



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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)

### Harvest

Our Harvest Festival is coming soon (23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### Homework News

From this week, we are trialing homework across all classes. Homework tasks will be shared on Class Dojo, and children will use their homework books to complete the work. We are introducing this system as part of a cost-saving measure, aiming to reduce printing and paper use while continuing to support learning at home.

### Introducing our Safeguarding and Well being Ambassadors

Each week we celebrate our school leaders, and this week we are delighted to introduce Lilley and Hollie as our new Wellbeing Leaders. They will be focusing on developing a special friendship area for our playground and working closely with Mrs Begley and myself to create new initiatives that promote kindness, inclusion, and positive play. We are very proud of them and look forward to seeing their ideas come to life.



### Little Wandle Phonics at St Luke's

At St Luke's, we follow the *Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised* phonics programme to give our children the best possible start in learning to read. Through daily, engaging lessons, children learn to recognise sounds, blend them to read words, and build essential early reading confidence. Reading is at the heart of everything we do, and we encourage families to support phonics learning at home too. Did you know we have a dedicated **Phonics Information for Parents** page on our website, full of helpful videos, guidance, and resources? You can find it here: [Phonics Information for Parents](#).



### Star of the Week

Tiny Tigers	Grayson
Busy Bees	Bella-Rose
Performing Pandas	Ava
Dazzling Dolphins	Oakley
Outstanding Owls	Harry
Fantastic Foxes	Ella-Rose
Learning Leopards	Harley Ho

### Christian Value Certificate

Tiny Tigers	Hope
Busy Bees	Kash
Performing Pandas	Piper
Dazzling Dolphins	Billie
Outstanding Owls	Alfie
Fantastic Foxes	Albie
Learning Leopards	Hollie/Tia

### Special Mentions

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

**Mr Shenton's award to:**

Archie B

**Makaton award:** Whole Group

**Reading %:** Learning Leopards

**Dojo Challenge:** Mollie-Rose, Harry D and Harry D's mum, Myla, Lillo, Arthur and Joshua

**Dancing Achievements:** Lacey

**Boxing Medal:** Harry

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October**  
Jodrell Bank – Fantastic Foxes

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October**  
Disco 3.10-4.30pm  
<https://forms.office.com/e/5frQ8q8bcW>

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**  
Harvest Festival in School 1.30pm

## Attendance

Tiny Tigers	90.2%
Busy Bees	94%
Performing Pandas	90%
Dazzling Dolphins	94.4%
Outstanding Owls	92.3%
Fantastic Foxes	91%
Learning Leopards	90%



**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 your favourite book and say why and who it is by.

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 17<sup>th</sup> October

507

483

600

1,495

## Cross Country

This week our cross country team took part in the 3rd race of the season. Well done once again to all. A special mention to Archie who has now won overall for the year 5 boys individual event. The final race is this week at Sir John Offley.

## Choir practice

A huge well done to our choir who have now taken part in a couple of sessions with Beverley from MusicShare. They have worked incredibly hard and sounded absolutely beautiful – their singing filled the school with joy and even provided some lovely entertainment while I worked in my office. The children are busy preparing for their upcoming performance at Lichfield Cathedral, and we can't wait for their next session on Monday.



## Poppies for sale

Remembrance poppies and accessories are now available to purchase from Mrs Carpenter in the school office. Ribbon bracelets and paper poppies are priced at 50p, and snap bands or reflective key rings are £1 each. All proceeds support the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal, helping us honour and remember those who have served and sacrificed.



### 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.

### Safeguarding Update

#### Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats*, and *Spy Pups* series.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.



#### What this means for you:

- If your child has any *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat* or *Spy Pups* books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

We will continue to share updates from the publisher as more information becomes available.

### British Values

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



### Rule of Law

The United Nations was created after the war, to help countries follow rules and keep peace. Just like in our own lives, rules can bring people together and guide us to live safely and fairly.

# In the news this week

This year marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations (UN), an international organisation founded after the Second World War in 1945, to help countries work together and prevent future conflicts. Today, 193 nations are members, and the UN works on issues like peacekeeping, human rights, health, and climate change. Leaders and communities around the world are reflecting on how important working together is in solving global problems.

## Things to talk about at home ...

- Why do you think countries made the decision to work together?
- What problems today do you believe countries need to solve together? Ask others at home what they think.
- Come up with different ways we can be 'peacekeepers' in our own families, schools, or communities.

