

Great Oak CE  
Learning  
Federation



Summer Term  
2025

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July

# 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)

### KS2 Visit Keele University

Exciting Science Day at Keele University for KS2  
Next Thursday, all of our Key Stage 2 pupils will have the fantastic opportunity to visit Keele University for a Science Day hosted by the Life Sciences department.

Throughout the day, children will take part in a variety of exciting activities, including fieldwork and practical sessions in university laboratories, working alongside experienced staff and technicians. It promises to be a fun and inspiring day, offering a real insight into the world of science beyond the classroom. We will be walking to and from the university – a total of approximately 3.5 miles – and will be enjoying our lunch on-site. Please ensure your child is wearing comfortable shoes, weather-appropriate clothing, and bring a packed lunch and water bottle. Please complete the permission form via the link below to confirm your child's attendance:

<https://forms.office.com/e/wHqCtJQL2>

If you have any questions or need further information, feel free to get in touch.

### Afternoon of Celebration

We would like to warmly invite parents and carers to join us for our Afternoon of Celebration on Tuesday 15th July starting at 1.30pm. All the children will be coming together to sing a special song. There will also be dancing, playing instruments and drama. It promises to be a joyful and uplifting celebration of all their hard work and creativity!

### Message from Smylers

We are now taking bookings as places fill fast during the summer holidays. Call 01782 973870 or call in for a booking form.



### Star of the Week

Tiny Tigers	Leo
Busy Bees	Isla
Performing Paddingtons	Dottie
Dazzling Dolphins	Jenson
Outstanding Owls	Lauren
Fantastic Foxes	Riley G
Learning Leopards	Sienna

### Christian Value Certificate

Tiny Tigers	Brandon
Busy Bees	Ava
Performing Paddingtons	Whole Class
Dazzling Dolphins	Lynclande
Outstanding Owls	Ella-Rose
Fantastic Foxes	Chris
Learning Leopards	April, Sienna, Molly, Lillie and Gracie

### Attendance

Tiny Tigers	87.9%
Busy Bees	96%
Performing Paddingtons	94%
Dazzling Dolphins	90%
Outstanding Owls	96.5%
Fantastic Foxes	90%
Learning Leopards	93%

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

Y6 Play  
1pm and 5pm

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

Key Stage 2 visit Keele

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

KS1 disco 3-4.30pm  
KS2 Disco 6-8pm

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

Musical celebration  
1.30pm (All parents welcome)

## Special Mentions

### Well done to you all

**Football achievements:** Todd (PP)

**Cricket achievements:** Bobbie (OO), Alfie (PP)

**Dancing achievements:** Meadow (PP)

**The Robinson-Phillips Excellence in Kindness goes to:** Skyla-Rose (OO)

**Mr Shenton's Award goes to:** April, Sienna, Molly, Lillie and Gracie (LL)



### Drumming with Mr Will – Getting Ready for Our Musical Celebration!

Over the past few weeks, children across the school have been enjoying exciting and interactive drumming workshops with Mr Will. These sessions have given pupils the chance to explore rhythm, develop musical skills, and work together as part of a team—all while having great fun!

The drumming is part of our preparations for the upcoming Afternoon of Musical Celebration on Monday 15th July, where children will proudly showcase what they've learned, alongside other musical performances.

We look forward to welcoming families to this special event as we celebrate the wonderful musical talent across our school.

### Thank You for a Fantastic Summer Fayre!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our Summer Fayre such a wonderful success! It was a fantastic afternoon filled with fun, laughter, and a real sense of community.

We are incredibly grateful to all the families who came along, donated prizes, volunteered their time, and supported the stalls. Your generosity and enthusiasm helped create a truly memorable event.

A very special well done and thank you to our brilliant PTFA, who worked so hard behind the scenes to organise everything—from games and raffles to refreshments and tombolas. Your dedication and effort made all the difference.

The funds raised will go directly towards enhancing experiences and resources for our children in school—thank you for your continued support!

### Reading

#### Bedtime stories

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

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



#### 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. Please note that we will be marking all uniforms on Monday including jumpers, ties and coats.

#### 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 Events

Next week's newsletter will include all the dates for the 2025/26 events.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful PTFA for their incredible efforts and commitment throughout the year. From organising events to fundraising and supporting school activities, their dedication has made a real difference to our school community. We are also extremely grateful to all our parents and carers for your continued support, generosity, and involvement—whether it's attending events, donating prizes, or cheering the children on, it is truly appreciated.



### 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.*

### Meet the Governors

#### Why I am a Governor

As a parent of 2, who has been supported over the years by schools and local communities, I wanted to give something back.

I'm a firm believer in the idea of 'passing forward' – and I see this as my opportunity to contribute to one of the most vital pieces of community life.

Schools are one of the hubs of any local community, and the young children passing through deserve the highest quality experience; be that in the curriculum, quality of the teaching, the opportunities provided or the environment itself, and so I hope my contributions help the Betley and St Luke's schools excel in all areas.

