



Friday 5th December

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)

PTFA Events

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to all our families for your wonderful support at the Christmas Fayre. It was lovely to see so many of you joining us and helping to create such a warm, festive atmosphere. We are truly grateful for the generous donations, the time you gave, and the enthusiasm you brought to the event. Your support makes all the difference, and we are delighted to have shared such a joyful afternoon together. Thank you to the children in Year 6 that started the Fair with singing and brass playing. It was brilliant!

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.

Christmas Dates

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| Tuesday 9 th December | EYFS/KS1 Nativity 1.30pm https://forms.office.com/e/3QMsYFQiSt (just complete once please) |
| Wednesday 10 th December | Christmas Meal Children can come in Christmas jumpers or any non-uniform |
| Wednesday 10 th December | EYFS/KS1 Nativity 5pm https://forms.office.com/e/3QMsYFQiSt |
| Sunday 14 th December | Carols at Silverdale Methodist 6pm Silverdale Methodist Church – Fill in form |
| Tuesday 16 th December | Key Stage 2 Drama Club Nativity 1.30pm https://forms.office.com/e/B705R13k2M (just complete once please) |
| Wednesday 17 th December | Key Stage 2 Drama Club Nativity 5pm https://forms.office.com/e/B705R13k2M |
| Friday 19 th December | Carols at St Luke's 9.30am Children can come in Christmas jumpers or any non-uniform |
| Friday 19 th December | School closes at 3.10 p.m. for Christmas |



Star of the Week

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| Tiny Tigers | Evelyn |
| Busy Bees | Beatrice |
| Performing Pandas | Millie |
| Dazzling Dolphins | Aidey |
| Outstanding Owls | Ivie |
| Fantastic Foxes | Charlie |
| Learning Leopards | Alex |

Christian Value Certificate

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|-------------------|------------|
| Tiny Tigers | Joan |
| Busy Bees | Jenson |
| Performing Pandas | Sofia |
| Dazzling Dolphins | Peter (PJ) |
| Outstanding Owls | Grace |
| Fantastic Foxes | Lubaba |
| Learning Leopards | Elliot |

Special Mentions

Robinson-Phillips Excellence in Kindness goes to: Alfie
Mr Shenton's award: Arisa

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Christmas meal
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Wednesday 10th December
EYFS/KS1 Nativity 5pm

Attendance this week

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| Tiny Tigers | 91% |
| Busy Bees | 95% |
| Performing Pandas | 93% |
| Dazzling Dolphins | 83% |
| Outstanding Owls | 81% |
| Fantastic Foxes | 93% |
| Learning Leopards | 90% |

Dojo Points and this week's Task

This week's task is: Draw a winter picture
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 12th
December

2,701

2,494

2,253

2,486

Severe Weather Guidance

If we are to close due to snow we will do three things.

1. We will text all of our parents through the Compass App and Class Dojo.
2. Put a notice on our school website
3. Inform the local authority that will add the school to their list of closures. Please follow the link by clicking on the link below.

[Staffordshire School Closures Link](#)

We will always do our best to remain open - if we do close it will be for Health and Safety reasons. Thank you for your continuing support.

Easyfundraising

The easiest way to get behind St Luke's CE Primary School Silverdale is to sign up to easyfundraising! It's simple, shop with 8,000+ online retailers and we'll receive a free donation. This month only, with their Free £2 App-eal, if you register to support us via their app, we'll get a bonus £2! Please get the app now and use it for all your Black Friday and Christmas shopping. Thank you! https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/easyfundraising-app/?causeId=319022&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_content=app-eal-nov-fb1

Christmas Tree Service

Our Christmas Tree Service has once again been a much-loved moment in our school calendar. Every child created their own festive decoration and proudly hung it on the tree, and as each ornament was added, we came together in song, sharing Christmas carols and filling the hall with warmth and joy.

It was a wonderful opportunity for our whole school community to gather and celebrate the start of the Christmas season. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the occasion so special.



Safeguarding corner

Staffordshire Families Integrated Front Door (SFIFD) if you have concerns or are worried for a child and wish to make a referral: **0300 111 8007**



NSPCC Helpline Call **0808 800 5000** or email help@nspcc.org.uk if you're

worried about a child.

