



Friday 26<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)

### News this week

#### Guitar lessons

Our Year 4 Outstanding Owls have been thoroughly enjoying their guitar lessons with Mr Will. They are making excellent progress, developing their musical skills, and working towards their ABRSM guitar medals. Music is an important part of life at St Luke's, and we are very proud of the children's hard work and enthusiasm.



#### Cross Country



On Tuesday, St Luke's had the pleasure of hosting the local schools' cross country race, welcoming six schools to our grounds. It was fantastic to see all the children giving their very best, showing determination, sportsmanship, and great team spirit throughout the event. Well done to

everyone who took part – it was a brilliant day of running, encouragement, and friendly competition!

#### School Council

We are excited to introduce our new School Council, chosen through a democratic process by their peers. They held their first meeting this week and are already looking ahead to working closely with our executive group. We are particularly thrilled about forming a partnership with Betley School, creating opportunities for collaboration, shared projects, and new ideas across both schools.



#### Star of the Week

Tiny Tigers	Bobby
Busy Bees	Eliza
Performing Pandas	Paisley
Dazzling Dolphins	Mya
Outstanding Owls	Coral
Fantastic Foxes	Theo
Learning Leopards	Riley S

#### Christian Value Certificate

Tiny Tigers	Evelyn B
Busy Bees	Leo
Performing Pandas	Ebony
Dazzling Dolphins	Amelia K-L
Outstanding Owls	Josh
Fantastic Foxes	Archie
Learning Leopards	Meadow

#### Special Mentions

**Football achievements:** Chester for scoring 4 goals!

**Robinson-Phillips Excellence in Kindness goes to:** Malaika

**Mr Shenton's award to:** Cross Country Team

**Makaton award:** Lauren (FF)

**Artists of the Week:** Poppy, Tristan and Skylar

**Sunday 28th September**

Harvest Festival at St Luke's Church at 9.45am

**Monday 29th September**

Shrewsbury Prison – Year 6 visit

**Wednesday 1st October**

Restart a heart live session

## Attendance

Tiny Tigers	93%
Busy Bees	96.4%
Performing Pandas	96.5%
Dazzling Dolphins	95.4%
Outstanding Owls	94%
Fantastic Foxes	97%
Learning Leopards	93.4%



## Dojo Points and this week's Task

This week's task is:

Who is your hero? Draw a picture of your hero.

Every Dojo task completed gets rewarded by 20 Dojos!

Make sure you return the Task by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

**2,764**

**2,887**

**2,695**

**2,957**

## Reading Challenge – Be the DJs of the Playground! 🎧 ✨

Our Reading Ambassadors met today and came up with an exciting new challenge for everyone to enjoy! Whichever class manages to achieve the highest reading percentage will win the amazing prize of being the DJs of the playground all week long! 🎵

That means your class will get to choose the songs for lunchtime – turning the playground into your very own disco, with singing, dancing, and favourite tunes filling the air. 🕺 🕴️ What a fantastic way to celebrate the joy of reading!

To help your class climb to the top, remember you need to read at least four times a week. The more you read, the closer your class is to victory – and to a week of music, dancing, and fun in the sunshine! ☀️

So, let's get those books open, pages turning, and see which class will be crowned the Playground DJs! 🎉

## Safeguarding Update

Safeguarding our children is at the heart of everything we do at school. We will now be sharing links on this newsletter that will offer support and guidance on a range of safeguarding topics such as: online wellbeing, use of different social media platforms and parental controls. We know that many children use a range of sites and social media and it is important that we work together to make sure we are all safe online. Here are the links for this month:

Online Wellbeing - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-wellbeing/>

Facebook - <https://swgfl.org.uk/assets/documents/facebook-checklist.pdf>

Parent Controls - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

National Crime Agency's CEOP Education Programme provides information for the children's workforce and parents and carers on protecting children and young people from online child sexual abuse.



## Restart a Heart Live – Lifesaving CPR Training

We are excited to share that on Wednesday 1st October 2025, our whole school will be taking part in Restart a Heart Live, a free live-streamed event broadcast on YouTube. This nationwide initiative has one important mission: to train as many people as possible in lifesaving CPR – an essential skill that can double someone's chance of survival if they suffer a cardiac arrest outside of hospital.

The morning sessions are specially designed for primary schools, while secondary schools and colleges will take part in the afternoon. To join in, we simply need a cushion, a bag, or even a rolled-up coat – no special equipment required.

With over 40,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests in the UK each year, and only 1 in 10 people surviving, this training could make a real difference in saving lives. By taking part, our children will not only be learning a vital skill, but also contributing to a nationwide movement to train the next generation in CPR.

You can find out more or register your interest at: [www.restartaheart.live](http://www.restartaheart.live)

Families are welcome to join in from home too – the more people trained, the better!

We look forward to coming together on 1st October to take part in this important event.

### British Values

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



### Individual Liberty

Parkrun is open to everyone, to have fun and look after their health. It encourages people to take part in their own way, enjoying the chance to run, walk, or volunteer together.

## In the news this week

Running charity, parkrun, has announced a new project called parkrun primary, which is bringing junior running events closer to primary schools. The aim is to give children more chances to run or walk and volunteer on weekends in a fun, free, and inclusive way. Organisers say it's not just about fitness, but also about helping children build friendships, confidence, and life skills in their local community.

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

- > Are there any parkruns near where you live? Have you or anyone in your family taken part in one? If not, would you like to?
- > What are some of the clubs or initiatives in your area that bring your local community together?
- > Alongside sport, what are some ways we can spend time with others?

