



Friday 16th 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)

TT Rockstars!

What a fantastic day! 🌟

We have made two (imaginary) millionaires in our Times Tables edition of the classic game, enjoyed a thrilling race to the finish in our Times Tables Tournament, and listened to some wonderful performances of everyone's favourite Maths songs.

Weekly tournaments will be starting very soon, so please remember to get onto Times Tables Rock Stars at home to keep practising. Every little bit really does make a difference!

Learning Leopards' Class Assembly and Cake Sale

Well done to the children in Learning Leopards for their wonderful assembly on Thursday. They shared an insightful look into what they have been learning and performed brilliantly on their brass instruments. The whole school and our parents thoroughly enjoyed watching — a fantastic achievement! 🙌 To see the assembly, view the link below:

[Class Assembly](#)

If you were unable to make it, please follow the link below to see the information about SATs. Thank you.

[Year 6 SATS Information](#)

Food tasting

The children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 had a wonderful time making their own fruit pizzas! They learned where different fruits come from, tried a range of new flavours and showed excellent knife skills throughout the activity.

A huge well done to all the children for their enthusiasm and care, and a sincere thank you to Edwards and Wards for organising such an enjoyable and educational experience. It is the chance for the children in the Juniors to take part next week.

Smylers' Holiday Club

Smylers are now taking bookings for February Half Term. This can be done through their usual Facebook Page or by contacting them on their direct line 01782 973870.



Star of the Week

Tiny Tigers	Lincoln
Busy Bees	Edan, Zaim and Darcie
Performing Pandas	Jasmine and Akram
Dazzling Dolphins	Amelia M
Outstanding Owls	Myla
Fantastic Foxes	Freddie
Learning Leopards	Whole Class

Christian Value Certificate

Tiny Tigers	Alice
Busy Bees	Rhianna
Performing Pandas	Logan
Dazzling Dolphins	Tobias
Outstanding Owls	Ezra
Fantastic Foxes	Tristan
Learning Leopards	Ashleigh

Special Mentions

Robinson-Phillips Excellence in Kindness goes to: The netball group – well done to you all.

Mr Shenton's award: Joshua B

Mrs Ray's award: Alfie
Makaton: Ella-Rose

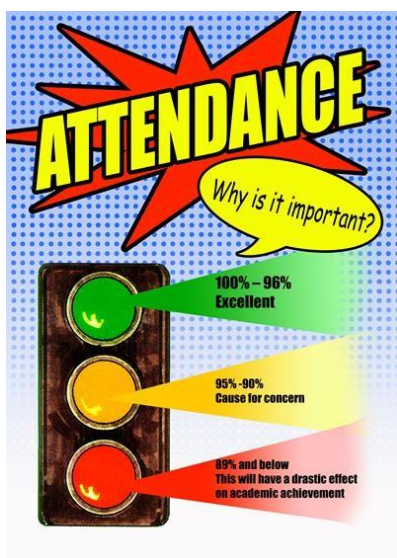
Thursday, 22nd January 2026
LL – WWII Workshop

Thursday 5th February 2025
Young Voices in Manchester

Tuesday 10th February
Spring Disco

Dojo Points and this week's Task This week's task is: Can you create a poster that shows an act of kindness you have done. Every Dojo task completed gets rewarded by 20 Dojos! Make sure you return the Task by 23 rd January	1,560	1,703
	1,686	1,380

Attendance



Tiny Tigers	97%
Busy Bees	98%
Performing Pandas	95%
Dazzling Dolphins	97%
Outstanding Owls	97%
Fantastic Foxes	98%
Learning Leopards	92%

Looking ahead:

Fantastic Foxes' Class Assembly and Cake Sale

This is on Thursday 13th February, starting at 9am and 5pm. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing our learning since September. We would also like the children in Fantastic Foxes to provide cakes for a sale. Monies raised will go towards school trips and experiences

Madula Showcase

On Tuesday 17th March - Fantastic Foxes will be performing their drumming skills in a concert at the New Vic Theatre. To sign up please complete the form below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/r2zSAAemCx>

Spring Term 2026

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

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

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

[Spring Disco – Thursday 10th February](#)

[Outstanding Owls - Ancient Greek Workshop - Thursday, 12th February 2026](#)

[Mother's \(special person\) Day Cake and Craft - Thursday, 5th March or 12th March, 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Summer Term

[Busy Bees – Florence Nightingale Workshop – Friday 8th May](#)

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.

