



Friday 17th April

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

Welcome back to school after the Easter break. We hope you all had a wonderful holiday and enjoyed some special time with your families. We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead filled with learning, new opportunities and lots of fun. It's great to have you all back. Let's make it a fantastic term together!

Phonics Workshop

Thank you to everyone who attended our phonics sessions. We were delighted to welcome so many of you into school.

We hope you found the experience of watching a live Year 1 phonics lesson both informative and reassuring. It was wonderful to share how we support children in developing their early reading skills, and we hope the opportunity to speak with Mrs Smith and Miss Bowen helped to deepen your understanding of how phonics is taught and assessed.

We truly value your ongoing support and partnership in your child's learning journey.

Dazzling Dolphins' Class Assembly and Cake Sale

It is the return of Class Assemblies and it is now the turn of Outstanding Owls. This is on Thursday 23rd April starting at 9am and 5pm. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing the learning from September. We would also like the children in Dazzling Dolphins to provide cakes for a sale. Monies raised will go towards school trips and experiences.

Cricket Experience

On Tuesday, our children had a fantastic time taking part in a cricket engagement day, led by a coach from Staffordshire Cricket. Throughout the day, the children explored a range of exciting activities designed to develop their coordination, balance and cricket skills. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm, teamwork and excellent behaviour from everyone involved – we are very proud of them all!

Well done to all of our pupils for representing the school so brilliantly. All children have also received a letter with further information about how to get involved with Silverdale Cricket Club – a great opportunity to continue developing their skills outside of school.



Star of the Week

Tiny Tigers	Joanie
Busy Bees	Connie
Performing Pandas	Haider and Isla
Dazzling Dolphins	PJ
Outstanding Owls	Ralph
Fantastic Foxes	Theo
Learning Leopards	Elaina

Christian Value Certificate

Tiny Tigers	Ivy
Busy Bees	Archie
Performing Pandas	Millie-Anne
Dazzling Dolphins	Oakley
Outstanding Owls	Myla
Fantastic Foxes	Mason KL
Learning Leopards	Brody

Special Mentions

Robinson-Phillips Excellence in Kindness goes to: Theo

Mr Shenton's award: Year 1-6 participation in the cricket

Makaton: The whole group

Football: Oscar and Zak

Dancing: Luella

TTRS Certificates:

1st Aidey

2nd Archie

3rd Joshua

Thursday 23rd April

Dazzling Dolphins' Class Assembly
9am and 5pm

Thursday 23rd April

Dazzling Dolphins' Cake Sale

Thursday 24th April

Performing Pandas at the National
Adventure and Outstanding Owls at
the Islamic Workshop

Dojo Points and this week's Task

Children can create their own sheep at home by drawing one, cutting out a paper shape, or making it with cotton wool and card. They then write their name or a positive word such as "kindness," "courage," or "hope" on the sheep to make it personal and meaningful. Let us see if we can have a flock!



Return for Friday 23rd April for 10 Dojos.

Have fun!

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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	97%
Busy Bees	97%
Performing Pandas	88%
Dazzling Dolphins	96%
Outstanding Owls	94%
Fantastic Foxes	96%
Learning Leopards	94%

Looking ahead:

Summer Term

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

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

[Outstanding Visit to the Islamic Centre – Fill in form](#)

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 just like a strong, healthy tree, people can keep on growing and producing new things even when they get older. This means you are never too old to learn a new skill, try a new hobby, or start an exciting adventure. It is a reminder that our lives can stay full of energy, happiness, and fresh ideas throughout every stage of life.

British Values

Next week:



Individual Liberty

Individual liberty gives us the freedom to make our own life choices and pursue new challenges. We are free to choose our goals, which can shape our journey throughout our lives.

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In the news this week

An 82-year-old runner, Eileen Hieron, has shown that age hasn't stopped her trying something new. She only started running in her 70s and ran her first marathon at the age of 74. Since then, she has completed nearly 10 marathons and even won her age group at the London Marathon. This Sunday, runners from all over the world will take part in the 2026 London Marathon, and stories like Eileen's are inspiring others to think about whether it's ever too late to try something new.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Have you ever tried something new that felt difficult at first? What helped you keep going?
- Do you believe age should matter when trying something new? Why or why not?
- Is there someone you know who has tried something new later in life? What have they done?
- Why do you think people take part in challenges like the London Marathon?

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...colour

[St Luke's CofE \(VC\) Primary School - Week 7 Colour](#)



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Music of the Week

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vWW2SzoAXMo> It's one of the Beatles' heaviest songs "Helter Skelter" is often described as an early form of heavy rock or even proto-metal because of its loud, raw sound.

Paul McCartney wrote it to be loud and chaotic

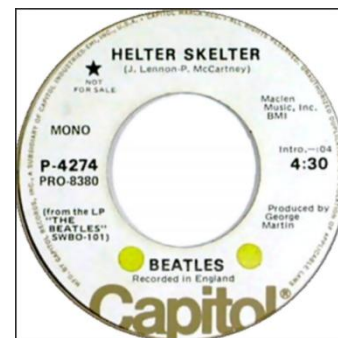
He deliberately tried to create something wild and intense, very different from the band's earlier, more polished songs.

It was released in 1968 on the "White Album"

This double album had a huge mix of styles, and this track stood out as one of the most aggressive.

The title comes from a fairground slide

In the UK, a "helter skelter" is a spiral slide you find at fairs—nothing to do with chaos originally!



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: Sausage with Mash and Gravy

Vegetarian option – Garden Sausage with Mash and Gravy

Wednesday: Roast of the Day with Roasties, Stuffing & Gravy

Vegetarian option – Cheesy Broccoli Bake with Roasties

Thursday: Penne with Beef Bolognese

Vegetarian option – Sunshine Sweet Potato Curry with Rice

Friday: Fish Fingers with Chips

Vegetarian option – Crispy Garden Fingers with Chips

Pre-order link - [School Meals w/c 27/04/2026 \(Week 1\) – 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 22 nd April	Dazzling Dolphins' Class Assembly 9am and 5pm and Cake Sale
Thursday, 23 rd April 2026	PP – National Forest Adventure Farm
Thursday, 23 rd April 2026	OO – Islamic Workshop
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, 1st June 2026	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday, 2nd 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
Thursday 25 th June 2026	Newcastle Academy – Transition Day
Wednesday 1st July and Thursday 2nd July	Thistley Hough Academy and Sir Thomas Boughey-Transition Days
Thursday 2 nd July	St John Fisher – Transition Day
Monday 6 th and Tuesday 7 th July	Madeley High School – 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, 20th July 2026	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)