



Friday 13th February

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)

Happy Half-Term holiday

It is hard to believe we are already at the end of this half term. The children have worked incredibly hard over the past few weeks and it has been wonderful to see the focus, resilience and enthusiasm they are showing in lessons across the school. From creative writing and problem-solving in maths to hands-on science and topic work, there has been a real buzz of purposeful learning around the building.

I hope you are all able to enjoy a restful half term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back, ready to learn, on Monday 23rd February. Wishing you all a safe and happy break.

Fantastic Foxes' Class Assembly

Well done to both the Fantastic Foxes, we will share on Dojo when they have been uploaded. Thank you to all the donations of cakes. Money that has been raised will go towards class experiences.

Fire Station

A huge well done to the children in Fantastic Foxes for their impeccable behaviour during their visit to the fire station this week. They were a real credit to our school and impressed everyone with their enthusiasm, curiosity and maturity. During the visit, the children learned important lessons about seatbelt safety, rail safety, spotting fraud, identifying fire hazards in the home, and what it means to be a good and responsible citizen. Well done to you all, we are extremely impressed and very proud of you.

Busy Bees visit Stafford Castle

The Busy Bees behaved impeccably on their recent trip to Stafford Castle, and we are incredibly proud of them. The children thoroughly enjoyed a range of hands-on activities, including brass rubbing, coin minting, dressing up as kings, queens and knights, as well as taking part in an informative tour of the castle. Their enthusiasm, excellent manners and respectful behaviour made the day a great success. Well done, Busy Bees – you were a real credit to the school.



Star of the Week

Tiny Tigers	Brandon
Busy Bees	Whole Class
Performing Pandas	Akram, Yasmin, Nevaeh
Dazzling Dolphins	Freddie
Outstanding Owls	Harold & Alfie
Fantastic Foxes	Poppy
Learning Leopards	Emmy

Christian Value Certificate

Tiny Tigers	Haben
Busy Bees	Lucas
Performing Pandas	Whole Class
Dazzling Dolphins	Daisy
Outstanding Owls	Edith
Fantastic Foxes	Bobby G
Learning Leopards	Alex

Special Mentions

Robinson-Phillips Excellence in Kindness goes to: Loki

Mr Shenton's award: Netball Team

Football achievements: Chester and Oscar

TTRS: George (DD), Grace (OO), Kaiden (FF), Emmy (LL). Class: Learning Leopards

Monday 23rd February 2026

Return to school 😊

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PTFA Meeting 9am

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day

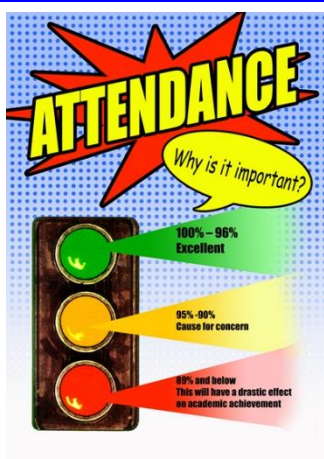
Dojo Points and this week's Task This week's task is: Enjoy half term! 😊 Draw a picture of something you have enjoyed doing. Every Dojo task completed gets rewarded by 10 Dojos! Make sure you return the Task by Friday 27 th February.	5,764	4,960
	4,695	5,015

Attendance

Have you seen our attendance policy?

We have created a two-page summary with all the key points. To view this please see the link below:

[St Luke's CofE \(VC\) Primary School - Attendance](#)



Tiny Tigers	93%
Busy Bees	95%
Performing Pandas	93%
Dazzling Dolphins	93%
Outstanding Owls	90%
Fantastic Foxes	96%
Learning Leopards	94%

Outstanding Owls become Ancient Greeks

Year 4 took part in an exciting Outstanding Owls Workshop, where they immersed themselves in life in ancient Greece. The children recreated a dramatic Spartan battle, wrote their names using ink on papyrus, played traditional board games, and learned all about life in Athens, with a focus on democracy and the economy. The workshop was thoroughly engaging and brought their learning to life. Well done, Year 4 – it sounded like you had a fantastic time.