### 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.*

### About Me – Pupil & Parent Support

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, especially to those who may not know me. One of my roles at St Luke's is as the **Pupil and Parent Support Worker**. I am dedicated to fostering strong and supportive relationships between school, home, and the wider community.



My role centres on providing tailored support to students and their families to help overcome barriers to learning and attendance, promote wellbeing, and ensure every child has the opportunity to thrive both academically and emotionally.

I work closely with pupils to build trust, boost attendance, and develop emotional resilience. With parents and carers, I offer a listening ear, practical advice, and guidance on navigating school systems, parenting challenges, or accessing external support services. Acting as a bridge between families and professionals, I aim to keep communication clear and constructive.

I am passionate about creating inclusive environments where every child and family feels valued and supported. I firmly believe that positive partnerships are key. Whether it's through one-to-one chats or supporting families in times of crisis, my approach is compassionate, solution-focused, and always centred around the best interests of the child and family.

I have recently reduced my working hours to **Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday until 4pm**. If you would like to call in for a chat, please don't hesitate—I look forward to meeting you.

### **Uniform Reminder**

Spare school uniform is available free of charge from Caroline. If you, or someone you know, needs any items, please get in touch with her.

### **Food and Food Banks**

Our **Grab and Go trolley** is stocked with tinned and dry goods, and we also have access to local food banks. Please contact Caroline if you would like support.

### **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.

#### **Open Days**

##### **Newcastle Academy**

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

##### **Book on:**

[Open Events | Newcastle Academy](#)

##### **Sir Thomas Boughhey**

Open Morning: Monday 29th September, 9.30am

Open Morning: Wednesday 1st October, 11.30am

##### **Book on:**

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

##### **Orme Academy**

Saturday 4th October 10am-12pm

(No need to book)

##### **Madeley School**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 6pm (No need to book)

## Music of the Week

Next week we will be listening to:

[Jimi Hendrix - The Wind Cries Mary](#)

### Fun Facts – Jimi Hendrix & The Wind Cries Mary 🎸

**Who was Jimi Hendrix?** Jimi Hendrix was one of the most famous guitar players in the world. People loved the way he could make the guitar sound like it was talking, whispering, or even roaring like thunder!

**A quick songwriter!** Jimi wrote The Wind Cries Mary in just a few minutes. The song was recorded the very next day!

**One take wonder:** The band played the song only three times in the studio, and Jimi's first performance was so good they used it for the record.

**What's in a name?** The "Mary" in the title was actually Jimi's girlfriend's middle name.

**Still loved today:** Even though it was released in 1967 (a long time ago!), the song is still played and remembered all around the world.



## Forms shared in the last two weeks

### Autumn Term 2025

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

[Outstanding Owls – Cadbury's World 22<sup>nd</sup> October](#)

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

[Dazzling Dolphins- Stone Age Workshop 2<sup>nd</sup> October](#)

[Dazzling Dolphins – Liverpool Museum 4<sup>th</sup> December](#)

### Spring Term 2026

[Tiny Tigers – Zoo 2 U – 26th January 2026](#)

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

## Walk to School

### Walk to School – Park and Stride

At **St Luke's Primary School**, we're encouraging everyone to take part in our **Walk to School Campaign**. Walking to school is a great way to start the day—it keeps us active, helps the environment, and gives us chance to chat with friends and family along the way.

To make it even easier, families can use our **Park and Stride points at The Bush or Silverdale Athletic Football Club**. Simply park there, then enjoy the short walk up to school. Every step makes a difference, and together we can build healthy habits for life.

Let's stride with pride all the way to **St Luke's!**

**LIVING STREETS LET'S WALK TO SCHOOL**

# WOW the WALK TO SCHOOL challenge

**What is WOW?**

**WOW - our walk to school challenge**  
Pupils record how they get to school each day on the interactive WOW Travel Tracker and those who walk (wheel, scoot, cycle or Park & Stride) at least once per week for a month are rewarded with a badge. It's that easy!

WOW is having a **BIG IMPACT**, delivering strong results from small investments.

**How does it work?**

IT IS SIMPLE TO RUN and pupils love to take part. You can even nominate pupil WOW Ambassadors to help you champion all things WOW in your school. Just a few minutes a day is all it takes to make a big difference.

There are just **THREE** easy steps to follow:

1. Schools set up their WOW Travel Tracker accounts using our guide
2. Every morning in the classroom, pupils record how they travelled to school on the WOW Travel Tracker
3. At the end of the month, badges are awarded to pupils who have earned one!

Walk to School → Earn badges → See more pupils walking and wheeling

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> October at 9am on in the staff room

#### Events:

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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	
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: **Menu change for Census Day**

**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:** Hot Dog and Chips

**Vegetarian option - Hot Dog and chips**

**Friday:** Fish Fingers with Chips

Vegetarian option – Vegetable Fingers with Chips

Pre order link for w/c 6/10/2025 - <https://forms.office.com/e/VMmq3DDhRQ>

### Important Dates

Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Wear yellow day to support Mental Health
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Jodrell Bank – Fantastic Foxes
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Movie Night 3.10pm – 4.45pm £3
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025	Harvest Lunch

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)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Dazzling Dolphins trip to Liverpool Museum
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, 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
<b>Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>	<b>TT – Zoo 2 U visit</b>
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, 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
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 20th March 2026	Odd Sock day – no donation needed World Down Syndrome Day
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Easter Service 1.30pm
Friday, 27th March 2026	School closes at 3.10 p.m. for Easter Holidays
Monday, 30th March 2026 to 10th April 2026 Easter Holidays	
Monday, 13th 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, 1st June 2026	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday, 2nd 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, 20th July 2026	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)