



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September

# 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)

### What an amazing week!!

Welcome back everyone (or a brand new welcome if you are joining the St Luke's family). There have been fun-filled, busy learning days and it has been a real joy to visit the classrooms and see the children developing relationships with their new teachers and establishing new routines. Some excellent work has been produced and the children have shown a great attitude to learning and a superb work ethic.

### British Values

This week, we've been focusing on British Values, including democracy, respect, individual liberty, the rule of law, and tolerance of others. These values are key to creating a positive and inclusive school community. Our Year 6 students have taken on new leadership roles, showing how they can lead with respect and responsibility. At the same time, every class has had the opportunity to democratically vote for their School Councils and Class Ambassadors. This process gave everyone a voice and allowed students to experience the importance of making choices together. It's been an exciting week as we've all worked together to build a stronger, more respectful school community based on these important values.

### Meet the Teacher

You are invited to come and meet your child's teacher! This will be a short, friendly session where the teacher will talk about what your child will be learning this term and what to expect in class. It will last around 15–20 minutes, and you'll be given some helpful information to take home.

You only need to attend **one** of the sessions:

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:45pm**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm**

For Tiny Tigers, the session will focus more on phonics and early learning. If you're unable to attend, a link to the information will be shared on Class Dojo next week.



### Star of the Week

Tiny Tigers	Whole Class
Busy Bees	Jacob
Performing Pandas	Whole Class
Dazzling Dolphins	Arisa
Outstanding Owls	Josh H
Fantastic Foxes	Lubaba and Bellatrix
Learning Leopards	Ashleigh

### Christian Value Certificate

Busy Bees	Siena
Performing Pandas	Jacob
Dazzling Dolphins	Todd
Outstanding Owls	Arsin
Fantastic Foxes	Whole Class
Learning Leopards	Charlie

### Special Mentions



**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

Meet the Teacher Workshop  
2.45pm

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

PTFA Meeting 9am

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## Attendance

Tiny Tigers	95.1%
Busy Bees	100%
Performing Pandas	96.8%
Dazzling Dolphins	96%
Outstanding Owls	95.8%
Fantastic Foxes	96%
Learning Leopards	91%

## Attendance Matters



## Communication Class Dojo

[www.classdojo.com](http://www.classdojo.com)

Class Dojo is a fantastic tool for keeping in contact with the school. The teachers will be adding messages on there and photos too. Please make sure that you are registered. Ask the class teacher if you need support with this. Please note if you are messaging teachers after 5pm please do not expect a reply until the following morning. Thank you. I can be contacted through:

[headteacher@st-lukes-silverdale.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@st-lukes-silverdale.staffs.sch.uk)

## Website

Everything that you need to know about your child's day should be on our school website. If you are unable to find something, please let us know. There is a contact form on there and this can be found at the link below:

<https://www.st-lukes-silverdale.staffs.sch.uk/contact-details/>

## Free School Meals

We are very keen to make sure that every child and family that is eligible for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium funding is registered correctly. This funding is vital to enable us to offer support to the individual children and across the school. You can check if you are eligible by completing the online form via the Staffordshire County Council website, link below: Apply online - Free School Meals - Staffordshire County Council We know that applying online can be sometimes be difficult, so we have staff on hand at school to help if you would prefer. All conversations remain private and confidential; all we need to complete the application for you is:

- Parent and Child Full Name and Date of Birth
- Contact Details
- National Insurance Number or National Asylum Seeker's Number

If you would like to take advantage of our team making the application for you, please let us know by contacting Caroline on 01782 973865 (Option 1) Caroline works on Monday to Wednesday.

## Music of the Month

**About:** ABBA are a Swedish group formed in Stockholm (Sweden) in 1972 by Agnetha Fältskog, Björn Ulvaeus, Benny Andersson, and Anni-Frid Lyngstad. The group's name is an acronym of the first letters of their first names arranged as a palindrome. They are one of the most popular and successful musical groups of all time, and are one of the best-selling music acts in the history of popular music, topping the charts worldwide.

**Genres:** Pop, Disco and Rock

**Active from:** 1972 - 1982 and 2016 - Present

**Origin:** Stockholm, Sweden



## Space Makers

We are excited to introduce Stilling as part of a new activity that follows intensive training for all staff during our recent INSET day. Stilling is a practice designed to help children develop focus, self-regulation, and mindfulness, allowing them to take a moment to pause and reflect. We believe it will support both the

emotional well-being and the concentration of our students. The staff are eager to implement this new approach in the classroom, and we look forward to seeing how it positively impacts our school community.

It is parent of a programme called Space Maker. This is a program from the Oxford Diocese, which offers a thoughtful and reflective space for children to explore their feelings, spirituality, and well-being through creative activities and quiet reflection.