Netball

On Tuesday, our netball team made a fantastic start to the season, winning two matches and finishing level in the other. The children showed great teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout, and we are very proud of them.

Thank you to Mr Shenton for taking the team and supporting them so brilliantly. Well done to everyone involved!

Year 5 and 6 get a visit from Keele Hospital students

Year 5 and 6 recently took part in a valuable and engaging learning experience from visitors from Keele Hospital. During the workshop, the children developed their understanding of a range of important health topics, including asthma, basic first aid, maintaining a healthy diet, dementia, and mental health. They approached each activity with maturity, curiosity and respect. A huge well done to all the children for their fantastic behaviour throughout the visit, they were a real credit to the school and represented us wonderfully.

Looking ahead:

This year World Book Day is taking place on 5th March 2026 and there will be lots of activities going on in school.

Children will be invited to dress up as a book character. If anyone has any costumes that their child has outgrown and you would like to donate for someone else to use, please let your child's teacher know. We do have lots of costumes in school that children can borrow.

There is a website (that I shared last year) with some easy-to-follow ideas. <https://www.madeformums.com/toddler-and-preschool/last-minute-easy-world-book-day-costumes/>

Spring Term 2026

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

Summer Term

[Performing Pandas - National Forest Adventure Park \(Thursday, 23rd April 2026\)](#)

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

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.

Easyfundraising

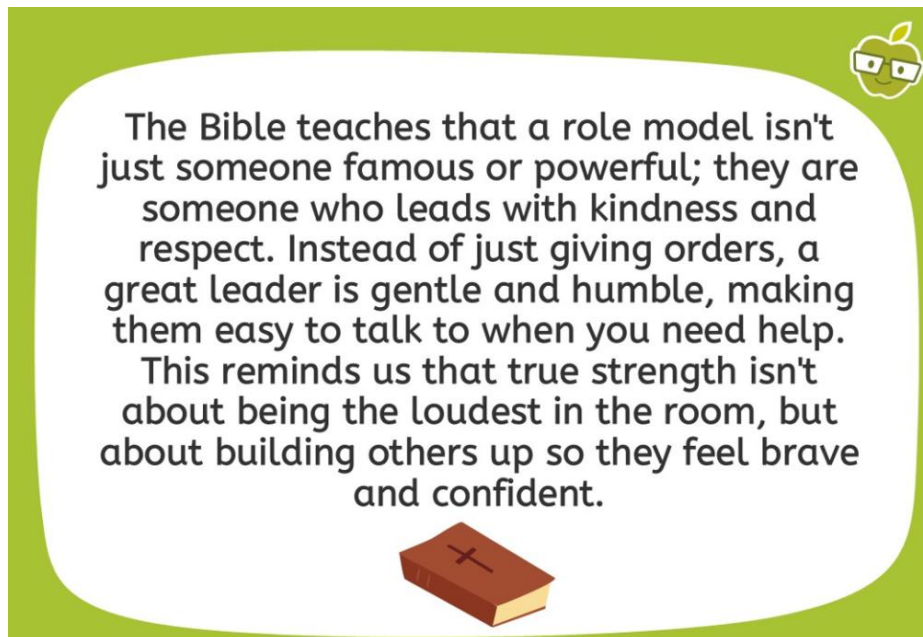
Please remember to use easyfundraising every time you shop online. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more! This means you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying.

