

Great Oak CE
Learning
Federation



Summer Term
2025

Friday 11th 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)

Final Newsletter of the Year

As we reach the end of a fantastic academic year, this will be our final newsletter before the summer break. Thank you for your continued support. We wish all our families a safe and happy summer, and send our very best wishes to the children moving on to high school—go and shine! We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, refreshed and ready to learn.

Well done, Year 6!

A huge WELL DONE to all of the children in Year 6—you absolutely rocked and we are all so proud of every single one of you!

Your performance of Cinderella and Rockerfella was full of energy, humour, and talent. From the confident acting to the brilliant singing and dancing, you brought the stage to life and gave us all a show to remember. Thank you to the Y6 team for all your hard work and dedication—you've truly shone!

The play is now uploaded to our channel:

https://youtu.be/ekeVS_A0BoY

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! Please keep an eye on the Dojo for updates on the weather.



Star of the Week

Tiny Tigers	Alarna-Grace
Busy Bees	Emmy
Performing Paddingtons	Tobias
Dazzling Dolphins	Rose
Outstanding Owls	Whole Class
Fantastic Foxes	Whole Class
Learning Leopards	Logan

Christian Value Certificate

Tiny Tigers	Maddox
Busy Bees	Taylor
Performing Paddingtons	Jasmine
Dazzling Dolphins	Ivie and Grace
Outstanding Owls	Josh
Fantastic Foxes	Hollie
Learning Leopards	Whole Class

Attendance

Tiny Tigers	86%
Busy Bees	100%
Performing Paddingtons	95%
Dazzling Dolphins	95%
Outstanding Owls	98%
Fantastic Foxes	85%
Learning Leopards	93%

Tuesday 15th July
Musical celebration
1.30pm (All parents welcome)

Thursday 17th July
Annual Water Fight

Friday 18th July
Year 6 Leavers'
1pm

Special Mentions

Well done to you all

Football achievements: Archie

The Robinson-Phillips Excellence in Kindness goes to: Lennon (BB)

Dojo Awarded to: Bobbie (OO), Ella-Rose (OO), Isabella (PP) and Molly (LL)



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.

KS2 Visit Keele University

Our junior pupils had a brilliant day at Keele University, taking part in two exciting science activities. They explored local streams to identify freshwater invertebrates and used red cabbage as a natural pH indicator to test water quality. The hands-on experience brought science to life in a beautiful outdoor setting. A big thank you to Keele staff for an engaging and memorable day of learning!

OFSTED News

We're delighted to share that our recent Ofsted inspection in June 2025 judged St Luke's CofE Primary School as Good in all areas! Inspectors praised our strong community spirit, high expectations, and supportive relationships. They highlighted the ambitious curriculum, positive behaviour, and strong early years provision. Reading was seen as a real strength, and pupils with SEND are well supported. A big thank you to our staff, pupils, and families for their continued support and hard work!

[St Luke's CofE \(VC\) Primary School - OFSTED Reports](#)

Exciting Developments Coming to St Luke's!

We are absolutely thrilled to share some wonderful news with our school community—exciting changes are on the horizon at St Luke's!

After 14 years of determination and ongoing discussions, we are delighted to announce that the Local Authority has agreed to fund the majority of the long-awaited improvements to the Tiny Tigers outdoor area. This significant investment marks a milestone in our continued efforts to provide the very best environment for our youngest children.

The redevelopment will include:

- A brand-new canopy to provide shelter in all weathers
- Fresh flooring for safer, more engaging play
- Secure and attractive fencing
- A delightful space where children can cycle, play, and sit together

These enhancements will transform the outdoor learning experience for our Tiny Tigers and help us to further support their development through active and imaginative play.

While the work is scheduled to be completed by October half-term, we know it will be well worth the wait. In the meantime, we remain excited and full of anticipation for what's to come.

We can't wait to see our youngest learners enjoying their new outdoor space—and we're sure you'll love it too!

On Monday, a group of children went to Northwood Stadium to take part in an athletics competition. All children had a great day and had an amazing experience. Our girls team came second. Overall, our school finished in joint 3rd. Well done everyone.



On Tuesday, a group of children from year 5 had a great day at Keele uni doing a variety of sports. The children participated in rounders with a local high school PE teacher, Cricket with a Staffordshire cricket coach, pickleball with a local coach and tag rugby. A great day was had by all and the children's behaviour was excellent all day!



Reading

Bedtime stories

This week's bedtime story is by Mrs Foy. 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.

We will be displaying all non uniform at the Celebration afternoon on Tuesday 15th July, for you to look through.

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

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

[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:

In the news this week

After fleeing the war in Ukraine, Yuliia Brykailo moved to the Isle of Man with her daughter, Veronika. Yuliia has since written a children's book inspired by Veronika's experience of settling into a new school. The story, Veronika's Treasure Adventures on the Isle of Man, follows a young girl exploring the island and discovering that the real treasure is friendship. Veronika was warmly welcomed by her new school, where pupils even learned Ukrainian words to help her feel included.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you think writing a book is a good way to help share an experience?
- > Ask someone at home about their favourite book. What is it they like about it? Tell them about yours. Are there any lessons you can learn from your favourite stories or books?



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

We all have the right to feel safe, happy and to be ourselves. When we help others settle in and make new friends, we support their freedom to take part and enjoy school.

🎯 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.

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

Important Dates

Tuesday 15 th July 2025	Celebration of the Arts 1.30pm (all parents are invited)
Thursday 17 th July 2025	Annual water fight
Friday 18 th July 2025	Leavers' Assembly 1pm
Friday 18 th July 2025	Break up for the Summer holidays
Monday, 1st September 2025	INSET Day
Tuesday, 2nd September 2025	INSET Day
Wednesday, 3rd September 2025	School Opens
Thursday, 4th September 2025	School Photographs - Families, Siblings and Individuals
Friday, 24th October 2025	School closes at 3.10 p.m. for Half Term
Monday, 27th October 2025 to Friday, 31st October 2025	Half Term
Monday, 3rd November 2025	School Opens
Friday, 19th December, 2025	School closes at 3.10 p.m. for Christmas
Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday, 2nd January, 2026	Christmas Holidays
Monday, 5th January, 2026	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday, 6th January, 2026	School opens
Friday, 13th February 2026	School Closes at 3.10 p.m. for Half Term
Monday, 16th February 2026 to Friday, 20th February 2026	Half Term

Monday, 23rd February 2026	School Opens
Friday, 26th March 2026	School closes at 3.10 p.m. for Easter Holidays
Monday, 30th March 2026 to 10th April 2026	Easter Holidays
Thursday, 4th April 2026	Photos - Class Groups, Leavers, Reception Individuals and Smylers Graduations
Monday, 13th April 2026	School opens
Monday, 1st 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)