



Friday 17<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.

### Artist of the Year Competition Update!

Our competition to find St Luke's very first Artist of the Year is now in its fourth week! Congratulations to Hetty, Reggie, Tristan, and Poppy, who have all made it through to the next stage of the competition! Their next creative challenge is to draw a detailed picture of an eye — a true test of observation and artistic skill. All children in school will have the chance to vote for their favourite artwork in the final round. We can't wait to see their amazing creations!

### Food Workshop Fun!

On Wednesday, we took part in an exciting food workshop hosted by our school's catering company. The children explored using all their senses to discover different flavours and textures, tasting a variety of sweet and sour foods. It was a fun and tasty way to learn more about food and healthy eating!

### Gaia Learning Workshop

On Thursday, our Year 6 children were lucky enough to take part in an inspiring Gaia Learning workshop all about neurodiversity, after our school was specially chosen to be part of their pilot project. The session helped pupils explore how we are all unique and learn practical strategies to use when feeling overwhelmed. It was a fantastic opportunity for our Year 6 children to celebrate differences, build empathy, and develop self-awareness across our school community.



### Star of the Week

Tiny Tigers	Evelyn
Busy Bees	Robert
Performing Pandas	Amelia
Dazzling Dolphins	Josh
Outstanding Owls	Rose
Fantastic Foxes	Whole Class
Learning Leopards	Lacey

### Christian Value Certificate

Tiny Tigers	Daisy
Busy Bees	Carter
Performing Pandas	Lennon
Dazzling Dolphins	Izzy and Layla
Outstanding Owls	Grace
Fantastic Foxes	Edie
Learning Leopards	Lilah

### Special Mentions

**Robinson-Phillips Excellence in Kindness goes to:** Archie  
**Mr Shenton's award:** Lilley T  
**Reading %:** Dazzling Dolphins  
**Dojo Challenge:** Aidey, Dottie, Riley and Myla  
**Cub achievements:** Charlie P  
**Dancing Achievements:** Oscar  
**Man of the Match:** Todd H

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

Y5 Workshop with Gaia Learning

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

Harvest Lunch

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

Harvest Festival in School 1.30pm

## Attendance

Tiny Tigers	90% ▼
Busy Bees	93% ▼
Performing Pandas	92% ▲
Dazzling Dolphins	92% ▼
Outstanding Owls	92% ▼
Fantastic Foxes	99% ▲
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:

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 24<sup>th</sup> October

4<sup>th</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup>

1<sup>st</sup>

## 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](#).

## 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.

## 🚶 Meet Our Walking Ambassadors! 🚶

Our brilliant team of **Walking Ambassadors** are leading the way in promoting active travel to school — encouraging everyone to walk, scoot, or cycle whenever they can. They're helping us look after the environment, reduce traffic, and stay healthy through exercise. This week, they proudly handed out our very first **WOW badges** to children who have been travelling to school actively. Well done to our Walking Ambassadors for setting such a great example for the whole school community! 🌍 👏

Photo edited by Jemma McNicholas (thank you)



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**AMBASSADORS**

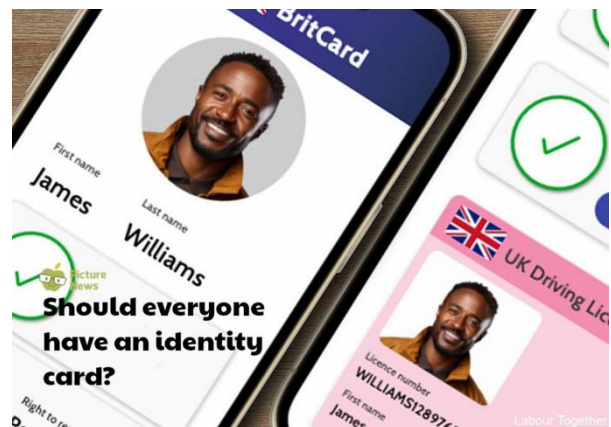
## British Values

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



### Rule of Law

New laws can sometimes mean changes for everyone. If digital ID cards become law, people will need to follow the new rules. It's important that laws are fair and help everyone feel safe and supported.



## In the news this week

The UK government is planning to bring in digital identity cards, which people could keep on their phones or have as a physical card. The idea is that these new IDs would make it easier to prove who you are for things like work, travel, or applying for services. Supporters say they could improve safety and convenience, while others worry about privacy, fairness, and people without access to smartphones.