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

Our School Prayer

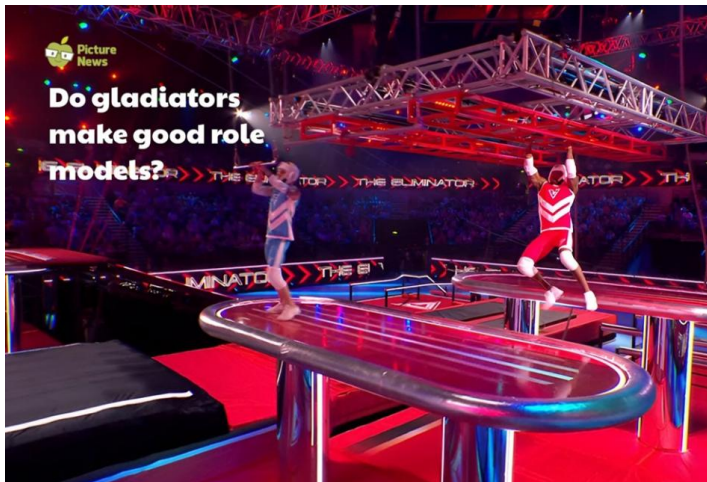
God give me the strength to accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can, And wisdom to know the difference. With the help of your love. Amen.



The Bible teaches that a role model isn't just someone famous or powerful; they are someone who leads with kindness and respect. Instead of just giving orders, a great leader is gentle and humble, making them easy to talk to when you need help. This reminds us that true strength isn't about being the loudest in the room, but about building others up so they feel brave and confident.



Next week:



Individual Liberty

Gladiators celebrates our freedom to choose who we want to be by working hard and developing our strengths. We can all respect the rights of others and play fairly.

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In the news this week

A new series of the television programme, Gladiators, has recently returned to screens. The show features athletes competing in physical challenges such as strength, speed, and endurance events. The show is broadcast on the BBC and has attracted large audiences, including families and children. Gladiators train for many years to compete at a high level and often speak about discipline, teamwork, and preparation.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you watch Gladiators at home, or are there other TV programmes you enjoy watching together as a family? What do you think makes someone on TV a good role model?
- > What skills or qualities do you believe are most important in a role model?
- > Share and talk about some of the people you look up to at home, and explain why you admire them.

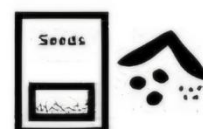
Makaton Sign of the week...

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 link to a video completed by Mrs Easby 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...seed

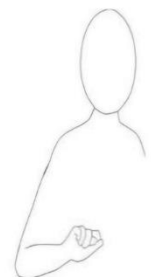
[St Luke's CofE \(VC\) Primary School - Weekly Makaton Sign](#)

Makaton symbol



seed

Makaton sign



seeds

Musician of the month

Next week's music

[The Proud Family \(Album Version\)](#)

🎵 The theme song for *The Proud Family* was performed by **Destiny's Child**, one of the most famous girl groups in the world.

☀️ The group included **Beyoncé Knowles, Kelly Rowland, and Michelle Williams**.

📺 *The Proud Family* was a popular **Disney Channel** animated show that first aired in **2001**.

🎤 The song's upbeat style matches the show's focus on **family, friendship, and growing up**.

💜 The lyrics celebrate being proud of **who you are and where you come from**.

🎧 This was one of the first times many children heard a theme song sung by a **global pop group**.

🏆 Destiny's Child are one of the **best-selling girl groups of all time**.

😊 The song is still loved today because it feels **positive, confident, and fun**.



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: Golden Coconut Chicken Curry with Rice

Vegetarian option – Classic Mac & Cheese

Wednesday: Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy

Vegetarian option – Sage and Onion Whirl with Roasties

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 - [School Meals w/c 02/03/2026 \(Week 2\) – Fill in form](#)

Important Dates	
Monday, 16th February 2026 to Friday, 20th 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, 23 rd April 2026	PP – National Forest Adventure Farm
Thursday 30 th April	Performing Pandas' Class Assembly 9am and 5pm and Cake Sale
Friday, 8 th May 2026	Busy Bees - Florence Nightingale Workshop
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, 20 th July 2026	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)