[NSPCC Christmas Support](https://www.nspcc.org.uk) [\[nspcc.org.uk\]](https://www.nspcc.org.uk)

Childline Free, confidential support for children and young people: **0800 1111** or [childline.org.uk](https://www.childline.org.uk)

Samaritans

116 123 [samaritans.org](https://www.samaritans.org)

Citizens Advice Staffordshire – Debt, benefits, budgeting

0808 278 7874

StepChange Debt Charity – Free debt advice

0800 138 1111

Musician of the Month

About: Astor Piazzolla was an Argentine tango composer, bandoneon player, and arranger. His works revolutionized the traditional tango into a new style termed 'nuevo tango', incorporating elements from jazz and classical music. A virtuoso bandoneonist, he regularly performed his own compositions with a variety of ensembles. In 1992, American music critic Stephen Holden described Piazzolla as "the world's foremost composer of Tango music".

Genres: Tango, Nuevo Tango

Active from: 1933 - 1990 **Origin:** Mar del Plata, Argentina

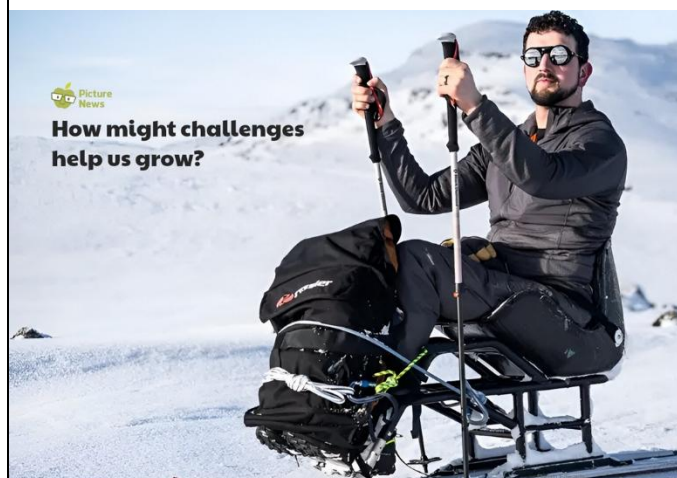


Music for this week:

[Adios Nonino - Astor Piazzolla](#)

British Values

Next week our focus will be:



Individual Liberty

We all have the freedom to choose challenges that help us learn and grow. Darren's journey shows us we can set our own goals to help us discover what we're capable of.

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In the news this week

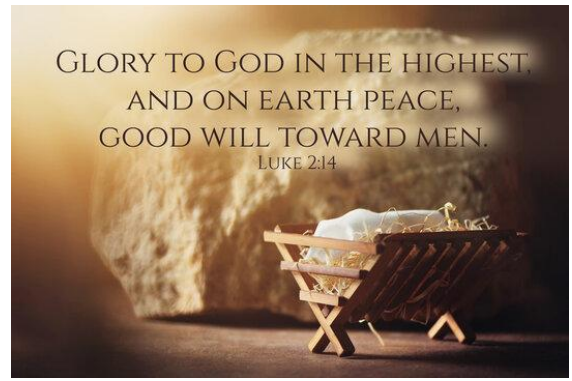
An adventurer named Darren Edwards, who is paralysed from the chest down, is preparing to travel 137 miles across Antarctica using a sit-ski. If he succeeds, he will break the world record for the longest sit-ski journey to the South Pole. Darren hopes his challenge will raise money for charity and show that his injury does not limit what he can achieve.

Things to talk about at home ...

- How do you think Darren will feel at each stage of his challenge (before, during, and after)?
- What kinds of challenges do you think can help you grow the most – something physical, emotional, or trying something new?
- Can you recall a challenge you have set yourself and achieved? Ask others at home about their experiences.

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](#)

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 | |
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| Milkshake | 82p |
| Bagel | 38p |
| Pancake | 45p |
| Toast | 38p |
| 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: Sausage with Mash and Gravy

Vegetarian option – Sausage with Mash and Gravy

Wednesday: Christmas Dinner

Thursday: Penne with Beef Bolognese

Vegetarian option – Sweet Potato Korma with Rice

Friday: Fish Fingers with Chips

Vegetarian option – Crispy Garden Fingers with Chips

Pre-order link: w/c 15/12/2025 - [School Meals w/c 15/12/2025 \(Week 1\) - End of Term Menu – Fill in form](#)

St Briavels Castle

Please find the form for the residential for May 2026. This is for all children in the Juniors.

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.

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| 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 |

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| 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) |