



Friday 14th 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)*

Thank You to Our Parents

A big thank you to all the parents who attended the meetings on Wednesday. It was wonderful to see so many of you taking the time to meet with teachers and discuss your child's progress. These meetings are such a valuable opportunity to celebrate achievements, share next steps, and strengthen the partnership between home and school.

If you were unable to attend, please don't worry — you are very welcome to speak to your child's teacher to arrange a convenient time for a catch-up. We really appreciate your continued support and involvement in your child's learning journey.

EYFS Playground

Thank you for your patience during the temporary collection arrangements. We will continue to keep you updated on the progress, and we're hopeful that everything will return to normal very soon.

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 are now available from either Mrs Ray 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.

Christmas Craziiness

Next week's newsletter will be all about Christmas and will include full details of our festive events. All dates can also be found on our school calendar and on Class Dojo events. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.



Star of the Week

Tiny Tigers	Auraya
Busy Bees	Maddox
Performing Pandas	Ebony
Dazzling Dolphins	Vivien
Outstanding Owls	Oliver
Fantastic Foxes	Oscar
Learning Leopards	Brody

Christian Value Certificate

Tiny Tigers	Lucas
Busy Bees	Malaika
Performing Pandas	Paisley
Dazzling Dolphins	Freddie
Outstanding Owls	Edith
Fantastic Foxes	Archie
Learning Leopards	Noah

Special Mentions

Robinson-Phillips Excellence in Kindness goes to: Autumn

Mr Shenton's award: Harley (LL)

Reading %: Learning Leopards

Dojo Challenge: Chester, Isabella, Daisy, Elliot, Amelia, Ryder and Rhianna

Makaton Award: Rhianna

Well done to you all.

Thursday 27th November
Winter Disco
3-4.30pm

Monday 1st December
Christmas Tree Service 9am

Thursday 4th December
Wreath Making in school 6pm

Attendance

Tiny Tigers	72% ▼
Busy Bees	73% ▼
Performing Pandas	84% ▼
Dazzling Dolphins	86% ▼
Outstanding Owls	95% ▲
Fantastic Foxes	86% ▼
Learning Leopards	95% ▲



Overall so far this year our attendance is 93.8%

Our attendance this week has been the lowest it has been for a number of years. We are hoping that, after a good rest this weekend, the children will be feeling well enough to return to school on Monday. We have seen many cases of high temperatures, aches and sickness over the past few days.

Take care, everyone, and we wish all our families a healthy weekend.

Dojo Points and this week's Task

This week's task is: Design a poster about Global Warming

Every Dojo task completed gets rewarded by 20 Dojos!

Make sure you return the Task by Friday 21st November

2nd

3rd

4th

1st

PTFA News

Wreath-Making Event Information 🎄

Our wreath-making class will take place on **Thursday 4th December at 6:00pm.**

Hot chocolate and mince pies will be available to purchase on the evening. If you have any allergies, please let us know in advance so we can provide an alternative option.

The **cost of the class is £20**, which includes your wreath base and a selection of accessories. You'll have the opportunity to design and create your own beautiful wreath to take home and reuse year after year.

To secure your place, please email ptfa@st-lukes-silverdale.staffs.sch.uk with the following details:

- Your name
- Contact number
- Email address
- Number of places you wish to book
- Any allergies

Once we receive your information, we will send you the payment details and confirm your booking.

Thank you — we look forward to a festive and creative evening!



Thank you

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

Reception Tours

If you are starting to think about where you would like your child to begin their educational journey in September 2026, please contact the school office on (01782) 973865 and speak to Mrs Carpenter to arrange a tour. We look forward to welcoming you to our school

British Values

Next week our focus will be:



Democracy

New technology, such as Nike's Project Amplify, can lead people to voice many different opinions.

Democracy reminds us to share our views respectfully and listen to the voices of others.

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In the news this week

Nike has revealed a new type of powered shoe, called Project Amplify, which uses small motors to boost a person's walking and running movement. The shoes are designed to reduce tiredness and make everyday movement easier, especially for those who need extra support. Nike says the aim is to help people stay active, independent and mobile in their daily lives.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Explain and share your thoughts with someone at home about the new shoe design.
- Do you believe everyone should be allowed to use the same technology, or should some things be only for people who really need them?
- Can you think of other technologies designed to make life easier? Which do you use?

Our School Prayer

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.

Autumn Term 2025

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

Spring Term 2026

[Learning Leopards 22nd January WW2 Workshop](#)

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

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

[Outstanding Owls - Ancient Greek](#)

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

Safeguarding corner

This week, the children in Years 1–6 took part in an NSPCC assembly about how to stay safe and speak out if they ever feel worried or need help. The session introduced the children to important ways of staying safe and included information about Childline and how to contact them for support.

Next week, children in Years 2, 5, and 6 will take part in follow-up NSPCC workshops, which will build on what they learned in the assembly.



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.

Winter Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

We're pleased to share that **Newcastle Family Hub** will be running a **Winter HAF programme** over the Christmas period this year.

We understand how costly this time of year can be, and the HAF programme provides a fantastic opportunity for children to take part in fun, engaging activities during the holidays. The sessions will run over **four days**, with **two groups per day** for different age ranges — **5–10 years** and **11–16 years**.

If your child is eligible for **free school meals (FSM)**, you will have received a **unique booking code** to use when signing up.



Meet the Governors

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

Music of the Week

Next week we will be listening to

[Handel's 'Hallelujah!' Chorus live at the Sydney Opera House - YouTube](#)

Here are some facts about the **Hallelujah Chorus**:

- The Hallelujah Chorus is the most famous part of Handel's *Messiah*.
- It is so joyful and powerful that many people say it feels like the music is celebrating!
- Handel wrote it in 1741, and he was said to be so inspired that he worked very quickly.
- When the chorus was first performed, King George II reportedly stood up because he loved it so much. Audiences often stand up when it is played today because of this tradition.
- The chorus is sung by a large choir, which makes the sound very strong and exciting.
- The word "Hallelujah" means "Praise the Lord."
- It uses lots of repeating musical patterns, which help to build a big, triumphant sound.
- The music switches between loud and soft, making it full of drama and energy.
- It is performed all over the world, especially at Christmas and Easter.

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 meals w/c 24/11/2025 - [School Meals w/c 24/11/2025 \(Week 1\) – Fill in form](#)

Important Dates	
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, 22 nd 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 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)