



Friday 19th 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)

Grammarsaurus

We are thrilled to share with you our progressive, exciting new approach to writing across all classes at St Luke's this year! We will be using the Grammarsaurus approach to writing as a method of further enhancing the childrens' knowledge of Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) and applying this to their writing. In addition to this, Grammarsaurus allows us to link our writing across all aspects of the National Curriculum. There will be lots of 'WOW' opportunities to enthuse the children to become budding writers and access to a variety of texts to inspire them to become awesome authors!

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to join us for our recent Meet the Teacher sessions. It was wonderful to see so many of you in school and to share information about the year ahead. Please don't worry if you were unable to attend—everything that was covered can be found on our Class Pages at the link below: [Class Pages](#).

Stilling update

We are so proud of how children from Year 1 through to Year 6 are taking part in stilling with such quiet respect and thoughtfulness. It is truly wonderful to see every class embracing this special time so beautifully together, reflecting our school values of love, wisdom and strength. Riley, Meadow and Brody asked a few children what they thought and here are their responses:

'It makes me feel calm'

'It makes my day better'

'It gives me time to reflect'

'It's good for the brain to focus'



Star of the Week

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| Tiny Tigers | Autumn |
| Busy Bees | Alarna-Grace |
| Performing Pandas | Luella |
| Dazzling Dolphins | Fiona |
| Outstanding Owls | Alfie |
| Fantastic Foxes | Skyla-Rose |
| Learning Leopards | Lilly |

Christian Value Certificate

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| Tiny Tigers | Pearl |
| Busy Bees | Connie |
| Performing Pandas | Taylor-Mai |
| Dazzling Dolphins | Tobias |
| Outstanding Owls | Amelia |
| Fantastic Foxes | Mollie |
| Learning Leopards | Emmy |

Special Mentions

Football achievements: Reggie
Robinson-Phillips Excellence in Kindness goes to: Noah
Mr Shenton's award to: Aidey
Well done to all of the children in Learning Leopards – 100% of homework returns.
Makaton award: Archie
Class Dojo: Chester and Myla

Monday 22nd September
Book Bus at school

Tuesday 23rd September
Cross Country for girls and boys in
Year 5 and 6

Sunday 28th September
Harvest Festival at St Luke's
Church at 9.45am

Attendance

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| Tiny Tigers | 91.8% |
| Busy Bees | 97.5% |
| Performing Pandas | 95.5% |
| Dazzling Dolphins | 97.3% |
| Outstanding Owls | 96% |
| Fantastic Foxes | 97.8% |
| Learning Leopards | 90.3% |



Dojo Points and this week's Task

This week's task is:

Draw a poster showing how you like to relax.

Every week there will be a Dojo task set by our Fantastic Four.

Every Dojo task completed gets rewarded by 20 Dojos!

Make sure you return the Task by Friday 26th September.

2,128

2,046

1,933

2,503

British Values

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



Individual Liberty

For 70 years, Guinness World Records has celebrated the many ways people shine. It shows us that we all have the freedom to follow our passions, try new things, and share what makes us unique.

In the news this week

Guinness World Records is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year. The book was first published in 1955, and is now sold in over 100 countries. Each year, it collects unusual and amazing records, from the fastest runners to the tallest buildings and silliest challenges. To mark its birthday, the 'global authority' on record-breaking achievements shared some records that no one has tried yet and is encouraging people to have a go.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Ask someone at home whether they are familiar with the Guinness World Records. What records can they recall?
- > Discuss the skills required to break records. E.g., hard work and ability.
- > Think about something you would like to get better at this year. What goal could you set and how might you achieve it? Share with someone at home.

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.

Some ways you can help with your child's learning

- Every week we are posting what your child will be learning in the following week. Have a little chat and ask them a question about their learning?
- Encourage your children to read at least 4 times a week and write this in their diary.
- Complete any homework

If you would like more support on ways you can help at home, please ask your child's teacher.

Book Bus

On Monday 22nd September we are very excited to have The Book Bus visiting our school. Each class will have the opportunity to go aboard the bus, listen to a story and then have time to buy a book at a discounted price if they would like to. There is a huge variety available and the staff on the bus and our staff will be there to help the children choose if they need it.

