



Friday 12th 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)*

Christmas Wishes

What a wonderful start to the festive season. I was incredibly proud of our infant children during their performance this morning; they filled the stage with joy, confidence and talent. A huge well done to the children, who were truly brilliant, and sincere thanks to the staff team who have worked so hard preparing costumes, scripts, dances and songs.

This week we also enjoyed our Christmas lunch, which was thoroughly delicious. We are extremely grateful to our kitchen staff for the wonderful meals they provide throughout the year, and especially for the festive spread prepared for us. Thank you to Hayley and her team for all their hard work.

As we reach the end of the penultimate week of term, there is still much to look forward to. Next week includes our Church Service, the Key Stage 2 Nativity and visits to the Methodist Church.

Thank you to all our families for your continued support in ensuring children attend school as regularly as possible. Good attendance makes a significant difference to learning and progress.

Finally, we would like to wish all our families and friends a very happy Christmas. We hope it is filled with happiness and time to rest and relax. It has been a busy and exciting term, and the children have shown great enthusiasm for their learning. I look forward to welcoming everyone back safely to school on Tuesday 6th January.

Christmas Activities at Silverdale Methodist Church

Next week our children in Year 1 – 6 will be walking to the Methodist Church in Silverdale. Each year group will be creating Christmas decorations, making a star and learning some sign language. On Tuesday, Jayne will be coming to spend time in Reception. Thank you to Jayne and her group of volunteers.

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.



Star of the Week

Tiny Tigers	Whole Class
Busy Bees	Whole Class
Performing Pandas	Whole Class
Dazzling Dolphins	George
Outstanding Owls	Jenson
Fantastic Foxes	Edie
Learning Leopards	Arthur

Christian Value Certificate

Tiny Tigers	Timothy
Busy Bees	George
Performing Pandas	Haider
Dazzling Dolphins	Zac
Outstanding Owls	Arsin
Fantastic Foxes	Reggie
Learning Leopards	Lennon

Special Mentions

Robinson-Phillips Excellence in Kindness goes to: Zac
Mr Shenton's award: Edith
Dance achievements: Lacey
Gymnastic achievements: Mya
Gold achievements: Tobias
Makaton star of the Week: Chester

Sunday 14th December

Carol Service at Silverdale Methodist Church 6pm

Tuesday 16th December

KS2 Nativity 1.30pm

Wednesday 17th December

KS2 Nativity pm

Friday 19th December

Church Service 9.30am
Break up at 3.10pm

Attendance this week

Tiny Tigers	92.5%
Busy Bees	92.5%
Performing Pandas	93%
Dazzling Dolphins	90%
Outstanding Owls	90%
Fantastic Foxes	95%
Learning Leopards	95%

Dojo Points and this week's Task

This week's task is: Draw a Christmas Cracker with a fabulous gift inside

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 19th December



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

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 \[nspcc.org.uk\]](#)

Childline Free, confidential support for children and young people: **0800 1111** or childline.org.uk

Samaritans

116 123 samaritans.org

Citizens Advice Staffordshire – Debt, benefits, budgeting

0808 278 7874

StepChange Debt Charity – Free debt advice

0800 138 1111

Musician of the Month

Facts about Astor Piazzolla

1. Astor Piazzolla was a bandoneón player – the bandoneón looks a bit like a concertina, and he played it with incredible skill. It became his signature instrument.
2. He created a new style of music called “nuevo tango” – this mixed traditional Argentine tango with classical music and jazz, making it sound fresh and exciting.
3. “Buenos Aires Hora Cero” means “Buenos Aires Zero Hour” – the piece is meant to sound like the city just as night changes to day, full of mystery and energy.
4. The piece starts very quietly – Piazzolla wanted listeners to imagine the sleepy early-morning streets of Buenos Aires before the city wakes up.
5. As the music grows louder, it feels like the city coming to life – cars, people, lights, and movement, all imagined through instruments rather than words.



Music for this week:

[Astor Piazzolla - Buenos Aires Hora Cero](#)

British Values

Next week our focus will be:



Democracy

The Warm in Winter project shows what can happen when people in a community choose to work together to help others.

When we listen to one another and make decisions together, everyone's voice can be heard, and we can all make a difference.

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In the news this week

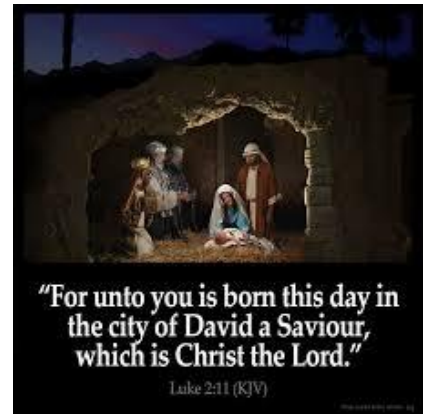
This winter, a charity called Small Acts of Kindness has sourced, packed and distributed over 10,000 'Warm in Winter' gift bags across Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire. Each bag includes things to keep people warm, like blankets, socks and hot drinks. The project aims to bring comfort to elderly and vulnerable people in the colder months. It shows that small acts of kindness can make a big difference in someone's life.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk to someone at home about the campaign.
- Can you think of a time someone was kind to you? How did it make you feel?
- Do you believe helping others can make us feel happier too? Why?
- What are some small acts of kindness we can do at home, at school, or in our community?

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.



Makaton Sign of the week...

Each week we'll be sharing a new Makaton sign that the children are learning in school. You'll find the sign in this newsletter, along with a QR code if you'd like to see more information or practise at home. Please ask your child to show you the sign—they'll love teaching you what they've learned! What is Makaton? Makaton is a way of communicating that uses simple signs and symbols alongside speech. It helps children (and adults) to understand and express themselves, especially if they find language tricky. You may have seen Makaton being used on TV, in hospitals, or in other schools—it helps make communication more inclusive for everyone. By learning Makaton together, we're giving all our children an extra tool to support understanding, confidence, and inclusion.

This week's sign is... 'home'

HOME
(see note on
"HOUSE")



Small arced
movement –
direction can
be varied to
suit context



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	
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: Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy

Vegetarian option – Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy

Wednesday: Homestyle Sausage Roll with Mash & Gravy

Vegetarian option – Plantastic Balls with Mash & Gravy

Thursday: Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips

Vegetarian option – Crispy Garden Fingers with Chips

Friday: Party Menu

Pre-order link for w/c 05/01/2026 - [School Meals w/c 05/01/2026 \(Week 1\) – Fill in form](#)

Important Dates	
Sunday 14 th December 2025	Carols at Silverdale Methodist 6pm
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 19 th December	Carols at St Luke's 9.30am
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, 20 th July 2026	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)