

Great Oak CE
Learning Federation
Summer Term 2025



Friday 23rd May

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)

Quick half-term

We can't believe how quick the last four weeks have gone. As a reminder school does not start until Tuesday 3rd June. We hope you all have a wonderful week and hope the sun shines.

Year 6 visit the Cathedral

Our Year 6 children are taking part in the INSPIRE programme today with a special trip to Lichfield Cathedral. As part of this enriching experience, they are exploring the awe and wonder of this historic place of worship, taking in its beauty, heritage, and spiritual atmosphere. The children are meeting with people who have shared how their beliefs and values influence their daily lives, and they are also connecting with pupils from other schools to share experiences and reflections. Throughout the day, they are being encouraged to consider some of the big questions facing us today, making this a thoughtful and inspiring visit.

Platinum Award

We are incredibly proud of everyone at our school for achieving the Platinum Award in the School Games programme. This recognition reflects our outstanding commitment to sport, teamwork, and leading healthy, active lifestyles. The children's enthusiasm, dedication, and sportsmanship have shone through in every event and activity. A special thank you goes to our PE Lead, Mr Shenton, for his dedication and encouragement—this achievement would not have been possible without him. Well done to all involved!



Star of the Week

Tiny Tigers	Robert
Busy Bees	Paisley
Performing Pandas	Whole Class
Dazzling Dolphins	Lynclande
Outstanding Owls	Ryan and Josh
Fantastic Foxes	Hollie
Learning Leopards	Kai

Christian Value Certificate

Tiny Tigers	Rhiannon
Busy Bees	Haider
Performing Pandas	Freddie
Dazzling Dolphins	Charlie
Outstanding Owls	Mason
Fantastic Foxes	Meadow
Learning Leopards	Mason

Attendance

Tiny Tigers	96.2%
Busy Bees	92.9%
Performing Pandas	95.4%
Dazzling Dolphins	93%
Outstanding Owls	94.5%
Fantastic Foxes	99%
Learning Leopards	95.6%

Tuesday 3rd June
Children return at
8.40am

Saturday 7th June
Children in Y5 invited
to Hanley as part of
the Samba March

Monday 9th June
PTFA Meeting at
9am

Thursday 12th June
Sports Day in the
morning
And Year 5 visit the
Fire Station

Special Mentions

Well done to you all

Football achievements: George

The Robinson-Phillips Excellence in Kindness goes to: Todd H

Mr Shenton's Award goes to: Louisa



Dojo Task: Well done to Amelia and Isabella that took part in the Dojo Task.

Special mention to: Cain for bravery

Over the last fortnight, the children in Tiny Tigers have been focused on the book Hansel and Gretel. This week, the children have worked really hard to rewrite the story in their own words. They have drawn some excellent pictures and applied their phonics skills write some really tricky sentences. We are all super proud! Miss Kelly

Class Dojos

Dojo Task Write a prayer about caring for others. Please return by Friday 6 th June	2nd	4th
	1st	3rd

Reading

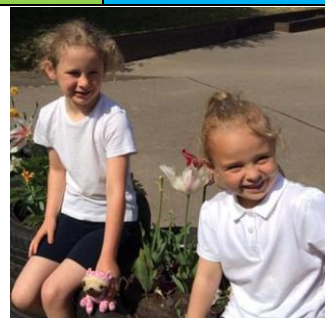
Reading Ambassadors

Meet our Year 1 Reading Ambassadors - Khloe and Jorgie!

Q: What is your favourite book of all time?

Khloe: I like 'Dinosaur Roar' because there is a kid dressed as a yellow dinosaur and I love the colour yellow!

Jorgie: I like the Harry Potter books because they have owls in. I have them read to me at the library.



Q: Which types of books do you enjoy the most?

Khloe: Fairy tales are the best! I like stories that are read to me too. My sister reads 'The Gingerbread Man' to me.

Jorgie: I like funny books because they make you smile and laugh. I like any types of books with horses in too!

Q: Why is it important for St Luke's children to read?

Khloe: If you do lots of reading, it helps you to be a good speller!

Jorgie: It gives you the chance to practise your Phonics which you learn at school.

Thank you Khloe and Jorgie!

Lost Property

We have a growing number of items and all lost property that we have has been checked and there are no names on the items. Please ensure that the cardigans, etc. are named. These are often taken off due to the high temperatures.

Bedtime stories

This week's bedtime story is by Mrs Long. You can view all of the recordings on the page below:

[St Luke's CofE \(VC\) Primary School - Bedtime stories](#)



St Briavels Castle

Please find the form for the residential for May 2026. This is for all children in the present classes Years 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.

