



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January

# 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)

### Welcome Back

We all wish you a very Happy New Year and that was certainly a memorable week to start off with. We hope 2026 is a successful and happy one for you all. It is super to see everyone back in school learning and happy.

Finally, if you have friends or family applying for Reception places for September 2026, please do recommend us. The deadline for applications is next Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> January. We're always so grateful for your support in spreading the word about our brilliant school.

Here's to a happy and successful 2026 — I'm really looking forward to all the learning and experiences ahead this year!

### No Technology Day

We started the school year with a No Technology Day, which proved to be an interesting and enjoyable challenge for the children, especially as it also coincided with wet playtimes.

Our Head Boy and Head Girl visited classes to find out what pupils had enjoyed and what felt different. Many children shared that they discovered new games to play during wet play and enjoyed spending more time talking with one another. Others reflected on how they could find information and solve problems without relying on the internet. Overall, it was a positive experience that encouraged creativity, communication and teamwork across the school.

### Learning Leopards' Class Assembly and Cake Sale

It is the return of Class Assemblies and these start with the Learning Leopards. This is on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January, starting at 9am and 5pm. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing the learning from September. We would also like the children in Learning Leopards to provide cakes for a sale. Monies raised will go towards school trips and experiences.

### The SATs information evening – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January

This will take place at 9.30am and 5.30pm. It is an opportunity for parents of Year 6 children to have the format of SATs explained. You will also have an opportunity to view examples of papers, expectations and how your children are prepared. We hope that you can make it. This will be straight after your child's class assembly. We look forward to welcoming you then. Thank you.



### Star of the Week

Tiny Tigers	Mae Mae
Busy Bees	Alarna-Grace
Performing Pandas	Oscar
Dazzling Dolphins	Vivien
Outstanding Owls	Joshua
Fantastic Foxes	Kaira
Learning Leopards	Hollie

### Christian Value Certificate

Tiny Tigers	Sienna
Busy Bees	Siena
Performing Pandas	Whole Class
Dazzling Dolphins	Dottie
Outstanding Owls	Amelia
Fantastic Foxes	Theo
Learning Leopards	Lilly

### Special Mentions

**Robinson-Phillips Excellence in Kindness goes to:** Dottie  
**Mr Shenton's award:** Samuel

**Monday 12th January**

TT Rockstars Day

**Monday 12th January**

PTFA Meeting at 9am

**Thursday 15th January**

Learning Leopards' Class Assembly  
9am and 5pm  
Cake Sale for all

<p><b>Dojo Points and this week's Task</b></p> <p>This week's task is: Can you create a safety in the snow poster.</p> <p>Every Dojo task completed gets rewarded by 20 Dojos!</p> <p>Make sure you return the Task by 16<sup>th</sup> January</p>	<p><b>3,636</b></p>	<p><b>3,327</b></p>
	<p><b>4,202</b></p>	<p><b>3,044</b></p>

### 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. 🎸 ✨

### Easyfundraising

Please remember to use easyfundraising every time you shop online. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more! This means you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying.

If you haven't signed up to support us yet, it's easy and completely FREE. These donations really help us, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started!

You can find our easyfundraising page here: [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-lukes-ce-primary-school-silverdale/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=pmc&utm\\_content=email-2](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-lukes-ce-primary-school-silverdale/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=email-2)

Thank you!

### 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.**

Epiphany is celebrated on 6 January each year. It remembers the visit of the Three Wise Men, also called the Magi, to see baby Jesus. The Wise Men followed a bright star that led them to Jesus. They brought three special gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh. Epiphany shows that Jesus came for everyone, not just one group of people.



In many countries, Epiphany is marked with special foods, songs and celebrations. The season of Epiphany helps Christians think about light, hope and sharing God's love with others.

### 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. 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.



### Individual Liberty

The 1 Billion Acts of Kindness campaign shows how some individuals choose to use their influence to spread positive messages. People are free to express themselves, while also considering others when sharing their views.

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## In the news this week

Famous online creators have come together at the 1 Billion Followers Summit in Dubai to talk about how their influence affects people around the world. Influencers at the event use their fame to share kindness, as part of the '1 Billion Acts of Kindness' campaign. One of the most well-known creators, MrBeast, has encouraged millions of people to take part, using his videos and social media to inspire positive actions.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Talk to someone at home about the summit and the campaign. Do you think lots of people will choose to take part? Why?
- > Share who influences you. Talk about how some of the people we admire or look up to are well-known or famous, and others may be family or friends.
- > Ask someone at home about who influenced them when they were younger. What impact did they have?

### 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...

## Musician of the month

**About:** Gustav Theodore Holst (1874 – 1934) was an English composer, arranger and teacher. Best known for his orchestral suite The Planets, he composed many other works across a range of genres, although none achieved as much success as The Planets. His distinctive compositional style was the product of many influences, Richard Wagner and Richard Strauss being most crucial early in his development.

**Genres:** Classical

**Active from:** 1886 – 1933

**Origin:** Cheltenham, U.K



## 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
Cup of Milk	38p
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:** 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:** Chicken Dippers and Chips

Vegetarian option – Quron Dippers and Chips

**Friday:** Fish Fingers with Chips

Vegetarian option – Vegetable Fingers with Chips

Pre-order link for w/c 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - [School Meals w/c 19/01/2026 \(Week 3\) – Fill in form](#)

Important Dates	
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, 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	School Closes at 3.10 p.m. for Half Term
Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 to Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 Half Term	
Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026	
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 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Odd Sock day – no donation needed World Down Syndrome Day
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	KS2 Play 1.30pm and 5pm
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Easter Service 1.30pm
Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	School closes at 3.10 p.m. for Easter Holidays
Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 to 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 Easter Holidays	
Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	
Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Photos - Class Groups, Leavers, Reception Individuals and Smlers 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, 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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)