



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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)

### Welcome Back

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back, settled and ready to learn. Mid-year reports will be shared next week, and we hope you have already booked your parent meeting via the Compass app. If you experience any difficulty accessing or booking, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Carpenter, who will be very happy to assist.

Since January we have welcomed a significant number of new pupils, and our school community continues to grow. This is a real joy to see and a testament to the strength of our school.

I hope everyone has a lovely and restful weekend.

### World book Day

Our Reading Ambassadors have had a very productive meeting this week and have come up with some fantastic ideas for how our school will celebrate World Book Day next Thursday. You will have to wait and see what they have planned!

This year, World Book Day takes place on Thursday 5th March 2026, and there will be lots of exciting activities happening throughout the school day. All children are warmly invited to dress up as their favourite book character. This may be a costume, non-uniform, or even pyjamas—whatever helps bring a story to life.



If you have any book character costumes that your child has outgrown and would be happy to donate for others to use, please let your child's teacher know. We also have a good selection of costumes in school that children are welcome to borrow.

For families looking for simple ideas, there is a helpful website with easy, last-minute costume suggestions, which I shared last year:

<https://www.madeformums.com/toddler-and-preschool/last-minute-easy-world-book-day-costumes/>

We can't wait to celebrate a day full of stories, imagination and a love of reading!



### Star of the Week

Tiny Tigers	Isabella
Busy Bees	Aaliyah
Performing Pandas	Jacob
Dazzling Dolphins	Amelia
Outstanding Owls	Lynclande
Fantastic Foxes	Kameel
Learning Leopards	Primrose

### Christian Value Certificate

Tiny Tigers	Auraya
Busy Bees	Robert
Performing Pandas	Ava
Dazzling Dolphins	Arisa
Outstanding Owls	Ezra He
Fantastic Foxes	Kaiden
Learning Leopards	Harley Ho

### Special Mentions

**Robinson-Phillips Excellence in Kindness goes to:** Todd (DD)  
**Mr Shenton's award:** Leo (BB)  
**Football achievements:** Logan (BB)  
**TTRS:** Class: Fantastic Foxes  
 Overall: Kaiden  
 DD: Aidey  
 OO: Charlie P  
 FF: Kaiden  
 LL: Emmy  
 Dance achievement: Luella

**Thursday 5th March**  
World Book Day

**Thursday 5th and 12th March**  
Mother's Special Cake and Craft session

**Monday 16th March**  
Parental Meetings

## Dojo Points and this week's Task

This week's task is: Design a window

Every Dojo task completed gets rewarded by 10 Dojos!

Make sure you return the Task by Friday

Well done to Fiona for the Dojo Task.

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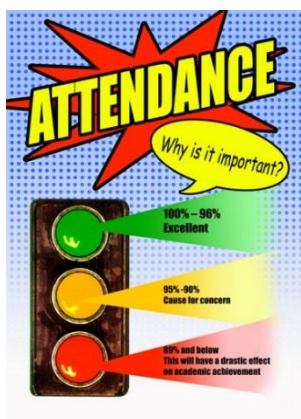
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## Attendance

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	90%
Busy Bees	91%
Performing Pandas	96%
Dazzling Dolphins	93%
Outstanding Owls	94%
Fantastic Foxes	96%
Learning Leopards	95%

## PTFA Corner

Thank you to our small team of PTFA members who met on Monday. It was a very productive evening where we organised the upcoming Mother's (Special Person's) Craft and Cake event, as well as discussing future events and funding plans.

We are incredibly grateful that the PTFA have donated £1,000 towards the Dojo Reward Shop, which will now be organised by the School Council. The PTFA also agreed to allocate additional funds towards supporting school trips from September 2026 onwards, helping to ensure enriching experiences for all of our children.

For our Year 6 pupils, it has been agreed that instead of purchasing leavers' hoodies, the children will enjoy a free end-of-year trip of their choice. They have voted and are already very excited about their decision — a day trip to the beach!

Fundraising continues to make such a difference. Our cake sales remain a way to raise additional funds, and we are always so thankful for both the donated cakes and those who support by purchasing them. The money raised goes directly towards supporting school trips for those classes.

- Learning Leopards raised **£55**
- Fantastic Foxes raised **£55.50**

Thank you to all of our parents and families for your continued support — it truly makes a difference to the opportunities we are able to provide for our children.

