



Friday 24th 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

Thank you to everyone who donated harvest items and attended our Harvest Service on Thursday.

It was wonderful to see our school community come together to celebrate this special occasion. The children sang beautifully, and it was lovely that every class took part — a true reflection of our school spirit and togetherness.

Celebrating St Luke

Thank you to Jayne, who came into school on Monday and Wednesday to help us celebrate the life of St Luke. St Luke's Day was on 18th October, and it was wonderful to spend time learning more about our school's patron saint.

St Luke was one of the four Gospel writers and is known as the author of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. He was a doctor, a compassionate healer, and a friend of St Paul. St Luke is often symbolised by an ox or bull, representing sacrifice, strength, and service. His message reminds us to show kindness, care for others, and use our gifts to help those in need — values that are at the heart of our school community.

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).

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Star of the Week

Tiny Tigers	Ivy
Busy Bees	Lucas
Performing Pandas	Whole Class
Dazzling Dolphins	Dottie
Outstanding Owls	Whole Class
Fantastic Foxes	Hettie
Learning Leopards	Ally

Christian Value Certificate

Tiny Tigers	Olivia
Busy Bees	Beatrice
Performing Pandas	Amelia
Dazzling Dolphins	Amelia G
Outstanding Owls	Rose
Fantastic Foxes	Oscar
Learning Leopards	Phoebe

Special Mentions

Robinson-Phillips Excellence in Kindness goes to: Henry
Mr Shenton's award: Theo
Reading %: 84% Dazzling Dolphins
Dojo Challenge: Elliot
Cross Country Award: Archie
Mrs Brown's art award: Riley G
Football achievements: Archie

Monday 3rd November 2025

School opens 😊

Friday 7th November

Non-uniform for optional bottle or bar

Wednesday 12th November

Parental Meetings

Attendance

Tiny Tigers	85% ▼
Busy Bees	97% ▼
Performing Pandas	98% ▲
Dazzling Dolphins	96% ▼
Outstanding Owls	94% ▼
Fantastic Foxes	97% ▲
Learning Leopards	94% ▲



Overall so far this year our attendance is 93.8%

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: Design an amazing firework
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 7th November

4th

2nd

3rd

1st

Visitor in school

This week we welcomed a visitor to review all of the phonics teaching across our school, including the reading groups in the Juniors.

She was very impressed with the high quality of teaching and commented on how delightful and engaged our children were throughout the sessions. Well done to all the staff and pupils — a fantastic reflection of the hard work and dedication across St Luke's! 📖 ✨

Plans after half-term

From Monday 3rd November, for a period of two weeks, we will be introducing a temporary change to our drop-off and collection arrangements while exciting improvement works take place in the Tiny Tigers playground area. The area outside Tiny Tigers will be out of bounds during this time.

Morning Drop-Off:

Parents and carers will drop children off on the main playground, entering through the car park gate.

To ensure everyone's safety, no vehicles will be able to enter or leave the car park between 8.35am and 9.00am.

Children in Tiny Tigers will enter school via the main entrance, and will also be collected from the main entrance at the end of the day.

Children in Years 1–6 will line up on the main playground, where each class will have a clearly marked area identified by their class logo.

At 8.40am, children will be greeted by their class teacher, who will take them into school. If your child may find waiting on the main playground daunting, please don't worry — your class teacher will speak to you directly to make suitable arrangements.

End of the Day:

Collection for Years 1–6 will take place from classroom doors as usual.

Parents and carers can access classes through the main playground or by coming down the path from Parksite.

Children in Tiny Tigers will continue to be collected from the main entrance during this period.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this short period while the improvement work takes place. These temporary arrangements will help us keep everyone safe and ensure a smooth start and end to each school day.

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.



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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/>

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🚶 Walking to school 🚶

Thank you to all the parents who have supported our Walk to School initiative. 🚶 🚶

Your encouragement and participation make such a positive difference! Our Ambassadors today have distributed the October badges — well done to everyone taking part in making our school journeys healthier and greener! 🌿 ✨



The
AMBASSADORS

British Values

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



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

The Nobel Prizes celebrate people who make positive change. María Corina Machado reminds us that showing respect and understanding towards others can help make our world a brighter and more united place.

In the news this week

This year's Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded to María Corina Machado from Venezuela. The Nobel Prizes are special international awards, given each year to people who have made outstanding contributions to science, literature, and peace. Machado has worked peacefully to make her country fairer and to protect people's rights. The award recognises her bravery in speaking out for fairness and freedom, and highlights the importance of non-violent action in creating change.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Ask somebody older than you at home about their knowledge of Nobel Prizes. Can they recall any winners from the past?
- > Should children be able to win prizes like the Nobel Prize if they make a big difference? Discuss your response with someone at home.
- > If you could invent a new Nobel Prize, what would it be for?

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

After half-term we will be listening to:

[George Frideric Handel's - Water Music - YouTube](#)

About: George Frideric Handel (23 February 1685 – 14 April 1759) was a German-British Baroque composer well

known for his operas and concertos. Handel received his training in Halle and worked as a composer in Hamburg and Italy before settling in London in 1712, where he spent the bulk of his career and became a naturalised British subject in 1727. Handel's music forms one of the peaks of the "high baroque" style, bringing Italian opera to its highest development, creating the genres of English oratorio and organ concerto, and introducing a new style into English church music. He is consistently recognized as one of the greatest composers of his age.



Genres: Classical, Opera and Oratorio

Active from: 1696 – 1751

Origin: Halle, Brandenburg-Prussia (Germany)

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

🔍 Curiosity Challenge!

Take a closer look at this fascinating insect-made structure! 🐜🐝
Can you use their reasoning skills to work out exactly what it is?
Share your ideas and discoveries with us — we can't wait to see your scientific thinking in action! 🌱 ✨



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 12th January 9am in the staff room

Events:

Friday 7th November – Non-uniform Day (Bottle or Bar)

Friday 14th 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](#)

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: Bolognaise and Cheesy Mac

Vegetarian option – Veggie Chilli with Jacket Potato

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 week commencing 10/11/2025 - <https://forms.office.com/e/9xSHinT882>

Important Dates	
Monday, 27th October 2025 to Friday, 31st October 2025 Half Term	
Monday, 3rd November 2025	School Opens
Friday 7 th November 2025	Non-uniform for optional bottle or bar
Wednesday 12 th November 2025	Parental Meetings (invites sent out via compass)
Friday, 14 th November 2025	Flu immunisations - Reception to Year 6
Friday 14 th November 2025	Non-uniform for optional Christmas Hamper item Tiny Tigers - Red items Busy Bees - Green items Performing Pandas - Silver items Dazzling Dolphins - Gold items Outstanding Owls – Christmas treats Fantastic Foxes - Pamper items Learning Leopards - Christmas Activities
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, 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 th January 2026	Learning Leopards' Class Assembly 9am and 5pm and Cake Sale
Thursday 5 th February 2025	Young Voices in Manchester
Thursday, 12 th February 2026	OO – Ancient Greek Workshop
Thursday 12 th 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 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 20th March 2026	Odd Sock day – no donation needed World Down Syndrome Day
Thursday 26 th 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 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, 1st June 2026	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday, 2nd 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, 20th July 2026	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)