

Great Oak CE  
Learning Federation  
Autumn Term 2025



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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)*

### Carol Singing at Silverdale Methodist Church

A huge thank you to Silverdale Methodist Church for inviting us to sing at their Carol Service with a Twist. It was a wonderful occasion and a pleasure to be part of it.

Thank you to all the parents who came along with their children — it was lovely to see such a strong turnout of support. Well done to all of our singers, who performed beautifully, and a special well done to Riley for a confident and impressive piano solo.

### Thank you to Silverdale Methodist Church

Last week, our children in Years 1–6 walked to the Methodist Church in Silverdale. Each year group created Christmas decorations, made a star, and learned some sign language. On Tuesday, Jayne spent time with our Reception children. We would like to thank Jayne and her group of volunteers for their time and support.

### Well done to our Year 5 children

A great big well done to all of our children in Y5 for passing their cadet programme. PCSO Henshall expressed what a wonderful group of children and encouraged them all to complete the Senior Cadet Programme when they are older. Well done children.



### Key Stage 2 Drama

Well done to all of the children in the KS2 Nativity Club who took part in the production of 'What on earth is Christmas?' You were absolutely fantastic. The children learnt their lines perfectly, sang beautifully and, most importantly, had lots of fun. There were plenty of laughs along the way and even some brilliant audience participation, which made it extra special. It was wonderful to see how confidently the children added their own ideas and made the performance their own. A huge well done to everyone involved.

### No Technology Day

On Tuesday 6th January we will be having a no technology day and everything we do will be on paper and using books. We will look at alternative ways of learning and how we could cope if we had no Internet, laptops and whiteboards!

We are challenging you to see if this could continue for one night only. What could you do instead?

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

Return to school

**Tuesday 6th January**

No Technology Day

**Monday 12th January**

TT Rockstars Day

### Attendance this week

Tiny Tigers	90%
Busy Bees	92%
Performing Pandas	94%
Dazzling Dolphins	88%
Outstanding Owls	91%
Fantastic Foxes	96%
Learning Leopards	91%

### TT Rockstars Day

On Monday 12th January, all children will once again be invited to become Rockstars for the day! Everyone is encouraged to come to school dressed in their best rock star outfits, ready to enjoy a full day of fun, engaging, and energetic maths-based activities. The day will celebrate our love of number, problem-solving, and Times Tables Rock Stars, giving children plenty of opportunities to shine and show off their skills. We cannot wait to see their amazing outfits, boost their confidence with numbers, and enjoy a fantastic day of learning together. 🎸 ✨

### Tree of Remembering

A few weeks ago, we created our Tree of Remembering in the entrance foyer, where children shared memories and photographs of people and animals they have loved and lost. Following discussions with a group of children, we have since decided to keep the tree displayed in our school hall, so that it remains a special place for everyone to reflect, remember, and honour those who hold a lasting place in their hearts.

### This week's Task

This week's task is: We are challenging you to see if this could continue the 'no technology' for one night only. Show us what you did instead?  
Every Dojo task completed gets rewarded by 20 Dojos!

Make sure you return the Task by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January.

### 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.

### 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](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](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk) if you're worried about a child.

[NSPCC Christmas Support \[nspcc.org.uk\]](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

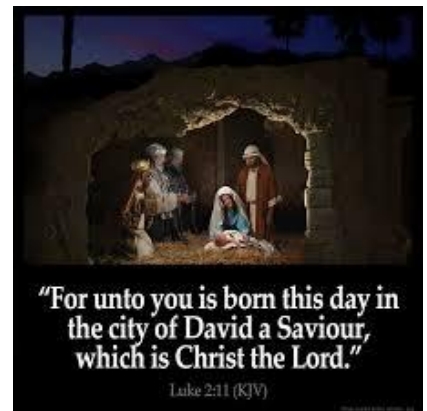
**116 123** [samaritans.org](https://www.samaritans.org)

**Citizens Advice Staffordshire** – Debt, benefits, budgeting  
**0808 278 7874**

**StepChange Debt Charity** – Free debt advice  
**0800 138 1111**

## 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...drink



## 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, 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

Menu – w/c 05/01/2026

**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 w/c 12/01/2026 - [School Meals w/c 12/01/2026 \(Week 2\) – Fill in form](#)

Important Dates	
Monday, 5th January, 2026	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday, 6th January, 2026	School opens
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Learning Leopards' Class Assembly 9am and 5pm and Cake Sale
Thursday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026	LL – WWII Workshop
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Young Voices in Manchester
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	OO – Ancient Greek Workshop
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	World Book Day Celebrations
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Mothers' Dat crafts and cake 2.30pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Non-uniform for an optional Easter Egg or chocolate bar
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Parental Meetings (invites sent out via compass)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Outstanding Owls' Class Assembly 9am and 5pm and Cake Sale
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Easter Egg Tombola in School
Friday 20th March 2026	Odd Sock day – no donation needed World Down Syndrome Day
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Photos - Class Groups, Leavers, Reception Individuals and Smylers Graduations
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Dazzling Dolphins' Class Assembly 9am and 5pm and Cake Sale
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Performing Pandas' Class Assembly 9am and 5pm and Cake Sale
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	SATS week
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day 9am
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Busy Bees' Class Assembly 9am and 5pm and Cake Sale
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Fathers' Day cakes and crafts 2.15pm
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2026	Reserved Sports Day 9am
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Tiny Tigers' Class Assembly 9am and 5pm and Cake Sale
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Musical Celebration 1.30pm (All parents are welcome)
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Prom and Disco 3-4.30pm KS1 and 6-8pm for KS2
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Reports out
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	1.30pm and 5pm Year 6 Play

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Leavers' Assembly 1pm
Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	School closes for Summer Holidays
Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)