



Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

# 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)

### Last newsletter

This term has flown by and this week has been a particularly busy week. Teachers are beginning to plan our annual Shakespeare experience for the Summer term and we are also excited to share our new fluency reading books with Years 2, 3 and 4. We wish Miss Holdcroft a restful start to her maternity leave before her little one arrives.

### Performing Pandas' Class Assembly and Cake Sale

Well done to all of the children that took part in the Assembly on Thursday evening. It was super to hear all the amazing learning opportunities that you have had. I was also impressed by the huge number of facts about Zambia. Well done to you all. Many thanks to our parents for donating cakes.

### Busy Bees visit to Manchester Airport

Busy Bees had a super time at Manchester Airport. The children got to stand under the Concord supersonic airliner and compare the height of the wheels to themselves. We then got the opportunity to sit in the cockpit of an old airplane and pretend to be the pilot pressing all the buttons and turning the steering wheel. The children thoroughly enjoyed dressing up as the different jobs needed at the airport. This included cabin crew, pilots, and fire fighters. The children's behaviour was exemplary as noted by the staff at the centre.



### Star of the Week

Tiny Tigers	Lucas
Busy Bees	Piper
Performing Pandas	Amelia R
Dazzling Dolphins	Ivie and Jenson
Outstanding Owls	Skyla
Fantastic Foxes	Ash
Learning Leopards	Freddie

### Christian Value Certificate

Tiny Tigers	Brandon
Busy Bees	Freddie
Performing Pandas	Dottie
Dazzling Dolphins	Myla
Outstanding Owls	Pal
Fantastic Foxes	Jack
Learning Leopards	Lucie

### Attendance

Tiny Tigers	94%
Busy Bees	90%
Performing Pandas	96%
Dazzling Dolphins	91%
Outstanding Owls	91%
Fantastic Foxes	96%
Learning Leopards	92%

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April**  
Easter Tombola  
50p a go or 3 for  
£1.00

**Thursday 10th April**  
Easter Service  
1.30pm

**Thursday 10th April**  
School photos  
All children in  
uniform please.

**Friday 11th April**  
School closes for  
Easter holiday

## Special Mentions

### Well done to you all

**Swimming achievements:** Well done to George



**Sports Award goes to:** The cross country and football teams for their participation in sporting events this week.

Well done to all of the children that completed the Dojo task. They are all on display in the school hall.

## Class Dojos

<b>Dojo Task</b> Return by Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May  Please send a photo of you reading over the Easter holidays. The more unusual the better!	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>

### Book of the week

Reading is very important at St Luke's and we like children to read at least 4 times a week. We have just subscribed to an online platform for the reading books for Key Stage One and we hope that this might encourage more reading and also it will save more books going missing. I will be sending out a survey this week asking which option you would like.

As part of our push for reading we also share bedtime stories that can be shared with your children. Have a look at Mr Slater's story this week. He is looking a little different.

Please see the page below:

[Bedtime Stories | St Luke's CofE \(VC\) Primary School](#)

We hope that your children enjoy them.

### Fantastic Foxes visit to Peak Wildlife Park

The class were amazing on our trip to Peak Wildlife Park, what a perfect way to end the week.

The children had a wonderful time, feeling particularly lucky to see the polar bears.

The children did themselves proud as Mr Hawkins knew they would. Great job foxes!

### Tiny Tigers have hands on experience

This week we had some very special visitors in our classroom! Zoo 2 U brought an incredible selection of animals including a snake, gerbil, African land snail, hedgehog and tortoise. The children were so excited to see the animals up close and learn all about them. All of the children showed wonderful respect to the animals and we are super proud.

### Dazzling Dolphins visit to Chester

Dazzling Dolphins were blessed with Roman weather on our visit to Diva this week. All our prayers to Appollo must have paid off. We had a wonderful time learning about the impact the Romans had on Britannia. The class really enjoyed the Roman tour as a legionary, practising battle drills with their scutum. Strength and honour DD.

### Learning Leopards watches The Tempest

Learning Leopards enjoyed watching The Tempest by William Shakespeare as a captivating introduction to their upcoming project. This experience will inspire their creative work after Easter, alongside the rest of the school.

### **St Briavels Castle**

Please find the form for the residential for May 2026. This is for all children in the present classes Year 2, 3, 4 and 5.

It starts on Monday 18th May 2026. This is the week after the SATS.

<https://forms.office.com/e/6aTFzHG4ty>

If you have any questions, please ask.

### **Mr Shenton is running the Marathon**

We are incredibly proud to share that Mr Shenton will be running the London Marathon 2025 on 27th April in memory of his mum and to raise vital funds for Breast Cancer Now. This year marks 10 years since Mr Shenton lost his mum after her 15-year battle with breast cancer.

A decade ago, as an 18-year-old, he ran his first London Marathon in her honour, and now he is taking on the challenge once again to keep her memory alive.