British Values

Next week:



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

The Jane Goodall Earth Medal shows us that being respectful means looking after all living things. It encourages tolerance by focusing on a goal that brings different cultures and beliefs together to protect our world.

In the news this week

Recently, a new award, called the Jane Goodall Earth Medal, has been created to celebrate people who work to help others and care for the world. It is named after Dr Jane Goodall, who spent her life protecting animals and encouraging people to look after nature. The award recognises kind and caring actions that make a positive difference, even when people are not looking for praise.

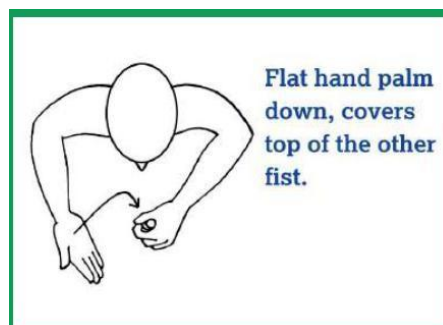
Things to talk about at home ...

- > What do you think about the new award? Share with someone at home. Do you believe it's important to recognise kind actions?
- > Can you think of someone you know who helps others or cares for the world in everyday ways?
- > Can you come up with other ways that people can be recognised for their actions?

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

[Gustav Holst- The Planets, Full Suite - YouTube](#)



- *The Planets* is a famous piece of music written by a British composer called **Gustav Holst**.
- He wrote it over 100 years ago, between **1914 and 1917**.
- The music is not really about the planets in space — it is about what the planets **mean in astrology**, such as war, peace and joy.
- Each planet has its **own music**:
 - ❖ **Mars** sounds strong and scary, like marching soldiers.
 - ❖ **Venus** sounds calm and peaceful.
 - ❖ **Jupiter** sounds happy and grand, like a celebration.
 - ❖ **Saturn** sounds slow and thoughtful.
 - ❖ **Uranus** is playful and surprising.
 - ❖ **Neptune** sounds magical and mysterious.
- The tune from Jupiter is so popular it became a hymn called I Vow to Thee, My Country.
- When Holst first played *The Planets*, it was very unusual music, and people were amazed by it.
- Some parts of *The Planets* sound like music from a space film, even though movies like *Star Wars* were made much later.
- Holst loved **science, stories and space**, which helped inspire this amazing music.

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 or tuna.

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: Roast of the Day with Roasties, Stuffing & Gravy

Vegetarian option – Butternut Squash Hot Pot with Roasties

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 26/01/2026 - [School Meals w/c 26/01/2026 \(Week 1\) – Fill in form](#)

Important Dates	
Thursday, 22 nd January 2026	LL – WWII Workshop
Thursday 5 th February 2026	Young Voices in Manchester
Tuesday 10 th February 2026	Spring Disco 3.10-4.30pm
Thursday, 12 th February 2026	OO – Ancient Greek Workshop
Thursday 12 th February 2026	Fantastic Foxes’ Class Assembly 9am and 5pm and Cake Sale
Thursday 12 th February 2026	Spring Disco (all children) 3.10pm -4
Friday, 13 th February 2026	School Closes at 3.10 p.m. for Half Term Non-uniform for an optional Easter Egg or chocolate bar
Monday, 16 th February 2026 to Friday, 20 th February 2026 Half Term	
Monday 23 rd February 2026	PTFA Meeting 9am
Thursday 5 th March 2026	World Book Day Celebrations
Thursday 5 th March 2026	Mothers’ Day crafts and cake 2.30pm (Infants)
Thursday 12 th March 2026	Mothers’ Day crafts and cake 2.30pm (Juniors)
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 20 th March 2026	Odd Sock day – no donation needed World Down Syndrome Day
Tuesday 24 th March 2026	KS2 Play 1.30pm and 5pm
Thursday 26 th March 2025	Easter Service 1.30pm
Friday, 27 th March 2026	School closes at 3.10 p.m. for Easter Holidays
Monday, 30 th March 2026 to 10 th April 2026 Easter Holidays	
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, 1 st June 2026	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday, 2 nd 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)