



Friday 1st May

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 Sunny Week of Learning and Growing Together

It's been a real pleasure to enjoy such a sunny week – it certainly brings a lovely energy to the school. Thank you to all families who continue to support improvements in attendance and punctuality; we are seeing some really positive steps. Being in school every day, on time, makes a significant difference to children's learning and confidence.

Our attendance is still below our whole-school target, so this remains a key focus for us this term. Your support in ensuring children are in school as much as possible will help them consolidate their learning as we move through this final term.

Wishing you all a very enjoyable bank holiday weekend. A reminder that school is closed on Monday – we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday.

Dazzling Dolphins' Class Assembly

The assembly can be found by clicking on the link below:

[St Luke's CofE \(VC\) Primary School - Class Assembly](#)

Performing Pandas' Class Assembly and Cake Sale

Well done to all the children in Performing Pandas for a fantastic class assembly this week. The children were confident, enthusiastic and did a wonderful job sharing their learning with us all. It was super to watch your videos too. Thank you to everyone who supported our cake sale by providing delicious cakes. We are very grateful for your support – the money raised will go towards future school trips and experiences. To view the class assembly, please see below:

[St Luke's CofE \(VC\) Primary School - Class Assembly](#)

St Luke's Pupils Shine in Britain in Bloom Art Competition 🌸

We are delighted to share the results of the Britain in Bloom Painting Competition 2026. With an incredible 1,084 entries from 16 schools across the Borough, the standard of artwork was exceptional. Congratulations to our pupils who were recognised for their fantastic work: Piper (PP), Ivy (TT) and Riley S (LL). The winners have been invited to a special prize-giving ceremony at Keele University, where awards will be presented by the Mayor. We are very proud of all the children who took part.



Star of the Week

Tiny Tigers	Hope
Busy Bees	Rhianna
Performing Pandas	Whole Class
Dazzling Dolphins	Ronnee
Outstanding Owls	Lexi
Fantastic Foxes	Chester
Learning Leopards	Tia

Christian Value Certificate

Tiny Tigers	Grayson
Busy Bees	Bella-Rose
Performing Pandas	Nevaeh
Dazzling Dolphins	Amelia
Outstanding Owls	Ezra He
Fantastic Foxes	Lauren
Learning Leopards	Ally

Special Mentions

Robinson-Phillips Excellence in Kindness goes to: Lucas, Eden and Archie (BB)

Mr Shenton's award: Sport Leaders

Makaton: Joanie (TT) and Fiona (DD)

Football: Archie (FF) and Jacob (BB)

Arthur: Gokarting

Horse riding: Edie (FF)

Monday 4th May

Bank Holiday Monday
(No School)

Thursday 7th May

Brownie Leaders here to talk to
children in KS2

Friday 8th May

Florence Nightingale Workshop (Busy
Bees)

Dojo Points and this week's Task

☀️ Hidden Treasure Hunt – Dojo Task ☀️

Find three special treasures at home. Draw and label each one, and write why it's important to you. Share your work to earn ten Dojos—have fun! ☀️ 😊

Return for Friday 8th May for 10 Dojos.

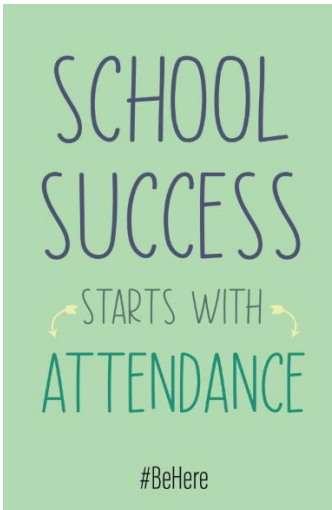
Have fun!

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	94%
Busy Bees	97%
Performing Pandas	95%
Dazzling Dolphins	94%
Outstanding Owls	90%
Fantastic Foxes	96%
Learning Leopards	94%

Young Voices, Big Ideas: Year 6 Speak Up for Their Community

Today we were delighted to welcome MP Adam Jogie to school. We had a valuable discussion about the challenges facing schools, with a particular focus on Special Educational Needs and the needs of our Silverdale community. It was a very promising hour, and Mr Jogie listened carefully and committed to taking our views forward to MP Bridget Phillipson. He also spent time speaking with a group of Year 6 pupils, who confidently shared their thoughts about St Luke's and life in Silverdale. I was incredibly proud of the insight, passion, and ideas they expressed for their community.



Leading the Way: Year 5 at Fenton Manor

A group of Year 5 children had a fantastic time taking part in the Sports Leadership morning at Fenton Manor. They engaged in a range of fun and active sessions led by young sports leaders. The activities helped to build confidence, teamwork and enjoyment of physical activity, while giving the children the opportunity to experience new sports in a positive and supportive environment. The event inspired enthusiasm for being active and demonstrated excellent leadership and encouragement throughout the morning. Well done to everyone involved.

