roasties

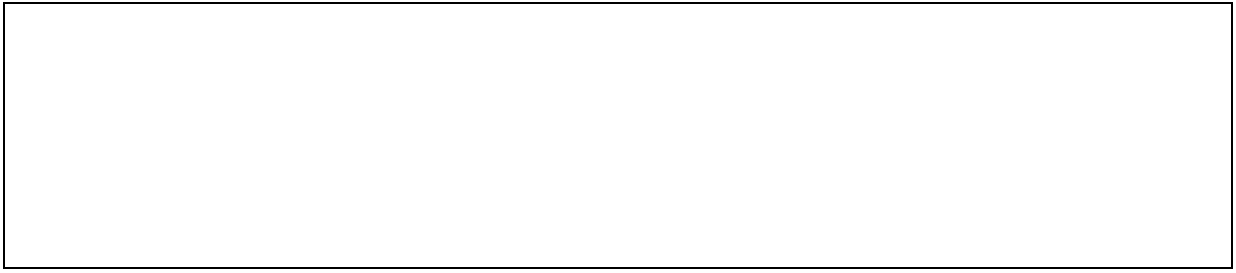
Thursday: Italian Sausage Pasta Bake

Vegetarian option – Penne with Vegeballs & Tomato Sauce

Friday: Fish Fingers and Chips

Vegetarian option – Vegetable Fingers with Chips

Pre Order Link – w/c 24/03/2025 - <https://forms.office.com/e/9xSHinT882>



Important Dates

Wednesday 19 th March	Last morning to bring in Bags2Schools
Thursday 20 th March 2025	Craft and Cake with mum/Special person – See Dojo for more details (Infants)
Thursday 20 th March 2025	Dazzling Dolphins’ Class Assembly and Cake Sale 5pm
Thursday 27 th March 2025	Craft and Cake with mum/Special person – See Dojo for more details (Juniors)
Monday, 31 st March, 2025	Busy Bees – Manchester Airport Trip
Thursday 3 rd April 2025	Non-uniform Day – Easter Egg Donation Please
Thursday 3 rd April 2025	Performing Pandas’ Class Assembly and Cake Sale 5pm
Friday, 4 th April, 2025	TT – Zoo 2 U visit (school based)
Friday, 4 th April 2025	FF – Peak Wildlife Trip
Tuesday 8 th April 2025	KS2 Club Play 5pm
Wednesday 9 th April 2025	KS2 Club Play 1.30pm
Thursday, 10 th April 2025	School Photographs - Class Groups, Graduations and Leavers
Thursday, 10 th April 2025	Easter Egg Tombola – 50p a go or 3 for £1.00
Thursday 10 th April 2025	Easter Service 1.30pm
Friday, 11 th April 2025	School closes for Easter Holidays
Monday, 14 th April 2025 to Friday, 25 th April 2025	Easter Holidays
Monday, 28 th April 2025	School Opens
Monday, 5 th May 2025	Bank Holiday Monday
Thursday 8 th May 2025	Busy Bees’ Class Assembly and Cake Sale 5pm
Monday, 12 th May 2025 to Thursday, 16 th May 2025	KS2 SATs
Friday, 23 rd May 2025	School closes at 3.10 p.m. for Half Term
Monday, 26 th May 2025 to Friday, 30 th June 2025	Half Term Holiday
Monday 2 nd June 2025	INSET Day - School closed to Pupils
Thursday 12 th June 2025	Sports Day 9am
Thursday 19 th June 2025	Tiny Tigers’ Class Assembly and Cake Sale 5pm
Thursday 26 th June 2025	Reserved Sports Day 9am
Tuesday 8 th July 2025	Y6 Play 1.30pm
Wednesday 9 th July 2025	Y6 Play 5pm
Thursday 10 th July 202	Prom and Disco
Friday 11 th July 2025	Reports to Parents
Friday 11 th July 2025	Celebration of the Arts 1.30pm (all parents are invited)
Friday 18 th July 2025	Leavers’ Assembly 1pm
Friday 18 th July 2025	Break up for the Summer holidays
Monday, 1 st September 2025	INSET Day
Tuesday, 2 nd September 2025	INSET Day

Wednesday, 3 rd September 2025	School Opens
Thursday, 4 th September 2025	School Photographs - Families, Siblings and Individuals
Friday, 24 th October 2025	School closes at 3.10 p.m. for Half Term
Monday, 27 th October 2025 to Friday, 31 st October 2025	Half Term
Monday, 3 rd November 2025	School Opens
Friday, 19 th December, 2025	School closes at 3.10 p.m. for Christmas
Monday 22 nd December 2025 to Friday, 2 nd January, 2026	Christmas Holidays
Monday, 5 th January, 2026	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday, 6 th January, 2026	School opens
Friday, 13 th February 2026	School Closes at 3.10 p.m. for Half Term
Monday, 16 th February 2026 to Friday, 20 th February 2026	Half Term
Monday, 23 rd February 2026	School Opens
Friday, 26 th March 2026	School closes at 3.10 p.m. for Easter Holidays
Monday, 30 th March 2026 to 10 th April 2026	Easter Holidays
Monday, 13 th April 2026	School opens