



Friday 31st January

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)

"Promise me you'll always remember you're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."

— *Christopher Robin*

Thank you

To everyone that were able to support the Dazzling Dolphins' Safety Walk, it was very much appreciated.

Outstanding Owls' Class Assembly and Cake Sale

This is on Thursday 13th February, starting at 5pm. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing our learning since September. We would also like the children in Outstanding Owls to provide cakes for a sale. Monies raised will go towards school trips and experiences.

Learning Leopards' Class Assembly and Cake Sale

It was amazing to see so many children at our class assembly on Thursday evening. They spoke beautifully and played their brass instruments confidently. We hope that you enjoyed seeing what they had been up to. If you were unable to make it, please follow the link below to see the information about SATs. Thank you.

[KS2 SATs | St Luke's CofE \(VC\) Primary School](#)

Fantastic Foxes Sustainability Event

On Monday, we had some guests visit us and talk to us all about sustainability. We looked at different everyday items and what they were made of which was a huge eye opener for us all! We even made our own sustainable jewellery out of clay! The Foxes did an amazing job and have been set a very important task; over the next few weeks, we will be designing and presenting our very own sustainable products.

Great job Foxes and good luck with the designs!



Star of the Week

Tiny Tigers	Beatrice
Busy Bees	Piper
Performing Pandas	Arthur
Dazzling Dolphins	Grace
Outstanding Owls	Abby
Fantastic Foxes	Elliot
Learning Leopards	Class

Christian Value Certificate

Tiny Tigers	Jenson
Busy Bees	Oscar
Performing Pandas	Billie-Jean
Dazzling Dolphins	Lexi
Outstanding Owls	Chester
Fantastic Foxes	Ashleigh
Learning Leopards	Esme

Attendance

Tiny Tigers	80%
Busy Bees	87%
Performing Pandas	97%
Dazzling Dolphins	84%
Outstanding Owls	92%
Fantastic Foxes	99%
Learning Leopards	91%

Wednesday 5th February
Cycle Training
DD / OO

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Phonics
Workshop (Y1)
2.45pm or 5pm

Thursday 6th February
Young Voices

Thursday 13th February
Disco for all
children

Thursday 13th February
Outstanding
Owls
Class Assembly
and Cake Sale

Special Mentions

Well done

Chester and Reggie for football achievements
Rhianna for gymnastics



The Robertson-Phillips Excellence in Kindness goes to: Tristan

Dojo Poster for a prayer: Riley, Aidey and Molly

Mr Shenton's Award goes to: The Netball Club

Class Dojos

Dojo Task	4th	3rd
Draw a poster of something that you look forward to each week		
Return by Friday 7th February to earn 20 Dojos	2nd	1st

Smylers' Holiday Club

Smylers are now taking bookings for February Half Term. This can be done through their usual Facebook Page or by contacting them on their direct line 01782 973870.

At St Luke's CE Primary School we are all Agents Of Change!

We want to make changes - in ourselves, in our school, in our community and around the planet.

A few weeks ago we introduced Agents of Change. From next week we are going to focus on one area a week.

Next week we will be focusing on making a list every week of things you are looking forward to. I am looking forward to Saturday and taking my dog for a walk, I am looking forward to the next drama club and working with lots of children on the new play. What is something you are looking forward to?



Children's Mental Health Week is 3rd – 9th February

Know Yourself, Grow Yourself is the theme.

We are all unique. We all have different strengths and difficulties, likes and dislikes. The more we understand ourselves, the better we can express our emotions, make connections with others and face life's challenges. We will be focusing on this next week in our PSHE lessons.



Things to remember this week

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.

Tips for reading at home

Explaining through summarising. By summarising what they have read, children can gain a better understanding of what they have read.
Ask children to recall what has happened so far in the story they are reading.
If reading a non-fiction book, can they tell you three facts they have read.
Bullet point the key events.
Ask for 5 summary points.
Describe a main character.
Talk about a new character.
Where is it set?
What's happened so far?
Share opinions and thoughts.



Spotlight on the Governors

[Click here to find out about our Governors | St Luke's CofE \(VC\) Primary School](#)

David Forrest

Why you are a Governor

I became a school governor because I am passionate about supporting the education and development of young people. I believe strongly in the importance of providing children with the best possible learning environment and opportunities to thrive. As a governor, I want to contribute to shaping the future of the schools, ensuring that the curriculum is both engaging and challenging, and that the school community is a safe place where every student feels supported and inspired. I am committed to working alongside staff, parents, and fellow governors to help the schools continue to grow and succeed.