The Bus will be arriving in the morning (8.20am) and will be staying for the morning so they are inviting parents aboard too to perhaps do a little bit of early Christmas shopping or just stock up the book shelves! It will be on the main playground.

If your child would like to purchase a book during the visit they can bring cash in to school in an envelope with their name on or if you would prefer you can buy vouchers from the book bus website and send these with your child instead. The link is –

<https://thebookbus.co.uk/products/the-book-bus-gift-card-15>

The book bus also accepts card payments.

It is always fantastic to see the children showing their love for reading and we are hoping that a visit from the book bus will develop this further

Open Days

Newcastle Academy

Open Evening: 1st October 2025, 6pm-8pm

Book on:

[Open Events | Newcastle Academy](#)

Sir Thomas Boughy

Open Evening: Thursday 25th September, 18:00-20:00

Open Morning: Monday 29th September, 9.30am

Open Morning: Wednesday 1st October, 11.30am

Book on:

<https://www.sirthomasboughyacademy.org.uk/news-and-events/open-events>

Orme Academy

Wednesday 24th September 6pm

Saturday 4th October 10am-12pm

(No need to book)

St John Fisher

Thursday 25th September 6pm

Friday 26th September 9am

(no need to book)

Madeley School

Thursday 2nd October at 6pm (No need to book)

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 Week

Next week we will be listening to:

The winner takes it all

[ABBA - The Winner Takes It All](#)

Facts about the song:

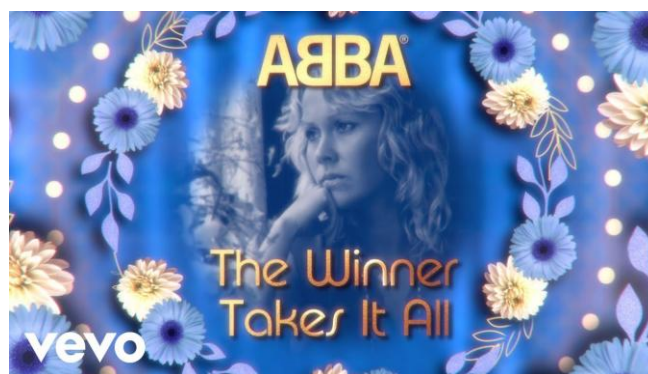
🎤 **ABBA sang it in 1980** – That's more than 40 years ago, but people still love it today!

🌍 **It was a big hit around the world** – It reached number 1 in many countries, showing how popular ABBA were.

💔 **It's a song about feelings** – Even though it's quite a sad song, people think it's one of ABBA's most powerful performances.

🎵 **Agnetha, the lead singer, recorded it in just one take!** – She sang it so perfectly that they didn't need to record it again.

📺 **It has a famous music video** – filmed in a beautiful seaside town in Sweden, with Agnetha walking around in the sunshine while singing.



Forms shared in the last two weeks

Autumn Term 2025

[Learning Leopards - Shrewsbury Prison - Monday, 29th September](#)

[Fantastic Foxes - Jodrell Bank - Thursday, 16th October](#)

Spring Term 2026

[Young Voices - Thursday, 5th February](#)

Walk to School Week Ambassadors

☀️ Introducing Our WOW Ambassadors! ☀️

On Tuesday, our Year 5 pupils took part in their official WOW Ambassador training. They are now fully prepared and excited to step into their new leadership role, helping to champion active travel across our school. 🚶🚲

We are so proud of them and look forward to seeing the positive impact they will make as they inspire others to travel actively, safely, and sustainably. ❤️

Well done, Year 5!



