



Friday 6th March

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)

Trip to Newcastle College for the Fantastic Foxes

The children in Fantastic Foxes have an exciting opportunity on Monday to take part in a LEGO® Innovation Studio Taster Session at Newcastle College. Children will attend either a morning or an afternoon session and will be walking to the college with Mr Hawkins and other members of staff. The session promises to be a fun and engaging experience where the children will have the chance to explore creativity, problem-solving and teamwork through LEGO activities.

We are very much looking forward to this opportunity and can't wait to share some photos from the day with you!

World book Day

What a wonderful World Book Day celebration we had in school! In a meeting with our Reading Ambassadors last week, they came up with a fantastic idea — every child in the school was given a wooden spoon to transform into a Storytelling Spoon. These will now be donated to our Reception and Key Stage 1 classrooms to enrich their roleplay areas and encourage imaginative storytelling. It was wonderful to see our older pupils sharing their creativity and love of stories with the younger children. It was also lovely to see everyone in their costumes, pyjamas and own clothes, showing such enthusiasm for books and reading throughout the day! The children were especially excited to take home their very own World Book Day book, which we had purchased beforehand from The Works so that every child could enjoy a new story at home.

Thank you to everyone for helping make the day so special!

Clothing and lost property

Although the weather has brightened up a little this week, it is still quite cold and changeable. Please do check the forecast each morning and ensure children are dressed appropriately.

We also currently have a large amount of lost property, including many jumpers and coats. If you have the chance, please do take a look.

Cake and Craft

Thank you to our wonderful PTFA for organising the Mothers/Special Person Cake and Craft event. We hope all the mothers and special people who attended enjoyed spending time together and creating your lovely heart-shaped coasters. It was a special opportunity to share some creativity and celebrate the important people in our children's lives.



Star of the Week

Tiny Tigers	Alice
Busy Bees	Archie
Performing Pandas	Evie and Grace
Dazzling Dolphins	Billie
Outstanding Owls	Josh
Fantastic Foxes	Pal
Learning Leopards	Phoebe

Christian Value Certificate

Tiny Tigers	Autumn
Busy Bees	Sienna
Performing Pandas	Millie-Anne
Dazzling Dolphins	Archie
Outstanding Owls	Oliver
Fantastic Foxes	Mason K
Learning Leopards	Lilley

Special Mentions

Robinson-Phillips Excellence in Kindness goes to: Lilly
Mr Shenton's award: Lucas
Makaton: Fiona and Ella
Football achievements: Chester and Reggie
TTRS:
Winning Class: Learning Leopards
Overall child: Kaiden
DD: Aidey **OO:** Ezra Ha
FF: Kaiden **LL:** Emmy

Thursday 12th March
Mother's/Special person Cake and Craft session

Monday 16th March
Parental Meetings

Tuesday 17th March
Madula Concert for the children in Year 5

Dojo Points and this week's Task

This week's task is: Draw a poster about:
A good friend is someone who...

Every Dojo task completed gets rewarded by 10
Dojos!

Make sure you return the Task by Friday 13th March

1st

4th

3rd

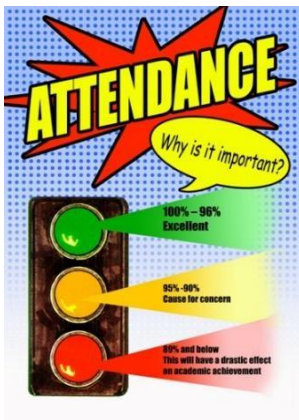
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Attendance

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	100%
Busy Bees	94%
Performing Pandas	96%
Dazzling Dolphins	95%
Outstanding Owls	92%
Fantastic Foxes	97%
Learning Leopards	98%

Looking ahead:

Spring Term 2026

[Mother's \(special person\) Day Cake and Craft - Thursday, 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](#)

Madula

As the performance date is fast approaching, the children have just one more rehearsal remaining before the evening performance of Madula on Tuesday 17th March.


To purchase tickets, parents should contact the New Vic Box Office on 01782 717 962. Please note that tickets are available by phone only and cannot be reserved online. When calling, simply state which school you are connected to. We will be sending extra details next week.

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.

But their idols are silver and gold,
made by human hands.
They have mouths, but cannot speak,
eyes, but cannot see.
They have ears, but cannot hear,
noses, but cannot smell.
They have hands, but cannot feel,
feet, but cannot walk,
nor can they utter a sound with their throats.

Psalm 115:4-7



British Values

Next week:



Individual Liberty

Designers used their freedom and individual liberty to create the robots. The invention mixes tradition with new technology, leading to conversations about how robots might help us in the future.

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In the news this week

During China's Lunar New Year Gala, one of the world's most-watched TV shows, humanoid robots danced and performed kung-fu moves on stage. The robots could spin, jump, and move in time with music, showing how fast robotics technology is developing. Other Chinese-designed robots appeared at New Year celebrations in New York, USA. The performances have sparked global conversations about how robots might be used in future entertainment and everyday life.

Things to talk about at home ...



- > Have you ever seen a robot before? Where was it?
- > Do you think robots should be used for entertainment, work, or both?
- > What are some of the things that people can do that robots can't?
- > If you could design a robot, what would it do and why?

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...Spring [St Luke's CofE \(VC\) Primary School - Week 4 Spring](#)

Makaton sign of the week.

Makaton symbol	Makaton sign
 <p>Spring</p>	 <p>Spring</p>

Musician of the month

Next week's music

[Alvorada - YouTube](#)

His nickname means "Top Hat."

His real name was Agenor de Oliveira, but people called him Cartola because he often wore a tall hat.

OR He loved samba music.

Cartola was one of the most famous samba singers and songwriters in Brazil.

† He helped start a samba group.

He helped create a famous samba school called Estação Primeira de Mangueira, which performs in Brazil's big Carnival celebrations.

n He wrote beautiful songs.

Cartola wrote many songs that people still sing today. One of his most famous songs is As Rosas Não Falam.

☞ He became famous later in life.

Cartola recorded his first album when he was 65 years old, showing that it's never too late to follow your dreams.

☉ He had a music café.

Cartola and his wife opened a small café where musicians came to sing and play samba together.



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

Important Dates	
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)