Your occupation

I work for Staffordshire Police with over 20 years' service having worked in a number of varied roles across the county, with a constant focus on adult and child safeguarding. I am currently working within the Executive Team at Stafford, as well as being the force tactical lead for Community Engagement. I have developed a number of technological solutions to help the force better engage with communities and I am the author of the forces Neighbourhood Policing strategy. I also undertake annual assessments of our Local Policing Teams, to ensure they consistently improve and develop. I also undertake a national role and I am a member of the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC)- Criminal Justice Coordination Committee, where I have responsibility for supporting the strategy, delivery and co-ordination of the National Bail portfolio. The focus of this work is improving the national approach to bail, ensuring that victims, witnesses and

communities are safeguarded through policy and legislative review, scrutiny, challenge and development.

What committee you are on and what your subject link is/are

I am a member of the Curriculum committee but I also have a keen interest in the finances of the school, ensuring that there is value in every pound that is spent by the two schools.

My link is History and Geography.

I have a long-standing interest in both history and geography, which will help to shape my approach to supporting education in these vital subjects. My enthusiasm for history stems from a deep curiosity about the past and its role in shaping the present. I believe understanding history helps students develop critical thinking skills and an appreciation for diverse perspectives. Geography, on the other hand, excites me for its focus on the relationship between people and their environment, as well as its importance in understanding global issues.

As the link governor for history and geography, I aim to ensure that both subjects are taught in a way that is engaging, relevant, and intellectually stimulating for all students. I am committed to supporting the school in providing a curriculum that fosters curiosity, develops knowledge, and encourages students to think critically about the world around them.

And something you like to do

I am kept busy by my three young children, who bring joy and adventure to my life. I enjoy spending quality time with them, whether we're exploring new places or going on weekend walks together. These moments are precious to me, and they allow us to create lasting memories. Additionally, I am passionate about football and I'm an avid supporter of the mighty Manchester United. When time allows, I love to watch matches with Jack my eldest child and keep up with the team, even though recent success has been limited.

Musician of the month

Link for more information

[February - The Supremes | St Luke's CofE \(VC\) Primary School](#)

The Supremes were an American girl group during the 1960s. Founded as the Primettes in Detroit, Michigan, in 1959, the Supremes were the most commercially successful of Motown's acts and the most successful American vocal band, with 12 number-one singles on the Billboard Hot 100.

Genres: R&B/Soul, Pop, Disco

Active from: 1959 - 1977

Origin: Detroit, U.S.A.



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.

Christian Values

Every half-term we focus on a different Christian value. This half-term it is Courage. If you would like to read more information or complete any of the home activities, please see the link below:

[Spring Term 1 2025 - Courage | St Luke's CofE \(VC\) Primary School](#)

Bible verse for next week:

[Spring Term 1 | St Luke's CofE \(VC\) Primary School](#)

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.

Monday: Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges
Vegetarian option – Deep Filled Jacket with Veggie Bolognese

Tuesday: Cottage Pie
Vegetarian option – Vegan Sausage Roll with Mash & Gravy

Wednesday: Roast of the Day with Yorkshire, Roasties & Gravy
Vegetarian option – Sweet Potato Crumble with Roasties

Thursday: Chicken Korma with Rice
Vegetarian option – Mac & Cheese

Friday: Fish Fingers with Chips
Vegetarian option – Vegetable Fingers with Chips

Important Dates

Wednesday, 5th February 2025	Cycle Training – Dazzling Dolphins and Outstanding Owls
Thursday, 6th February, 2025	Young Voices
Thursday 13th February 2025	Disco – see Dojo for more information
Thursday 13th February 2025	Outstanding Owls’ Class Assembly 5pm and Cake Sale
Friday, 14th February 2025	School closes for half term
Monday, 17th February 2025 to Friday, 21st February 2025	Half Term
Monday, 24th February 2025	School opens
Wednesday, 26 th February 2025	LL – Shrewsbury Prison
Sunday 2 nd March	Residential to PGL
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 6 th March	Fantastic Foxes’ Class Assembly 5pm and Cake Sale
Wednesday 12 th March	Parental Meetings
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	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