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 13th October at 9am on in the staff room

Events:

Thursday 16th October Disco for all children

Meet the Governors

[Click here to find out about our Governors | 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 | |
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| 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: Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice
Vegetarian option – Classic Mac & Cheese

Wednesday: Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy
Vegetarian option – Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy

Thursday: Homestyle Sausage Roll with Mash & Gravy
Vegetarian option – Plantastic Balls with Mash & Gravy

Friday: Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips
Vegetarian option – Crispy Garden Fingers with Chips

Pre-order link for w/c 29/09/2025 - <https://forms.office.com/e/9xSHinT882>

Important Dates

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| Thursday 16 th October 2025 | Jodrell Bank – Fantastic Foxes |
| Thursday 16 th October 2025 | Movie Night 3.10pm – 4.45pm £3 |
| Thursday 23 rd October 2025 | Harvest Festival at St Luke’s Church/School 1.30pm |
| 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 7 th November 2025 | Non-uniform for optional bottle or bar |
| Monday 10 th November 2025 | Parental Meetings (invites sent out via compass) |
| Friday 14 th November 2025 | Non-uniform for optional Christmas Hamper item |
| Thursday 27 th November 2025 | Winter Disco 3.10-4.30pm All children. |
| Monday 1 st December 2025 | Christmas Tree Service 9am (All parents are invited) |
| Thursday 4 th December | Dazzling Dolphins trip to Liverpool Museum |
| Friday 5 th December 2025 | Christmas Fayre 3-4.30pm |
| Tuesday 9 th December 2025 | EYFS/KS1 Nativity 1.30pm |
| Wednesday 10 th December 2025 | EYFS/KS1 Nativity 5pm |
| Tuesday 16 th December 2025 | Key Stage 2 Drama Club Nativity 1.30pm |
| Wednesday 17 th December 2025 | Key Stage 2 Drama Club Nativity 5pm |
| 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 |
| Thursday 15 th January 2026 | Learning Leopards’ Class Assembly 9am and 5pm and Cake Sale |
| Thursday 5 th February 2025 | Young Voices in Manchester – choir club to start in the Autumn Term |
| Thursday 12 th February 2026 | Fantastic Foxes’ Class Assembly 9am and 5pm and Cake Sale |
| 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 |
| Thursday 5 th March 2026 | World Book Day Celebrations |
| Thursday 12 th March 2026 | Mothers’ Dat crafts and cake 2.30pm |

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| Friday 13 th March 2026 | Non-uniform for an optional Easter Egg or chocolate bar |
| Monday 16 th March 2026 | Parental Meetings (invites sent out via compass) |
| Thursday 19 th March 2026 | Outstanding Owls' Class Assembly 9am and 5pm and Cake Sale |
| Thursday 19 th March 2026 | Easter Egg Tombola in School |
| Friday 20 th March 2026 | Odd Sock day – no donation needed World Down Syndrome Day |
| Thursday 26 th March 2025 | Easter Service 1.30pm |
| Friday, 27 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 | |
| Monday, 13 th April 2026 | School opens |
| Thursday, 16 th April 2026 | Photos - Class Groups, Leavers, Reception Individuals and Smylers Graduations |
| Thursday 22 nd April | Dazzling Dolphins' Class Assembly 9am and 5pm and Cake Sale |
| Thursday 30 th April | Performing Pandas' Class Assembly 9am and 5pm and Cake Sale |
| Monday 11 th May 2026 | SATS week |
| Monday 18 th May 2026 | Residential for Key Stage 2 |
| Monday, 1 st June 2026 | INSET Day (school closed to pupils) |
| Tuesday, 2 nd June 2026 | School Opens |
| Tuesday 16 th June | Sports Day 9am |
| Thursday 18 th June | Busy Bees' Class Assembly 9am and 5pm and Cake Sale |
| Thursday 18 th June 2026 | Fathers' Day cakes and crafts 2.15pm |
| Tuesday 23 rd June 2026 | Reserved Sports Day 9am |
| Thursday 25 th June 2026 | Tiny Tigers' Class Assembly 9am and 5pm and Cake Sale |
| Wednesday 8 th July 2026 | Musical Celebration 1.30pm (All parents are welcome) |
| Thursday 9 th July 2026 | Prom and Disco 3-4.30pm KS1 and 6-8pm for KS2 |
| Friday 10 th July 2026 | Reports out |
| Tuesday 14 th July 2026 | 1.30pm and 5pm Year 6 Play |
| Friday 17 th July 2026 | Leavers' Assembly 1pm |
| Friday, 17 th July 2026 | School closes for Summer Holidays |
| Monday, 20 th July 2026 | INSET Day (School closed to pupils) |