## 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.*

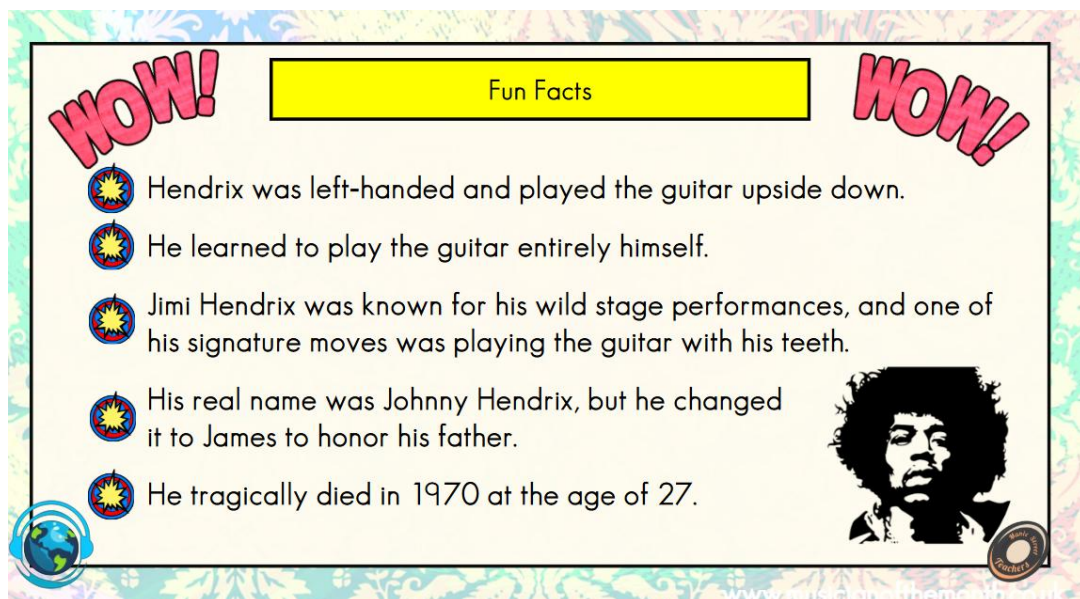
## Music of the Week

Next week we will be listening to:

Jimi Hendrix

All Along the Watchtower

[The Jimi Hendrix Experience - All Along The Watchtower \(Official Audio\)](#)



The graphic features a central yellow box labeled 'Fun Facts' with 'WOW!' written in large, pink, bubbly letters on either side. Below the box, five facts are listed, each preceded by a small globe icon. A black and white portrait of Jimi Hendrix is positioned on the right side of the graphic. The background is a colorful, patterned border.

**Fun Facts**

- Hendrix was left-handed and played the guitar upside down.
- He learned to play the guitar entirely himself.
- Jimi Hendrix was known for his wild stage performances, and one of his signature moves was playing the guitar with his teeth.
- His real name was Johnny Hendrix, but he changed it to James to honor his father.
- He tragically died in 1970 at the age of 27.

[www.musicianofthemoonth.co.uk](http://www.musicianofthemoonth.co.uk)

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> November](#)

### Spring Term 2026

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

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

## Walk to School this October!

Our school is taking part in Living Streets' WOW – the walk to school challenge, encouraging children to travel actively and enjoy the benefits of walking, wheeling, cycling or scooting to school.

Children record how they travel each day, and if they travel actively once a week for a month, they'll earn a WOW badge!

This term, we're also joining the autumn #WOWTopTen challenge – the more we walk, the higher we climb on the local and national leaderboards.

### Why walk to school?

Walking helps children feel happier, healthier and ready to learn, while reducing congestion and pollution at the school gates.

### Can't walk the whole way?

Try Park and Stride – park at least ten minutes away and walk or wheel the rest of the journey.

Let's travel actively this October and help get our school to the top! Don't forget to tag @livingstreets and use #WOWTopTen.

## 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 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	38
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.

**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 20/10/2025 - <https://forms.office.com/e/RPztEmBPQ9>

### Important Dates

Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Jodrell Bank – Fantastic Foxes
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Disco £2.50
Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025	Outstanding Owls visit Cadbury’s World
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, 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	School closes at 3.10 p.m. for Half Term
Monday, 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 to Friday, 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025 Half Term	
Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Key Stage 2 Sleepover
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, 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, 23rd February 2026

School Opens

Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	World Book Day Celebrations
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Mothers' Day 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 Snylers 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)