



Friday 24th 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)

A Positive Start to the Summer Term at St Luke's

What a busy few weeks we have had at St Luke's as we have settled back into school life after the Easter break. I have enjoyed visiting classrooms and the learning buzz is clear to see. Many children are preparing for upcoming statutory assessments and are approaching them calmly, with great support from staff. Year 6 are showing determination and maturity as they prepare for SATs in May. Year 4 are developing confidence ahead of the Multiplication Tables Check in June, while Year 1 are enthusiastically practising phonics for the screening check. We are proud of their progress and positive attitudes. As we look ahead to the rest of the term, there are lots of exciting learning opportunities planned, both in and beyond the classroom, and we are looking forward to seeing our children continue to grow, challenge themselves and enjoy their learning. The sunshine is making a welcome appearance this weekend, and I hope everyone is able to make the most of it.

Dazzling Dolphins' Class Assembly and Cake Sale

Well done to all the children in Dazzling Dolphins for a fantastic class assembly this week. The children were confident, enthusiastic and did a wonderful job sharing their learning with us all, and we especially enjoyed listening to the ukulele performances. Thank you also to the parents for providing the delicious cakes for our cake sale. We really appreciate your support, and the money raised will go towards the next trip. The assembly can be found by clicking on the link below:

Performing Pandas' Class Assembly and Cake Sale

It is now the turn of Performing Pandas. The assembly will take place on Thursday 30th April, starting at 9:00am or 5pm. We look forward to welcoming you into school and sharing the children's learning from September. We would also like the children in this class to provide cakes for a cake sale on the day. All monies raised will go towards supporting future school trips and experiences. We look forward to seeing you there.



Star of the Week

Tiny Tigers	Alice
Busy Bees	Darcie
Performing Pandas	Whole Class
Dazzling Dolphins	Annie, Jake and Ryder
Outstanding Owls	Whole Class
Fantastic Foxes	Albie
Learning Leopards	Elliot

Christian Value Certificate

Tiny Tigers	Bobby
Busy Bees	Jenson
Performing Pandas	Paisley
Dazzling Dolphins	George
Outstanding Owls	Izzy
Fantastic Foxes	Freddie
Learning Leopards	Harley Hu

Special Mentions

Robinson-Phillips Excellence in Kindness goes to: Arsin (OO)

Mr Shenton's award: Jenson (OO)

Makaton: Yasmin (PP)

Football: Lucas and Zak

Monday 27th April
PTFA Meeting 9am

Thursday 30th April
Performing Pandas' Cake Sale and
Assembly 9am and 5pm

Friday 1st May
Wizard of Oz show

Dojo Points and this week's Task

Children are encouraged to look out of a window at home for one minute, thinking about who might need kindness, friendship, or support this week. They then write or draw one idea on a small piece of paper labelled "Window" to show the person or situation they want to hold in their heart.

Return for Friday 1st May for 10 Dojos.

Have fun!

2nd

3rd

4th

1st

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	100%
Performing Pandas	100%
Dazzling Dolphins	100%
Outstanding Owls	93%
Fantastic Foxes	98%
Learning Leopards	93%

Outstanding Owls visit

The children on Thursday visited an Islamic workshop where they were given a tour of the different areas used for praying. They sat quietly and listened carefully while learning about Islam, showing good understanding and interest. They also completed a quiz to check what they had learned. Throughout the visit, they behaved very well and were respectful at all times, making the experience informative and enjoyable. Thank you to Nancy and Martha's mum for helping with the transport, it is very much appreciated.

National Adventure Farm

The children in Performing Pandas enjoyed a fantastic visit to the National Adventure Farm, making the most of a glorious sunny day packed full of fun and learning. They loved getting hands-on with nature by planting beans and hunting for garden pests, before heading off on exciting tractor rides around the farm. There were plenty of opportunities to explore the outdoor play areas, burn off energy in the soft play, and enjoy some gentle animal petting experiences. The children were exceptionally well behaved throughout the day and we truly had the best time making memories together.

Outdoor Learning and Lunch Just Got Better

A month ago, we were delighted to receive a cheque from Betley Bonfire. This week, five new outdoor benches have been delivered for school use. Children will be able to eat their lunch outside, play games on them, and use them during lessons.

A huge thank you to Taylor-Mai's parents and Robert's dad for assembling the benches – they look fantastic.

Our site supervisor will be dismantling the old benches soon. If anyone would like some firewood, please let us know.



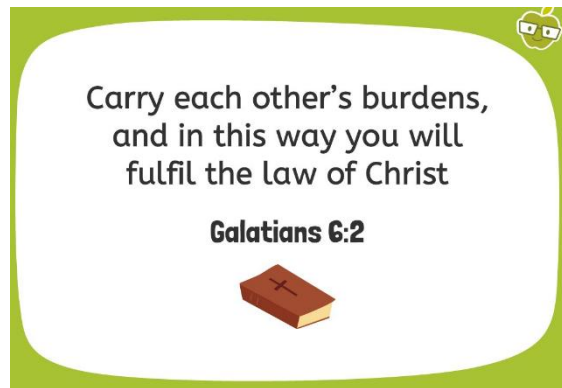
Looking ahead:

Summer Term

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

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.



British Values

Next week:



This story shows individual liberty as the glasses help people with dementia to be more independent and make their own choices.

This story shows mutual respect and tolerance because it uses technology to treat people with kindness and help people with dementia feel included.



Which British Value can you see in this week's story?
Do you agree with either person, or think something different?

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In the news this week

New AI-supported glasses to help people with dementia or memory problems have won a £1 million prize. The glasses, made by the company CrossSense, can recognise objects and show labels or give spoken instructions to help people remember what things are and what to do. They use an AI assistant that learns how each person lives and adapts to their needs over time. Early tests show these glasses could help wearers feel more confident and independent in their daily lives.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your overall opinion on the glasses, do you think they are a good idea?
- > In your opinion, is it better for people to get help from technology or from other people? Why?
- > How might these glasses make someone feel more confident or independent?
- > What technology do you use at home to help you? How does it help?

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...red



Red

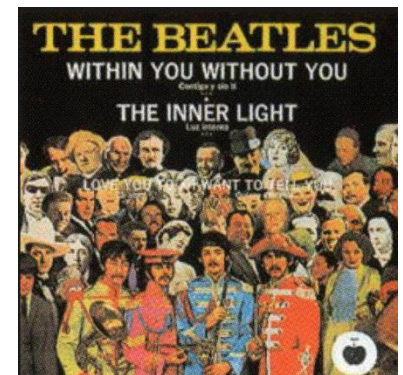
[St Luke's CofE \(VC\) Primary School - Week 8 Red](#)

Music of the Week

[Within You Without You \(Remastered 2009\)](#)

Within You Without You is a song by The Beatles from 1967. It was written by George Harrison. The song sounds different because it uses Indian instruments instead of electric guitars and drums. George liked learning about music from other countries.

The song is about being kind, sharing, and remembering that everyone is connected. It reminds us to think calmly and understand ourselves and others.



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: 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

[School Meals w/c 04/05/2026 \(Week 2\) – 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	
Monday 27 th April	PTFA Meeting – all invited
Thursday 30 th April	Performing Pandas' Class Assembly 9am and 5pm and Cake Sale
Friday 1 st May 2026	Wizard of Oz theatre show for all children
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)