



Friday 3rd October

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)

This Week

Year 6 Shine on Prison Trip!

A huge well done to our Year 6 children who represented St Luke's brilliantly on their prison trip on Monday. The organisers praised their impeccable behaviour, noting how engaged, respectful, and mature they were throughout the visit. We are incredibly proud of the way they listened carefully, asked thoughtful questions, and showed such enthusiasm for their learning. Well done, Year 6 – you were fantastic!

Class Ambassadors

Our Class Ambassadors are currently in training to learn how to welcome visitors to our school and confidently talk about their learning. The sessions are being led by our Year 6 Ambassadors, who are sharing their experience and skills with younger pupils. This programme not only helps children develop their communication and leadership abilities but also ensures that everyone can proudly represent their class and the school in a friendly and professional way.

Next Week

Next week, all Year 5 children will begin their Police Cadet training with PCSO Matt Henshall. This exciting programme will give the children a chance to learn about the role of the police, develop teamwork skills, and take part in practical activities in a safe and engaging way. We are looking forward to seeing the children enjoy this unique learning opportunity!

Harvest

Our Harvest Festival is coming soon (23rd October). This will take place in school at 1.30pm and is open for all parents to come and take part. The donations that we are asking for this year are to top up our school pantry. These are then shared with people who need some extras from time to time. We are asking for dried foods (cereals, pasta, etc) and tinned food. We appreciate your kindness. Thank you.



Star of the Week

Tiny Tigers	Brandon
Busy Bees	Darcie
Performing Pandas	Loki
Dazzling Dolphins	Ava
Outstanding Owls	Lincoln
Fantastic Foxes	Mollie
Learning Leopards	Harley Hu

Christian Value Certificate

Tiny Tigers	Isabella
Busy Bees	Jaykae
Performing Pandas	Jorgie
Dazzling Dolphins	Elio
Outstanding Owls	Harold
Fantastic Foxes	Theo
Learning Leopards	Jack

Special Mentions

Football achievements: Chester and Zac

Robinson-Phillips Excellence in Kindness goes to: Lexi (OO)

Mr Shenton's award to: Performing Pandas

Makaton award: Rhianna

Reading %: Learning Leopards

Dojo Challenge: Myla

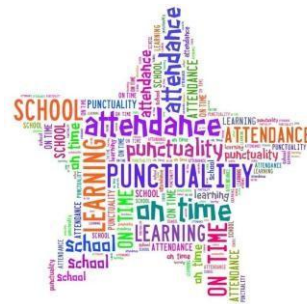
Tuesday 7th October
Y5 PCSO

Thursday 9th October
Poetry in Motion

Friday 10th October
Hello Yellow Day

Attendance

Tiny Tigers	97%
Busy Bees	94%
Performing Pandas	91%
Dazzling Dolphins	96%
Outstanding Owls	94%
Fantastic Foxes	94%
Learning Leopards	92%



Reminder regarding medical appointments and early collections from school. Opticians and dentist appointments (unless an emergency) should be made after school, weekends or in the holidays. There are a number of children being collected early, missing out on the learning, which continues until 3.10pm every day.

Dojo Points and this week's Task

This week's task is:

Draw an Autumn Poster

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 10th October

776

769

813

1,065

Cross Country

A big well done to all the children involved in cross country this week. Another week of superb performances and behaviour. Well done everyone!



Bonfire Volunteers please

The Committee are looking for some extra hands to help make this year's bonfire a success! Here's how you can get involved:

: Saturday, November 1st (Event Day) – Gate, parking, or general stewarding (whatever suits you best!)

: Sunday, November 2nd after the event @9am – Clean-up

As a thank-you, all volunteers will be eligible to apply for a grant for their chosen organisation (if the event is a success).

If you can help out in any way, please let them know, or even better, click the link below to enter your details.

Your support is hugely appreciated! 🙏

<https://www.betleybonfire.co.uk/volunteer/>

Last year a group of parents helped with the clean up on the Sunday and we were awarded a lot of money. If you can help, please sign up and make sure you add that you belong to St Luke's School.

This year our focus will be on school trips and workshops in the hope to make all trips cheaper.

Hello Yellow

Our school will be taking part in Hello Yellow on Friday 10th October (World Mental Health Day) to raise awareness and funds for YoungMinds, the UK's leading charity for young people's mental health.

No young person should feel alone with their mental health and that's why Hello Yellow matters. We're taking this opportunity as a school community to come together and show our students that we're with them and they're never alone with their mental health.

