



Friday 23<sup>rd</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)

### Weather prepared

The weather has certainly been keeping us on our toes lately! Please do make sure children are coming to school dressed appropriately each day, with coats and suitable footwear. Even on wet days, if it isn't raining heavily, we will still try to get the children outside for play and fresh air. Outdoor time and physical exercise are so important for children's wellbeing, and it really does help them settle, concentrate and learn more effectively once back in class.

### Sporting Achievement

This week a group of our children took part in a sports hall athletics competition at Newcastle Academy. All the children represented the school excellently. It was great to see the children out of their comfort zones trying new sports and activities. Well done all!

### Learning Leopards' WW2 Workshop

This week, our pupils stepped back in time during an immersive day focused on the Second World War. Using real historical sources, they explored key events and considered the roles played by people both on and off the battlefield. The day continued with an exciting focus on the Special Operations Executives, where pupils learned Morse code, cracked secret ciphers, created covert identities and planned their own "flawless operation." The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and gained a deeper understanding of life in wartime Britain.

### Food tasting

The children in the Juniors 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.

### 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	Charlie
Busy Bees	Malaika
Performing Pandas	Freddie
Dazzling Dolphins	Valentino
Outstanding Owls	Grace
Fantastic Foxes	Junior
Learning Leopards	Charlie

### Christian Value Certificate

Tiny Tigers	Max
Busy Bees	Maddox
Performing Pandas	Isla
Dazzling Dolphins	Amelia R
Outstanding Owls	Joshua
Fantastic Foxes	Josh
Learning Leopards	Lacey

### Special Mention

**Robinson-Phillips Excellence in Kindness goes to:** Bobbie (PP)  
**Mr Shenton's award:** Sports Hall Athletic Team  
**Dance Awards/Trophies:** Edith (OO) and Lacey (LL)  
**Makaton Award:** Max (TT)  
**Zoo Keeper Certificate:** Myla (OO)  
**Reading Percentage of the Week:** Dazzling Dolphins

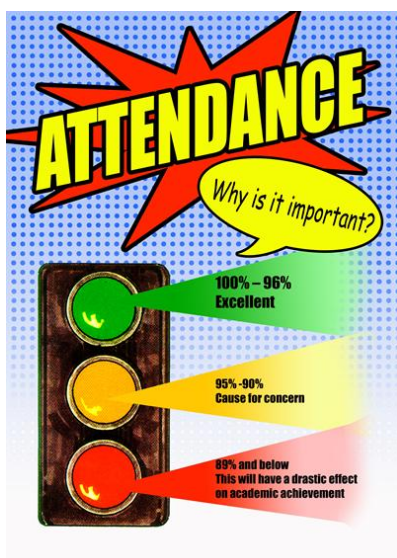
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025**  
Young Voices in Manchester

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February**  
Spring Disco

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February**  
Busy Bees trip to Stafford Castle

<b>Dojo Points and this week's Task</b>  This week's task is: create a poster on how you can care for the planet  Every Dojo task completed gets rewarded by 20 Dojos!  Make sure you return the Task by 30 <sup>th</sup> January	2,489	2,642
	2,675	1,843

### Attendance



Tiny Tigers	97%
Busy Bees	100%
Performing Pandas	100%
Dazzling Dolphins	95%
Outstanding Owls	96%
Fantastic Foxes	98%
Learning Leopards	96%

### 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.

### Spring Term 2026

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

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

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

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

[Busy Bees – Stafford Castle 11th 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 8<sup>th</sup> May](#)

### 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!

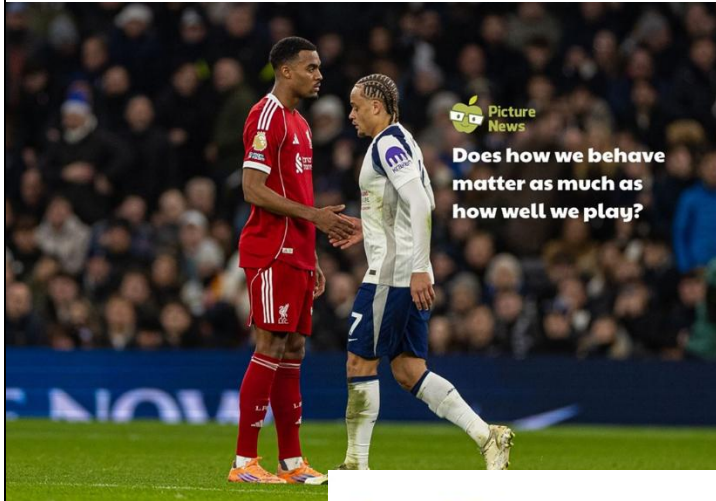
You can find our easyfundraising page here: [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-lukes-ce-primary-school-silverdale/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=pmc&utm\\_content=email-2](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-lukes-ce-primary-school-silverdale/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=email-2)

## 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:



## Rules of Law

Rules keep us safe and help us get along, whether we are playing a game of football or living together in our community. When we follow the law, we create a kinder and safer place for everyone.