Mr Shenton describes his mum as a true fighter, someone who always brought joy to those around her and protected her loved ones through her own struggles. Running this marathon is his way of showing respect and ensuring she is never forgotten. If you would like to support Mr Shenton and this important cause, donations can be made through his fundraising page:

[Breast Cancer Now: Frankie's page](#)

Every contribution, big or small, will help make a difference. Thank you for your support! 



### **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**

#### **Linda Hough**

Becoming a Governor at Betley Primary and St Luke's Primary Schools has certainly brought back many happy memories of working ten years in residential education; both as a House Matron in a private prep school and as a Residential Social Worker (Education) in a specialist primary school for children with emotional and behavioural difficulties.

I believe the years spent in primary education are crucial foundation blocks for your child's future growth and development into adulthood. As a governor I am looking for evidence of a quality education, a wide range of opportunities for all children to enhance their own special gifts and talents (both academic and non-academic), and to see your child happy to learn and explore, and to be thriving at school.

I bring to the role 23 years' experience of working in the NHS supporting patients affected by cancer as well as their families, and wider network, including eight years as a manager of a cancer support service across two hospital sites. I now work part-time as a psychotherapeutic counsellor in private practice.

I love both art and music and will be the Link Governor for these two subjects. I am a member of Betley Amateur Theatrical Society and have 'tread the boards' in a few plays/musicals, I sing in a church choir, I enjoy watching cricket and rugby union, I love to draw and paint especially using pastels and to be outside in nature, but I am at my happiest in the company of equines be that a graceful shire horse or a stubborn donkey!

As a Christian, I am delighted to have recently been appointed as Foundation Governor at Betley Primary School and to be the 'guardian of the school's Christian vision'. I look forward over the coming weeks, months and years to witness this as a 'lived reality' through my visits to school and through engagement with pupils, staff and parents.

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

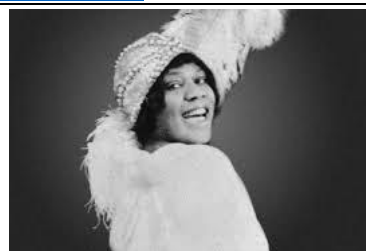
### Climate catch up corner

This week we planted more trees in our nature area and watered them all. We have started to prepare the soil near the year 5 and 6 classrooms ready to plant some flowers for the pollinators to enjoy. Mrs Ray is trying to get a grant to buy some more eco equipment. We asked for seed bombs, a wildlife camera, a hedgehog house and a bug hotel. Please remind the children to be careful while going in the forest area so that the new trees don't get damaged. From Mrs Long and the eco-club.

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

### Musician of the month

[April - Bessie Smith | 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	82p
Bagel	38p
Pancake	49p
Toast	38p
Crumpet	38p

### 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.

**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:** Fish Fingers and Chips

Vegetarian option – Vegetable Fingers with Chips

**Friday:** Party Buffet food

Pre Order Link – w/c 28/04/2025 - <https://forms.office.com/e/bUQPTmm4es>

## Important Dates

Thursday, 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	School Photographs - Class Groups, Graduations and Leavers
Thursday, 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Easter Egg Tombola – 50p a go or 3 for £1.00
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Easter Service 1.30pm in School
Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	School closes for Easter Holidays
Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 to Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Easter Holidays
Monday, 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	School Opens
Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Bank Holiday Monday
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Busy Bees’ Class Assembly and Cake Sale 5pm
Monday, 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 to Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	KS2 SATs
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2025	Key Stage 2 Play 1.30pm and 5pm
Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	School closes at 3.10 p.m. for Half Term
Monday, 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 to Friday, 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Half Term Holiday
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025	INSET Day - School closed to Pupils
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Sports Day 9am
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Tiny Tigers’ Class Assembly and Cake Sale 5pm
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Reserved Sports Day 9am
Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2025	St John Fisher – Induction Day
Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2025	St John Fisher – Parental Information Evening 6.00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	<b>The Orme Academy – transition day (9.00 a.m. till 3.00 p.m.)</b>
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Y6 Play 1.30pm
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Y6 Play 5pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 202	Prom and Disco
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Reports to Parents
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Celebration of the Arts 1.30pm (all parents are invited)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Leavers’ Assembly 1pm
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Break up for the Summer holidays
Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025	INSET Day
Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025	INSET Day
Wednesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025	School Opens
Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	School Photographs - Families, Siblings and Individuals
Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	School closes at 3.10 p.m. for Half Term
Monday, 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 to Friday, 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025	Half Term
Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025	School Opens
Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> December, 2025	School closes at 3.10 p.m. for Christmas

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025 to Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> January, 2026	Christmas Holidays
Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> January, 2026	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> January, 2026	School opens
Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	School Closes at 3.10 p.m. for Half Term
Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 to Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Half Term
Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026	School Opens
Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	School closes at 3.10 p.m. for Easter Holidays
Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 to 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Easter Holidays
Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	School opens
Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026	School Opens