



Friday 20th 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)

Outstanding Owls' Class Assembly

Well done to all children, you read beautifully and supported one another so well. It was great to see all the learning that you had achieved and what you have to look forward to. Well done. Your assembly recording will be added to [St Luke's CofE \(VC\) Primary School - Year 4 / Outstanding Owls](#) over the weekend.

Year 5 Hit All the Right Notes at 'Joined by a Drum'

The children in Year 5 took part in the *Madula Concert: Joined by a Drum* at the New Vic Theatre this week, and they were fantastic both as performers and as audience members. We were incredibly proud of every single child who took part. Their behaviour was impeccable, and their djembe drumming was performed with great focus and enthusiasm. This morning, we also received a lovely email praising the children for the way they conducted themselves and how brilliantly they participated throughout the event. A huge thank you to all the adults who supported this experience—it was very much appreciated.

https://youtu.be/78_ceLEGzKo

Well done to our fantastic Netball team!

This week our netball team achieved an impressive 2nd place in the Newcastle School Netball League. The progress the children have made, both in their skills and their teamwork, has been wonderful to see. They have shown determination, cooperation and a fantastic attitude throughout the competition. A huge well done to all involved; we are incredibly proud of you!



Parental Meetings

Thank you to everyone that attended on Monday. Lots of positive comments were made. If you were unable to make a meeting, please speak to your child's teacher.



Star of the Week

Tiny Tigers	Paisley
Busy Bees	Eliza
Performing Pandas	Luella
Dazzling Dolphins	Todd
Outstanding Owls	Whole Class
Fantastic Foxes	Kaiden
Learning Leopards	Dale

Christian Value Certificate

Tiny Tigers	Ivy
Busy Bees	Zaim
Performing Pandas	Neveah
Dazzling Dolphins	Aidey
Outstanding Owls	Josh
Fantastic Foxes	Chester
Learning Leopards	James

Special Mentions

Robinson-Phillips Excellence in Kindness goes to: Lexi W
Mr Shenton's award: Netball Team
Madula: Theo and Poppy
Gymnastics: Coral
Overall winner: Fantastic Foxes
MVP: Kaiden
Y3 MP: Josh E
Y4 MVP: Ezra H
Y5 MVP: Kaiden
Y6 MVP: Meadow

Monday 23rd March

Y1-6 visit Silverdale Methodist Church

Thursday 26th March

Easter Service 1.30pm

Friday 27th March

School breaks up for Easter

Dojo Points and this week's Task

This week's task is: can you draw or create an Easter garden. It could be:

- A sunrise
- A garden
- A cross with flowers
- An empty tomb with the stone rolled away

Every Dojo task completed gets rewarded by 20 Dojos!

Make sure you return the Task by Friday 27th March

Silverdale Methodist Church visit

On Monday, the children in Years 1–6 will be visiting Silverdale Methodist Church to take part in a range of Easter activities. Thank you to Jayne and the team for planning and leading these sessions. Please ensure that your child comes to school with a suitable coat and appropriate footwear, as we will be walking to the church. Thank you to Jayne and the team for planning and leading the activities.

Easter Service

On Thursday 26th March at 1:30pm, we will be attending St Luke's Church to take part in a joint Easter service with Silverdale Academy. During the service, the children will be singing a selection of Easter songs and sharing a number of Bible readings. You are very welcome to join us for this special event. We will be leaving school at 1:00pm and will return before the end of the school day.

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	95%
Busy Bees	92%
Performing Pandas	90%
Dazzling Dolphins	95%
Outstanding Owls	91%
Fantastic Foxes	98%
Learning Leopards	91%

Phonics Workshop

We would like to warmly invite parents and carers from Busy Bees and Tiny Tigers to come into school to watch a live phonics session in action in Year 1. You will have the opportunity to observe a 20-minute lesson, followed by time to speak with Mrs Smith or Miss Bowen about how phonics is taught and assessed at school. Sessions will take place on Wednesday 15th April at 9:00am or 2:30pm. We hope many of you will be able to join us and gain a deeper insight into how we support children's early reading skills.

Looking ahead:

Spring Term 2026

[Fantastic Foxes - Vikings Workshop Workshop – Fill in form](#)

Summer Term

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

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

Summer 2027!

Next week, we hope to share full details for next year's residential trip. We are excited to let you know that we will be travelling to Ilam Hall for a four-day residential in June 2027. We are currently awaiting confirmation of coach travel costs, and we will pass on the final price and all further information as soon as it is available.

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.

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.

1 Corinthians 12: 12



British Values

Next week:



In the news this week

Athletes from around the world have been competing in the Winter Paralympic Games in Italy. The Paralympics are an international sporting event for athletes with disabilities. This year's competitors took part in events such as skiing, snowboarding, wheelchair curling, and ice hockey. Many athletes train for years to compete at this level. Some have overcome injuries or health challenges, while others were born with disabilities. Using specialised equipment and incredible determination, they compete for medals.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Who do you find inspiring in sport? Ask someone at home about who they find inspiring.
- What does being a champion mean to you?
- What helps people overcome challenges? Talk with someone about their experiences.



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

The Winter Paralympics value every athlete's achievements equally. By respecting differences, they make sure everyone has a fair chance to succeed and follow their dreams.

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.



tree

This week's sign is...tree

[St Luke's CofE \(VC\) Primary School - Week 5 Tree](#)

Music of the Week

[The Beatles - The Beatles - I Want To Hold Your Hand \(Live on The Ed Sullivan Show\)](#)

About: The Beatles were an English rock band, formed in Liverpool in 1960, that comprised John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr. They are regarded as the most influential band of all time and were integral to the development of 1960s counterculture and popular music's recognition as an art form. The Beatles are the best-selling music act of all time, with estimated sales of 600 million units worldwide.

Genres: Rock & Pop

Active from: 1960 - 1970

Origin: Liverpool, U.K.



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: 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: Fish Fingers with Chips

Vegetarian option – Cheesy Bean Whirls with Chips

Friday: End of Term Buffet

[School Meals w/c 13/04/2026 \(Week 2\) – Fill in form](#)

Betley Festival Weekend (Volunteers needed)

[Volunteering - Betley Show](#)

☀️ Can you help at Betley's Big Weekend 2026? ☀️

 Friday 31st July – Sunday 2nd August 2026

We're looking for volunteers to join us for an exciting weekend full of festival vibes 🎵 🎉

As a volunteer, you'll receive:

- 🌟 A wristband giving you access to all three events across the weekend
- 🍔 A £10 refreshment voucher to use at selected vendors
- 🤝 The chance to meet new people and be part of something special
- 📄 An opportunity to apply for funding for your organisation (subject to the event being successful)

Whether you've helped out before or this is your first time, we'd love to have you involved and give back to the community together ❤️

We're especially looking for help as:

- 🔧 Set Up & Dismantle crew
- 🚧 Entrance Team members
- 🐎 Horse Show Stewards

👉 Register here:

 <https://www.betleyshow.com/volunteering/>

Important Dates	
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 1st July and Thursday 2nd July	Thistley Hough Academy - Transition Days
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)