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

- Can you make a list of some of the pros and cons of identity cards? Discuss these with someone at home.
- Do you think a digital card is better than having an actual card? Why?
- What do you think makes up your identity? Ask and share your response 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.*



## Music of the Week

Next week we will be listening to:

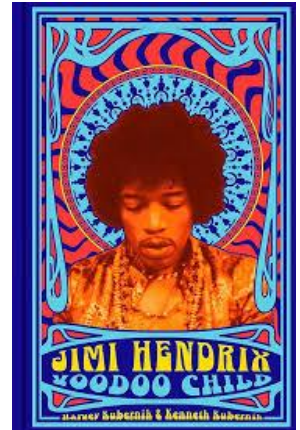
Jimi Hendrix

Voodoo child

[The Jimi Hendrix Experience - Voodoo Child \(Slight Return\)](#)

 **Jimi Hendrix – Voodoo Child** 

Jimi Hendrix was one of the most talented guitarists ever, famous for making his guitar sound like it was talking or roaring! His song “Voodoo Child (Slight Return)” is one of his most famous and was created during an exciting jam session in the studio. Jimi was left-handed, so he cleverly played his guitar upside down and used special effects like “wah-wah” pedals to create his magical sound. Even today, musicians around the world are inspired by his creativity and the incredible energy of “Voodoo Child.”



## Forms shared in the last two weeks

Autumn Term 2025

<https://forms.office.com/e/GNfP21baLU>

(Lichfield link - children who are in the choir already)

[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](#)

Spring Term 2026

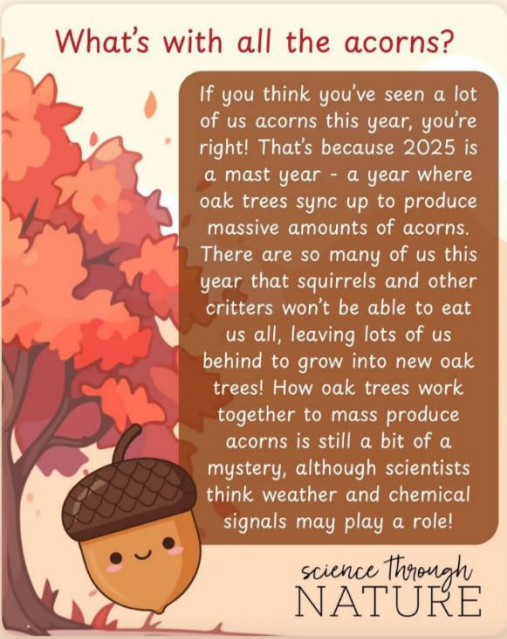
[Tiny Tigers – Zoo 2 U – 26th January 2026](#)

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

[Outstanding Owls - Ancient Greek](#)

[Workshop - Thursday, 12February 2026](#)

## Science Corner



**What's with all the acorns?**

If you think you've seen a lot of us acorns this year, you're right! That's because 2025 is a mast year - a year where oak trees sync up to produce massive amounts of acorns. There are so many of us this year that squirrels and other critters won't be able to eat us all, leaving lots of us behind to grow into new oak trees! How oak trees work together to mass produce acorns is still a bit of a mystery, although scientists think weather and chemical signals may play a role!

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## 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 12<sup>th</sup> January 9am in the staff room

### Events:

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Non-uniform Day (Bottle or Bar)

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Non-uniform Day (Hamper item)

### This week:

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTFA members who organised last week's school disco, and to all the staff who stayed to help make the evening such a success. The children had a fantastic time dancing the night away, and the new items on sale proved to be very popular! It was lovely to see everyone enjoying themselves — thank you for your continued support in making these events so special for our school community.

## Meet the Governors

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

### The Great Lost Property Poem 🧢👕👟

There's a mountain in the corridor,  
A sight beyond belief —  
Lost jumpers, coats and water bottles,  
All causing staff such grief!  
It's grown so big, it's truly vast,  
A school-based mystery case...  
Some say you can now see it  
All the way from outer space! 🌍 ✨  
So please, dear parents, grab a pen,  
And label every thread —  
For Caroline will be checking names,  
On Tuesday (just as she said!).  
From coats to hats to P.E. gear,  
Let's make our mission clear —  
If your name's on it, you'll find it fast,  
And the pile will disappear! 🛒

## 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:** 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:** Harvest Menu – Chicken and Veg Pie

Vegetarian option – Veggie Squash filled Yorkshire Pudding

**Friday:** Fish Fingers with Chips

Vegetarian option – Vegetable Fingers with Chips

Pre-order link for week commencing 3/11/2025 - <https://forms.office.com/e/aEBfhN8gmm>

Important Dates	
Wednesday, 22nd 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 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
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Parental Meetings (invites sent out via compass)
Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Flu immunisations - Reception to Year 6
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, 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
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	OO – Ancient Greek Workshop
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 Smlers 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)