



Friday 7th November

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)

Lichfield Cathedral Cathedral Visit

Our school choir sang beautifully at the cathedral and were an absolute joy to take. Their enthusiasm, respect, and wonderful singing made us all very proud. A huge well done to all the children for representing our school so brilliantly, and thank you to Miss Whittingham and Mrs Huxley for organising and supporting the choir.

Bonfire Volunteers

A big thank you to all the volunteers who supported the school with litter picking after the Betley Bonfire. Your time and effort are very much appreciated — it's wonderful to see our community working together to keep our environment clean and cared for.

Tree of Remembering

This Christmas, we will be creating a Tree of Remembering in school. Each child will have the opportunity to hang a heart on the tree in memory of someone special they have lost. They may wish to add a photo of that person, or simply write their name on the heart.

Hearts will be available from Monday from either me or Mrs Carpenter. Please return completed hearts to school by Monday 24th November so that ribbons can be attached and they will be ready to display for our Christmas Tree Service on Monday 1st December.



Star of the Week

Tiny Tigers	Haben
Busy Bees	Leo
Performing Pandas	Khloe
Dazzling Dolphins	Arthur
Outstanding Owls	Ezra He
Fantastic Foxes	Harry
Learning Leopards	Ollie

Christian Value Certificate

Tiny Tigers	Charlie
Busy Bees	Archie
Performing Pandas	Ava
Dazzling Dolphins	Mya
Outstanding Owls	Lexi
Fantastic Foxes	Joshua
Learning Leopards	Chris

Special Mentions

Robinson-Phillips Excellence in Kindness goes to: Ebony
Mr Shenton's award: Jake
Reading %: 75% Tiny Tigers
Makaton: Darci
Special Mention: Riley G

Monday 10th November
PTFA Meeting 9am

Wednesday 12th November
Parental Meetings

Friday 14th November
Non-Uniform Day
Hamper Item.

Attendance

Tiny Tigers	85%
Busy Bees	93% ▼
Performing Pandas	97% ▼
Dazzling Dolphins	92% ▼
Outstanding Owls	91% ▼
Fantastic Foxes	98% ▲
Learning Leopards	98% ▲



Overall so far this year our attendance is 93.8%

Dojo Points and this week's Task

This week's task is: Draw a poppy for Remembrance
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

2nd

4th

3rd

1st

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.



Our new mascot

The children were very excited to meet our new school mascot! He's already been on his first adventure, joining the choir on their trip to Lichfield. A few children correctly guessed that he came all the way from Prague – with Joshua in FF being the very first to get it right! We'll be drawing his name on Monday, so make sure you get your ideas in before then.



Temporary Changes to Drop-Off and Collection

Starting Monday 10th November

From Monday 10th November, for a period of two weeks, we will be introducing temporary changes to our drop-off and collection arrangements while exciting improvement works take place in the Tiny Tigers playground area. During this time, the area outside Tiny Tigers will be out of bounds. To help keep everyone safe, no vehicles will be permitted to enter or leave the car park between 8.35am and 9.00am, and again between 2.40pm and 3.15pm at the end of the day.

Tiny Tigers (Start and End of the Day)

Children in Tiny Tigers will enter and be collected via the main entrance for the duration of the works.

Morning Drop-Off (Families Who Usually Use the Main Entrance)

- Parents and carers will drop children off on the main playground, entering through the car park gate.
- Children in Years 1–6 will line up in clearly marked areas on the playground, each identified by their class logo.
- At 8.40am, members of the St Luke’s team will greet the children and take them into school.
- If your child may find waiting on the main playground a little daunting, please don’t worry — your class teacher will contact you directly to make suitable arrangements.

Morning Drop-Off (Families Who Usually Use the Parksite Path)

- Parents and carers of children in Years 1–6 can continue to drop off their children directly at the classroom doors.
- A member of staff will be present to open the doors and welcome the children inside.

End of the Day

- Years 1–3: Collection will take place from the classroom doors as usual. The gate at the top of the main path (towards Parksite) will be open, as will the main playground door for access.
- Years 4–6: Collection will take place from the main playground, near the Smylers entrance.
- Tiny Tigers: Children will continue to be collected from the main entrance.

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

Thank you for your continued support.



We’re encouraging everyone to walk, cycle, or scoot to school whenever possible! It’s a great way to start the day, keeping us healthy, helping the environment, and reducing traffic around school. If you’re coming on a bike or scooter, please remember to wear a helmet and take extra care near driveways and crossings. Always look both ways before you cross the road, and use pavements or crossings where you can. Let’s all do our part to make the journey to school safer, greener, and more enjoyable!



The
AMBASSADORS

British Values

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



Rule of Law

At COP30, world leaders will agree on rules for countries to follow to protect the planet. Fair rules help nations work together to solve problems and care for the world we share.

In the news this week

The 2025 United Nations Climate Change Conference, known as COP30, will be held in Belém, Brazil, from 10th to 21st November. At the meeting, country leaders and experts will discuss how to protect the planet by reducing pollution, saving forests and working together. After the meeting, countries will need to share how they will keep the climate promises they made, and stay on target to meet their goals.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk to someone at home about what they know about COP30.
- What do you know about climate change?
- If you could speak to the leaders at the COP30 summit, what would you say?

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)

Meet the Governors

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

St Briavels Castle

Please find the form for the residential for May 2026. This is for all children in the present Junior Classes.

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.

Science Corner

Last week the photo was a wasp nest. Some wasps build their nests from paper, by turning raw wood into pulp.

Find out more about how wasps DIY their homes with this [guide from the Natural History Museum](#).

This week's photo:

What do you think this is? Answers to Mrs Ray by Friday 14th.



PTFA News

Next Meeting:

Monday 10th November

Events:

Friday 14th November – Non-uniform Day (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

This week:

Thank you for all the generous donations of bars and bottles. Everything collected will go towards our Christmas Fayre on Thursday 5th December. Your support is very much appreciated!

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: Cottage Pie
Vegetarian option – Golden Topped Cottage Pie

Friday: Fish Fingers with Chips
Vegetarian option – Vegetable Fingers with Chips

Pre-order link for week commencing 17/11/2025 - [School Meals w/c 17/11/2025 \(Week 3\) – Fill in form](#)

Important Dates	
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, 22nd January 2026	LL – WWII Workshop
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 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)