### 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 News

#### Next Meeting:

Monday 15th September at 9am in the staff room

#### Events:

Thursday 16th October Movie Night 3.10pm-4.35pm £3

### Meet the Governors

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

### British Values

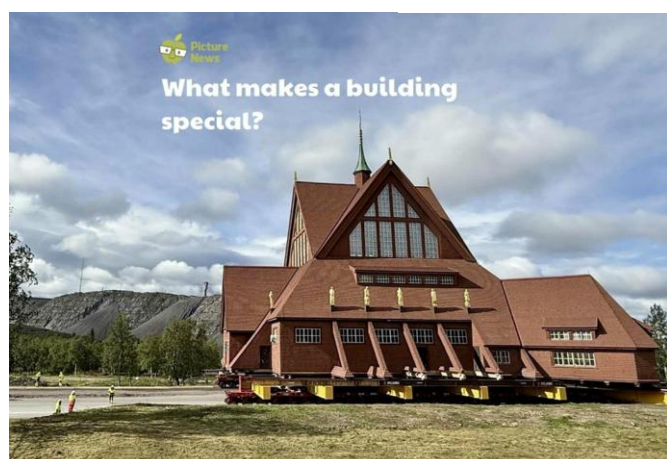
Each week in Worship on Thursday we explore British Values. Next week the focus is:

## In the news this week

A church in Kiruna, which is one of Sweden's largest wooden buildings, has been carefully moved 5km to a new location. Many buildings in the city are being relocated because the ground is unstable due to iron ore mining. The church, built in 1912 and voted Sweden's most beautiful pre-1950 building, was slowly transported on special trailers. The process was watched by thousands of people.

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

- Share your response to this week's news story with someone at home. Why do you think the decision was made to move the church whole, rather than dismantle and rebuild it?
- Are there any well-known buildings in your local area? What is their purpose?
- What buildings are important to you? What is it about them that makes them important?



### Mutual Respect and Tolerance

The church has travelled across the city to reach safer ground. When people move location and join a new community, we should be welcoming and respectful.

### 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.*

## 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.

Next week:

**Monday:** Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges

Vegetarian option – Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges

**Tuesday:** Italian Sausage Pasta Bake

Vegetarian option – Penne with Garden Bolognese

**Wednesday:** Roast of the Day with Roasties and Gravy

Vegetarian option – Toad in the Hole with Roasties and Gravy

**Thursday:** Cottage Pie

Vegetarian option – Golden Topped Cottage Pie

**Friday:** Fish Fingers with Chips

Vegetarian option – Vegetable Fingers with Chips

Week Beginning:

<https://forms.office.com/e/VMmq3DDhRQ>

## Important Dates

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Meet the Teacher Workshop 2.45pm
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	PTFA Meeting 9am in the staff room (coffee/tea and biscuits provided)
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Meet the Teacher Workshop 4.30pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025	Book Bus
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Movie Night 3.10pm – 4.45pm £3
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025	Harvest Festival at St Luke's Church/School 1.30pm
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 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Non-uniform for optional bottle or bar
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Parental Meetings (invites sent out via compass)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Non-uniform for optional Christmas Hamper item
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Winter Disco 3.10-4.30pm All children.
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2025	Christmas Tree Service 9am (All parents are invited)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Christmas Fayre 3-4.30pm

Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	EYFS/KS1 Nativity 1.30pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	EYFS/KS1 Nativity 5pm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Key Stage 2 Drama Club Nativity 1.30pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Key Stage 2 Drama Club Nativity 5pm
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
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Learning Leopards' Class Assembly 9am and 5pm and Cake Sale
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Young Voices in Manchester – choir club to start in the Autumn Term
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Fantastic Foxes' Class Assembly 9am and 5pm and Cake Sale
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
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	World Book Day Celebrations
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Mothers' Dat crafts and cake 2.30pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Non-uniform for an optional Easter Egg or chocolate bar
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Parental Meetings (invites sent out via compass)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Outstanding Owls' Class Assembly 9am and 5pm and Cake Sale
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Easter Egg Tombola in School
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Odd Sock day – no donation needed World Down Syndrome Day
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Easter Service 1.30pm
Friday, 27 <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
Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Photos - Class Groups, Leavers, Reception Individuals and Smylers Graduations
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Dazzling Dolphins' Class Assembly 9am and 5pm and Cake Sale
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Performing Pandas' Class Assembly 9am and 5pm and Cake Sale
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	SATS week
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Residential for Key Stage 2
Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026	School Opens
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day 9am
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Busy Bees' Class Assembly 9am and 5pm and Cake Sale
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Fathers' Day cakes and crafts 2.15pm
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2026	Reserved Sports Day 9am
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Tiny Tigers' Class Assembly 9am and 5pm and Cake Sale
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Musical Celebration 1.30pm (All parents are welcome)
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Prom and Disco 3-4.30pm KS1 and 6-8pm for KS2
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Reports out
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	1.30pm and 5pm Year 6 Play

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Leavers' Assembly 1pm
Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	School closes for Summer Holidays
Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)