PTFA

Every week and at the end of Sports Day too



Events

Monday 9th June

PTFA Meeting at 9am

Thursday 12th June or Friday 13th June

Father's/Special person Day

Sign up for cake and crafts here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/6d1Gu1xXtM>

20th June

Hamper Item please for Non-uniform

Tiny Tigers/Busy Bees – Summer treats

Performing Pandas/Dazzling Dolphins –

Pamper Hamper

Outstanding Owls – Rainy Day activities

Fantastic Foxes/Learning Leopards –

Summer Activities

27th June

Bottle or bar please

4th July

Summer Fair 3-4.30pm

Climate catch up corner

Eco Club update

The Eco-club have been busy this half term. We have been gardening around school to encourage pollinators to visit us. We have removed the dead flowers from the daffodils and tulips and removed the seed heads so that all the energy will go back into the bulb to give us fantastic flowers again next year. We have planted marigolds, petunias, love lies bleeding and impatiens in the pots and tyres and they are already looking beautiful. We can't wait to see them in full bloom in the coming weeks. The Eco Club have also made plans of what to do over the coming weeks. We are going to work out our own carbon footprints, cook a vegetarian meal and go on a litter pick.

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

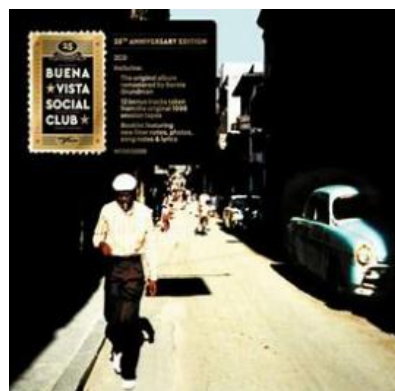
Meet the Governors

Over the last 3 months I have been introducing a Governor a week. Here is the link to the Governors if you missed one.

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

Musician of the month

About: Buena Vista Social Club is a musical ensemble primarily made up of Cuban musicians, formed in 1996. The project was organised by World Circuit executive Nick Gold, produced by American guitarist Ry Cooder and directed by Juan de Marcos González. They named the group after the members' club of the same name in the Buenavista quarter of Havana, a popular music venue in the 1940s. They recruited a dozen veteran musicians, some of whom had been retired for many years.



Genres: Son cubano, bolero and danzón

Active from: 1996-2015

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 half-term our focus is The Caregivers, part of the Sacred Pathway. The children will be focusing on the bible stories of Feeding of the 5,000, Feeding of the 4,000 and answering the big questions of:

How can caring for others help us feel closer to God?

What would our school or world look like if everyone followed the Caregiver pathway?

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	45p

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: Chicken Meatballs with Mash & Gravy

Vegetarian option – Vegeballs with Mash & Gravy

Wednesday: Roast of the Day with Roasties, Stuffing & Gravy

Vegetarian option – Loaded Yorkshire with Roasties

Thursday: Penne with Beef Bolognese

Vegetarian option – Penne with Beany Bolognese

Friday: Fish Fingers with Chips

Vegetarian option – Vegetable Fingers with Chips

Pre-order link for week commencing 9th June 2025

<https://forms.office.com/e/bUQPTmm4es>

Important Dates

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
Saturday 7 th June	Children in Y5 invited to Hanley as part of the Samba March
Wednesday 11 th June 2025	Open evening for parents (September 2025 Reception parents) 5pm
Thursday 12 th June 2025	Sports Day 9am-11.00am
Wednesday 18 th June	Session for new starters 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. (parents to stay)
Wednesday 18 th June	Performing Pandas' trip to Adventure Farm
Thursday 19 th June 2025	Tiny Tigers' Class Assembly and Cake Sale 5pm
Friday 20 th June 2025	Non-uniform Day (Hamper item)
Monday 23 rd June 2025	KS2 Play 1.30pm
Tuesday 24 th June 2025	KS2 Play 5.30pm
Wednesday, 25 th June 2025	Session for new starters 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. (parents to stay)
Wednesday, 25 th June 2025	OO – Cadbury's World trip
Thursday 26 th June 2025	Reserved Sports Day 9am
Friday 27 th June 2025	Non-uniform Day (Bottle or bar)
Wednesday 2 nd July 2025	Session for new starters 9.00 a.m. until 11.00 a.m. (just children)
Wednesday 2 nd July 2025	Newcastle Academy and Sir Thomas Boughy– Induction Day
Thursday, 3 rd July 2025	St John Fisher, Newcastle Academy and Sir Thomas Boughy – Parental Information Evening 6.00 p.m.
Friday 4 th July 2025	Summer Fair 3-4.30pm
Monday 7 th July and Tuesday 8 th July	Madeley Transition Days
Tuesday, 8 th July 2025	The Orme Academy – transition day (9.00 a.m. till 3.00 p.m.)
Wednesday 9 th July 2025	Y6 Play 1.30pm and 5pm
Thursday 10 th July 2025	Key Stage 2 trip to Keele University
Thursday 10 th July 2025	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
Thursday, 4 th April 2026	Photos - Class Groups, Leavers, Reception Individuals and Smylers Graduations
Monday, 13 th April 2026	School opens
Monday, 1 st June 2026	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday, 2 nd June 2026	School Opens
Friday, 17 th July 2026	School closes for Summer Holidays
Monday, 20 th July 2026	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)