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## In the news this week

The Football Association (FA) has published a review looking at behaviour in football across England. It wants to ensure football practice and matches are safe, fair, and enjoyable for everyone, including players, referees, and fans. The review encourages all involved in the sport to play their part in supporting and following values of positive behaviour.

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

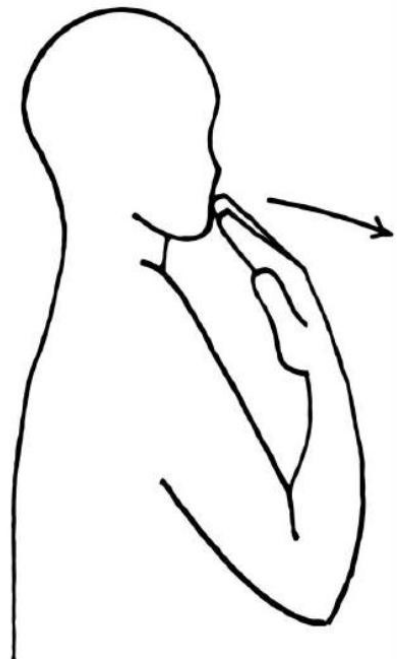
- Share your experiences of sporting or other competitive events with someone at home. Have you ever felt strong feelings when watching or taking part?
- Do you believe players and fans should have the same rules about respect?
- Discuss what you think might happen if winning becomes more important than respect.

## 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...**Thank you**

[Makaton Sign - Thank You - Really useful Makaton signs - CBeebies](#)



## Musician of the month

<https://www.yout-ube.com/watch?v=XNZGUgGrBUE>

Here are 10 facts about “I Vow to Thee, My Country” by Gustav Holst:

1. “I Vow to Thee, My Country” is a famous patriotic song from the United Kingdom.
2. The music was written by composer Gustav Holst in 1921.
3. Holst originally wrote the tune as part of an orchestral piece called “Jupiter” from The Planets Suite.
4. The melody is known as “Thaxted”, named after a village where Holst lived.
5. The words were written by Sir Cecil Spring Rice, a British diplomat.
6. The song is often sung at Remembrance services and important national events.
7. It has two verses: one about love and loyalty to your country, and one about peace and faith.
8. The second verse is quieter and calmer, showing a contrast with the powerful first verse.
9. The song became especially meaningful after World War I, when many families had lost loved ones.
10. Today, it is still taught in schools and sung at ceremonies because of its strong message about sacrifice, peace and hope.



## Free School Meals/Pupil Premium

We don't want any child to miss out on a tasty, nutritious free school meal—or on the extra support our school can receive through additional funding. If you receive benefits such as Universal Credit (with a net income below £7,400), Income Support, or Child Tax Credit, your child may be eligible. Applying is quick and confidential, and it helps your child and our whole school community. Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1, or Year 2 and already gets universal free meals, registering could unlock over £1,300 of extra funding for their education, supporting things like teaching assistant support are resources. Application forms are available on the link below—please take a moment to apply if you think you might qualify.

[Apply online - Free School Meals - Staffordshire County Council](#)

## 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.

## 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.

Snacks	
Milkshake	82p
Cup of Milk	38p
Bagel	38p
Pancake	45p
Toast	38p
Crumpet	38p

**Monday:** Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges  
Vegetarian option – Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges

**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 w/c 02/02/2026 - [School Meals w/c 02/02/2026 \(Week 2\) – Fill in form](#)

Important Dates	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Young Voices in Manchester
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Y5 visit the Fire Station
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Spring Disco 3.10-4.30pm
<b>Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>	<b>BB – Stafford Castle</b>
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  Non-uniform for an optional Easter Egg or chocolate bar
Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 to Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 Half Term	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026	PTFA Meeting 9am
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	World Book Day Celebrations
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Mothers' Day crafts and cake 2.30pm (Infants)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Mothers' Day crafts and cake 2.30pm (Juniors)
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	
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
<b>Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	<b>Busy Bees - Florence Nightingale Workshop</b>
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, 20th July 2026	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)