## Looking ahead:

### Spring Term 2026

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

### Summer Term 2026

[Performing Pandas - Great Fire of London](#) - Wednesday, 10th June 2026

[Busy Bees - Florence Nightingale Workshop](#) - Friday, 8th May 2026

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

[Busy Bees - Stafford Castle](#) - Wednesday, 11th February 2026

### Easyfundraising

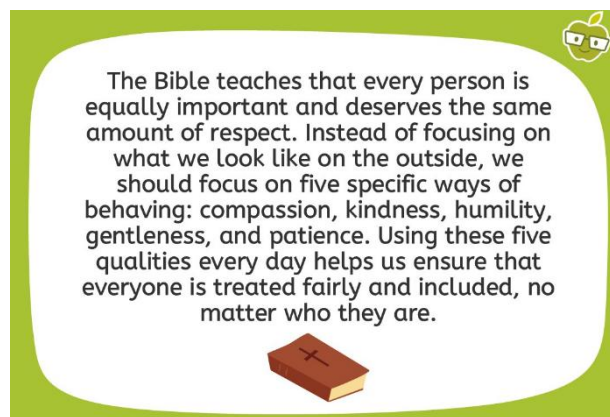
Please remember to use easyfundraising every time you shop online. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more! This means you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying.

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.**



The Bible teaches that every person is equally important and deserves the same amount of respect. Instead of focusing on what we look like on the outside, we should focus on five specific ways of behaving: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Using these five qualities every day helps us ensure that everyone is treated fairly and included, no matter who they are.

### British Values

Next week:



### Mutual Respect

Brynteg School aims to show respect by making things equal for everyone with a single uniform.

## In the news this week

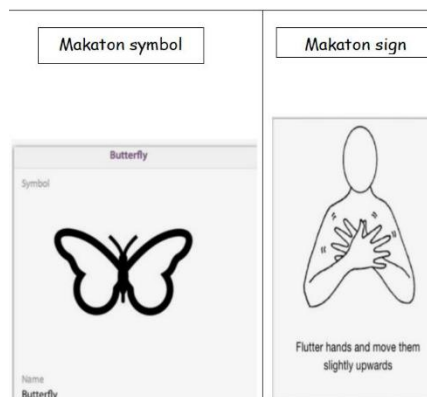
Brynteg School in Wales has said that from September, skirts will no longer be part of the school uniform. Instead, all children will wear trousers or shorts. The school says this will make the uniform more practical and fairer for everyone, but some parents and pupils have different opinions about the change. This announcement has added to discussions about school rules, fairness, and whether uniforms should be the same for all children.

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

- > Talk to someone older at home about your and their experiences of school uniform. Have they changed over time?
- > Share your thoughts on the changes Brynteg School is making. Do you feel they are positive changes?
- > If you could create your own uniform, what would it look like?

### 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 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 symbols alongside speech. It helps children (and adults) to understand express themselves, especially if they find language tricky. You may see 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.



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This week's sign is...butterfly

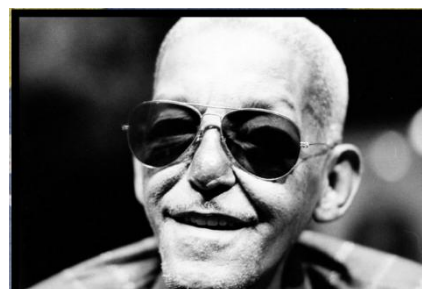
[St Luke's CofE \(VC\) Primary School - Week 3 Butterfly](#)

### Musician of the month

#### Next week's music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zc8L7N1Tecg>

**About:** Angenor de Oliveira, known as Cartola (Portuguese for top hat), (October 11, 1908 – November 30, 1980) was a Brazilian singer, composer and poet considered to be a major figure in the development of samba. Cartola composed, alone or with partners, more than 500 songs. It was not until he was rediscovered at the age of 66 that his music was recorded and he finally became recognised in his home nation and internationally for the music he had been playing most of his life.



**Genres:** Samba and Bossa Nova

**Active from:** 1927-1980

**Origin:** Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

### 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: Spring Turkey Bow Tie Pasta

Vegetarian option – Garden Bolognese Bow Tie Pasta

Wednesday: Roast of the Day with Roasties and Gravy

Vegetarian option – Butternut Squash Hot Pot with Roasties

Thursday: Chicken Stir-Fry Rice

Vegetarian option – Rainbow Noodle Bowl

Friday: Fish Fingers with Chips

Vegetarian option – Cheesy Bean Whirls with Chips

Pre-order link w/c 9th March 2026 [School Meals w/c 09/03/2026 \(Week 3\) – Fill in form](#)

Important Dates	
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, 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2026	PP – National Forest Adventure Farm
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Performing Pandas' Class Assembly 9am and 5pm and Cake Sale
Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Busy Bees - Florence Nightingale Workshop
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)