Wizard of Oz

The children thoroughly enjoyed the theatre production of The Wizard of Oz, delighting in the colourful costumes, music, and memorable characters. It was a wonderful experience that sparked excitement and smiles throughout the performance. Thank you for your continued support, which helps make events like this free for our pupils, made possible by the money raised through PTFA events.

Clay Work Across the School

Our pupils have been exploring clay through a range of exciting, creative projects linked to class topics and famous artists.

- Tiny Tigers have created a charming ladybird from clay, developing their shaping and modelling skills.
- Busy Bees have produced a decorated clay dish, inspired by the ceramic artist Sonia Wilkins, focusing on pattern and surface decoration.
- Performing Pandas, as part of their class topic, have constructed a mini bottle kiln and factory building. Together, these pieces form part of a model pottery factory, helping pupils understand how ceramics are made.
- Dazzling Dolphins have learned how to use natural materials to create texture in clay. They decorated clay blocks to make a mini Stonehenge model, exploring historical structures and tactile techniques.
- Outstanding Owls created a detailed clay model of Mow Cop Castle, showing excellent attention to shape, form, and architectural detail.
- Fantastic Foxes will be designing and making clay buttons while learning about the artist Frida Kahlo, linking art, culture, and personal expression.
- Fabulous Flamingos will be creating a clay jacket potato inspired by the work of artist Claes Oldenburg, exploring scale and everyday objects in art.

🌞 Community Event & Summer Fayre 🌞

We are excited to begin planning a community event this Summer Term, which will also be our Summer Fayre! This will be a fantastic opportunity to bring everyone together and celebrate all that our local community has to offer.

Alongside a range of local groups and organisations showcasing the wonderful opportunities available in our area, there will be lots of fun fayre stalls, including:

- 🎯 Nerf gun battles
- 💧 Soak the Teacher
- 🎫 Raffles
- 🎨 Crafts

...and much more!

If you are part of a club, organisation, or community group and would like to take part, we would love to hear from you. Please message this page with your availability and a brief outline of what you would like to share on the day.

Please share this post with anyone who might like to take part or attend.

Let's celebrate, connect, and strengthen our community together 🧡



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 Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

Genesis 2:15



British Values

Next week:



Which British value do you think this week's story highlights?



This story relates to **Rule of Law**. This is because rules apply to everyone. From world leaders to giant companies, we must all follow the same rules to protect our planet.

This story relates to **Democracy** because it shows we have the right to use our voices and share our opinions to help protect the environment.



Do you agree with either person, or think something different?

In the news this week

Sir David Attenborough, a famous naturalist and broadcaster, is celebrating his 100th birthday. For over 70 years, he has created and presented programmes that help people understand animals, nature, and the planet. His work has inspired millions of people to learn more about the world and take care of it. Many people are celebrating his life and the difference he has made.

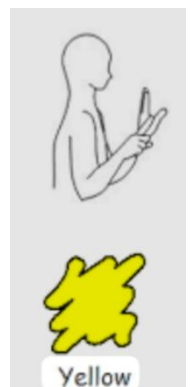
Things to talk about at home ...

- > Who is someone you think is important? Why are they important?
- > What has David Attenborough done to help people understand the world?
- > How can we learn about places and animals we can't see ourselves?
- > Do you think you have to be famous to make a difference? Why?
- > Can you share something you care about and would like others to care about too?

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...yellow



[St Luke's CofE \(VC\) Primary School - Week 9 Yellow](#)

Music of the Week

About: Babatunde Olatunji was a Nigerian drummer, educator, social activist, and recording artist. Olatunji was born in the village of Ajido, near Badagry, Lagos State, in southwestern Nigeria. A member of the Ogu people, Olatunji was introduced to traditional African music at an early age. His education took him to America where his percussion skills were lauded. Olatunji was known for making impassioned speeches for social justice before performing in front of a live audiences.



Genres: African Rhythm, Djembe

Active from: c.1955-c.1997

Origin: Lagos State, Nigeria

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

[School Meals w/c 11/05/2026 \(Week 3\) – 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 4 th May 2026	School closed
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
Friday 5 th June 2026	Non-uniform Day – Sweets please for a sweet tombola
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 2.30pm Father's (special person) Day Cake and Craft - Thursday, 18th June, 2026 – Fill in form
Thursday 19 th June 2026	Non-Uniform Day – Hamper item please Tiny Tigers/Busy Bees – Summer treats Performing Pandas/Dazzling Dolphins – Pamper Hamper Outstanding Owls – Rainy Day activities Fantastic Foxes/Learning Leopards – Summer Activities
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
Saturday 4 th July	Summer Fayre 1-4pm
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)
Tuesday, 1 st September 2026	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
Wednesday, 2 nd September 2026	School Opens