#### My occupation

I am currently employed as a Brand Manager for dedicated health food supplements for a company operating globally, which is a predominantly marketing based role, and have prior experience leading a large team in retail management.

The board has a diverse set of skills in areas from education to policing, so I feel that my experience in a more commercial sector will be valuable.

#### A bit about me

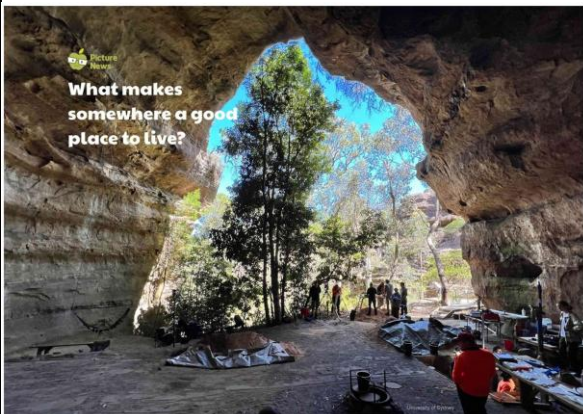
In my personal life I am married with 2 kids (and a dog!). I have a keen interest in music and like to get to gigs of my favourite bands where possible. I'm also a bit of a nerd, into films, tech and video games. I try and stay fit by regularly attending the gym, the odd bit of football, and swimming with the kids when we get the chance.

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



## British Values

Each week in Worship on Thursday we explore British Values. Next week the focus is:



### Mutual Respect and Tolerance

A good place to live might look different for each of us. When we respect other people's homes and needs, we help create safe and caring spaces for everyone.

## In the news this week

Scientists in Australia have discovered that human beings lived in high mountain caves nearly 20,000 years ago. They found tools, burnt wood, and other artefacts deep inside the caves of Australia's Blue Mountains, showing that people once cooked and lived there. The discovery is one of the earliest records of people living within this mountain range. The caves were likely a safe and useful place to shelter during cold winters in the mountains.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Why do you think people chose to live in mountain caves? Share your response with someone at home. Do you think it's important to learn about the homes of people from the past?
- > Considering where you live, what are the things you need to live a comfortable life in your home? Have these things changed over time?

## 🎯 LET'S HIT OUR ATTENDANCE TARGET! 🎯

**Every Day Counts – Let's Finish the Year Strong!**

### 📅 WE'RE AIMING HIGH!

Our goal is to finish the school year with attendance above the national average of 93.30%, and we need everyone's support to make it happen!

### 🌟 WHY IT MATTERS:

This target helps make sure every child can reach their full potential. Good attendance leads to better learning, confidence, and success.

### ✅ HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Ensure your child is in school every day
- Arrive on time, ready to learn
- Avoid taking term-time holidays
- Book appointments outside school hours when possible

### 🎉 DON'T MISS OUT!

There's still so much happening in school before summer – trips, celebrations, learning, and fun! Let's make the most of every day.

👏 **THANK YOU for your support – let's reach that target together!**

🔔 **IMPORTANT REMINDER:**

Any child with attendance of 90% or below at the end of the academic year will be monitored when school opens in September. It is now important we try to improve our attendance.

**Musician of the month**

About: Barbara Strozzi was an Italian composer and singer of the Baroque Period. During her lifetime, Strozzi published eight volumes of her own music, and had more secular music in print than any other composer of the era. This was achieved without support from the Church

or consistent patronage from the nobility.

Genres: Classical, Chamber music, Solo voice

Active from: 1644 - 1664

Origin: Venice, Italy



**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:** Sausage and Chips

Vegetarian option – Penne with Beany Bolognese

**Friday:** Party Buffet Menu

Pre-order link for w/c 14/7/2025 - <https://forms.office.com/e/JEF4KHsVYb>

## Important Dates

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025	Session for new starters 9.00 a.m. until 11.00 a.m. (just children)
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025	Newcastle Academy and Sir Thomas Boughey– Induction Day
Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2025	Newcastle Academy and Sir Thomas Boughey– Induction Day
Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2025	St John Fisher, Newcastle Academy and Sir Thomas Boughey – Parental Information Evening
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Summer Fair 3-4.30pm
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Madeley Transition Days
Tuesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	The Orme Academy – transition day (9.00 a.m. till 3.00 p.m.)
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Y6 Play 1pm and 5pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Key Stage 2 trip to Keele University
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Prom and Disco
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Reports to Parents
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Celebration of the Arts 1.30pm (all parents are invited)
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Annual water fight
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
Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Photos - Class Groups, Leavers, Reception Individuals and Smlers Graduations
Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	School opens
Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)

Tuesday, 2nd June 2026	School Opens
Friday, 17th July 2026	School closes for Summer Holidays
Monday, 20th July 2026	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)