We'll be taking part by wearing something yellow (if you wish)

You can also donate to support our school's fundraising by

<https://fundraise.youngminds.org.uk/s/4004/4006>

Most importantly, we want to share the resources which YoungMinds offer to support parents and carers if you ever need help and advice to support your children. This includes:

- online resources (www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/)
- a phone line, open 9.30am-4pm (0808 802 5544)
- an online chat for parents and carers to speak to trained professionals if you're concerned about your children's mental health (www.youngminds.org.uk/parents-helpline/)

Poetry in Motion

This is a vibrant new poetry-play for children aged 4–11, combining live poetry, drama, comedy and audience participation and it is coming to our school on Thursday 9th October. Performed by professional actors, it brings classic and modern poems to life with colour, sound and physical theatre. Minnie and Jag's magical adventure through a fairy ring introduces pupils to famous poets like Shakespeare, Wordsworth and Zephaniah alongside playground rhymes and new verses. This hour-long performance is both entertaining and educational, inspiring imagination, language and vocabulary. Schools also receive a free information pack with poems, activities and resources to extend learning back in the classroom.

Safeguarding Update

Online Safety Newsletter.

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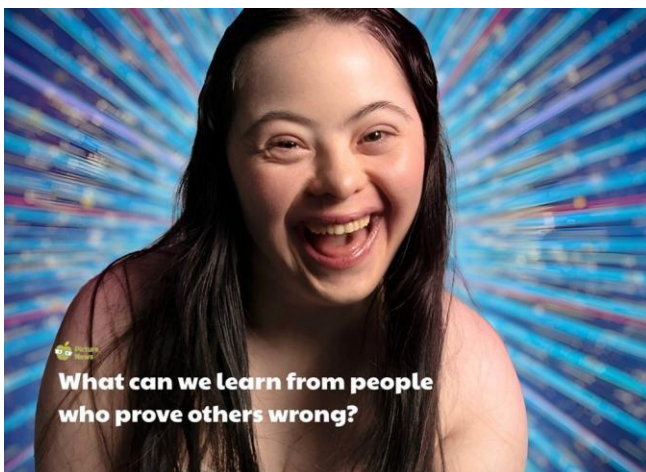
This month the focus is on:

- Risks of using AI for mental health
- Youtube
- Italian Brainrot
- WhatsApp
- New Apple Update
- Managing Digital Spending
- ADHD, Screen Time and Healthy Boundaries



British Values

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



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

We can be inspired by people who prove others wrong by achieving things we might not expect. Everyone deserves respect for what they do and the ways they can shine.

In the news this week

Ellie Goldstein, a 23-year-old model from Ilford, has been announced as a contestant on Strictly Come Dancing. She is the first person with Down's syndrome to take part in a full series of the show, having already made history as the first model with Down's syndrome to appear on the cover of British Vogue. Ellie says she's excited for the challenge and hopes to show that people can do amazing things, even when others don't expect them to.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Have you ever seen Strictly Come Dancing on TV? Do you enjoy watching programmes that show competitions? Ask others at home whether they do.
- > Why do you think Ellie decided to take part? Is it something you would like to take part in?
- > Can you remember a time when you were told you couldn't do something? E.g., finish a puzzle or reach the top of a climbing frame. Share how you felt, and what happened.

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.

Music of the Week

Next week we will be listening to:

[The Jimi Hendrix Experience - Purple Haze \(Official Audio\)](#)

About: Jimi Hendrix was an American guitarist, singer and songwriter. Although his mainstream career spanned only four years, he is widely regarded as one of the most influential electric guitarists in the history of popular music, and one of the most celebrated musicians of the 20th century. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

describes him as "arguably the greatest instrumentalist in the history of rock music."

Genres: Rock, Psychedelia, Blues & R&B

Active from: 1962 - 1970

Origin: Seattle, U.S.A.



Forms shared in the last two weeks

Autumn Term 2025

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

[Dazzling Dolphins - Stone Age Workshop , Thursday 2nd October](#)

[Dazzling Dolphins - Liverpool Museum , Thursday 4th December](#)

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

[Outstanding Owls - Cadbury's World - Wednesday, 22nd October 2025](#)

[Key Stage 2 Sleepover, Friday 14th November](#)

Spring Term 2026

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

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

Walk to School

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



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

Next week:

With thanks to the PTFA and the events that you have supported the children will take part in a poetry in motion Workshop.

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:

Monday: Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges

Vegetarian option – Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges

Tuesday: Sausage with Mash and Gravy

Vegetarian option – Sausage with Mash and Gravy

Wednesday: Roast of the Day with Roasties, Stuffing & Gravy

Vegetarian option – Butternut Squash Hot Pot with Roasties

Thursday: Penne with Beef Bolognese

Vegetarian option – Sweet Potato Korma with Rice

Friday: Fish Fingers with Chips

Vegetarian option – Crispy Garden Fingers with Chips

Pre-order link for w/c 13/10/2025 - <https://forms.office.com/e/bUQPTmm4es>

Important Dates

Thursday 9 th October	Poetry in Motion Workshop
Friday 10 th October	Hello Yellow Day
Thursday 16 th October 2025	Jodrell Bank – Fantastic Foxes
Thursday 16 th October 2025	Disco £2.50
Wednesday, 22 nd October 2025	Outstanding Owls visit Cadbury’s World
Thursday 23 rd October 2025	Harvest Lunch
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
Friday 14 th November 2025	Key Stage 2 Sleepover
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
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)