



Friday 8th 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)

Year 6 SATS

This week at St Luke's, I have spent a great deal of time with our Year 6 pupils as they completed their SATs tests. Each year, children across the country sit these assessments in Grammar, Reading and Maths, and our pupils finished their final papers yesterday.

I am incredibly proud of the calm, positive and determined way they approached the week. They went into the tests very well prepared, which is a real testament to their hard work and commitment over time. I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to the whole team at St Luke's, whose dedication and support have ensured that the children were so well ready for this important week.

While SATs offer one measure of attainment, they do not always capture the full breadth of learning that takes place across our rich curriculum, nor do they always reflect the many different ways children show their understanding, strengths and talents.

At St Luke's, we are always mindful of reducing any anxiety around these tests. We encourage children to see SATs as an opportunity to celebrate their learning and show what they can do, rather than something to worry about.

If you see any of our Year 6 pupils or members of staff over the coming days, please do join me in congratulating them on reaching this important milestone as they move towards the end of their primary journey.

Tiny Tigers' Class Assembly - Change of Date and Time

Due to the availability of Apple Tree Town, we have had to reschedule the Tiny Tigers' class assembly.

The assembly will now take place on Thursday 2nd July, with performances at 9:00am and 2:45pm.

We apologise for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.

Thank you to Lauren's Mum

She created these wonderful keyrings for all of our Year 6s. They have all written a letter to give to Marie to say thank you.



Star of the Week

Tiny Tigers	Benjamin
Busy Bees	Maddox
Performing Pandas	J-Boy
Dazzling Dolphins	Ryder
Outstanding Owls	Ivie
Fantastic Foxes	Macie
Learning Leopards	Everyone

Christian Value Certificate

Tiny Tigers	Ivy
Busy Bees	Jacob
Performing Pandas	Taylor
Dazzling Dolphins	Aidey
Outstanding Owls	Grace
Fantastic Foxes	Albie
Learning Leopards	Everyone

Special Mentions

Robinson-Phillips Excellence in Kindness goes to: Lilly

Mr Shenton's award: Ella

Makaton: Izzy and Jorgie

Football: Archie

Hockey: Joshua B

Gymnastics: Connie

Special Mention to helping to look

after grounds: Lincoln, Charlie P, Ezra Ha, Ezra He, Ivie (All from OO)

Monday 18th May

Residential Week – please bring in children for 8.20am. Thank you

Friday 22nd May

Last day in school

Monday 1st June (INSET Day)

Tuesday 2nd June (children return to school)

Dojo Points and this week's Task

Can you create a Pentecost wind spiral by drawing a large spiral on paper, starting from the centre and working outward. They then decorate it using Pentecost colours red, yellow and orange to represent the flames of the Holy Spirit.

name: _____
date: _____

Wind Spiral

1. Decorate your spiral. Cut it out along the dotted line.

2. Pull needle and thread through the X on the spiral. Tie a knot at the end of the thread so it will hold up the spiral.

3. To see how warm air rises, hold your spiral over the light bulb.

What happens?

Return for Friday 22nd May for 10 Dojos.

1st

3rd

4th

2nd

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](#)



Tiny Tigers	84%
Busy Bees	97%
Performing Pandas	92%
Dazzling Dolphins	94%
Outstanding Owls	90%
Fantastic Foxes	95%
Learning Leopards	92%

Key Stage 2 Residential – YHA Ilam Hall

We are pleased to confirm arrangements for the Key Stage 2 residential visit to YHA Ilam Hall from Monday 14th to Thursday 17th June 2027. Set in the beautiful Peak District, Ilam Hall offers a safe and inspiring environment for outdoor learning within a historic building and open countryside.

Children will stay in the hall, with activities led by qualified staff and supported by our team. We will also be joined by pupils from Betley School.

The total cost is £285, covering accommodation, meals (Monday evening to Thursday lunchtime), activities, transport, and insurance. A £35 non-refundable deposit is required by Friday 5th June, with the option to pay the remainder in instalments throughout the year.

Further details about the activity programme will follow. If you have any questions, please speak to a member of staff. We look forward to a fantastic experience for all involved!

[Ilam Hall - Residential Visit \(June 2027\) – Fill in form](#)

Lost Property

Please ensure all items of your child's clothing are clearly labelled with their name. This really helps us return lost items to their owners. Thank you for your support.

All uniform currently in lost property will be laid out on a table on the main playground every Friday morning, giving you the opportunity to check if anything belongs to your child.

We will continue to share reminders about lost property until 22nd May.



MOUNTAIN OF LOST PROPERTY!

WE HAVE A **HUGE** PILE OF LOST PROPERTY IN SCHOOL!

THIS INCLUDES:

- ✓ Navy blue jumpers
- ✓ Cardigans
- ✓ Coats

PLEASE COME AND CHECK if any items belong to your child.

ALL UNCLAIMED ITEMS WILL BE DONATED OR RECYCLED AFTER

Let's reunite these items with their owners!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
- St Luke's School -

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 🧡



ST LUKES'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMER FAYRE AND COMMUNITY DAY!

SATURDAY 4TH JULY
1pm - 4pm

STALLS REFRESHMENTS

NERF GUN BATTLES ACTIVITIES

RAFTS SOAK THE TEACHER

AND MUCH MORE!

FREE ENTRY

ST Luke's Primary School
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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 while only one person or team can win, the true value of any competition is in giving your absolute best. Developing self-control and an honest character is a far greater achievement than winning. By choosing kindness and integrity, you earn rewards that last long after the race is over.



Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last for ever.

1 Corinthians 9: 24-25



British Values

Next week:



British Values

I Really Do Matter!



Individual Liberty



Rule of Law



Democracy



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

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



The story highlights **Mutual Respect and Tolerance** when players and fans value the hard work of everyone on the pitch, no matter who they support.

By following the same rules and listening to the referee, players in the FA Cup demonstrate **Rule of Law**, which helps make the competition honest, safe and fair.



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

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In the news this week

Last weekend, football teams Manchester City and Chelsea competed in the Men's FA Cup Final at Wembley Stadium. The FA (Football Association) Cup is one of the oldest football competitions in the world, with teams from across England and Wales taking part each year. Millions of people watched the match, supporting their teams and hoping to see them win the famous trophy. For the players, reaching the final is a huge achievement after months of hard work.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Can you think of a time when you won something – what did you learn?
- > What about a time you didn't win – what did that teach you?
- > In your opinion, why do some people keep trying even after losing?
- > Talk together about how you believe we should behave when you lose.

Makaton Sign of the week...

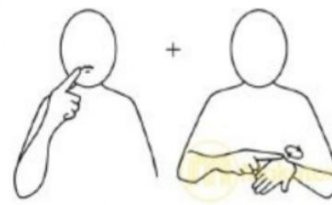
Each week we'll be sharing a new Makaton sign that the children are learning in school. You'll find the sign in this newsletter, along with a link to a video completed by Mrs Easby if you'd like to see more information or practise at home. Please ask your child to show you the sign—they'll love teaching 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.....orange and purple

[St Luke's CofE \(VC\) Primary School - Week 11 Orange and Purple](#)



Purple



Purple



Orange

Music of the Week "

Jingo," featuring Santana, by Babatunde Olatunji, is a fusion of Afrobeat and Latin rock, pulsating with infectious rhythms and mesmerizing guitar solos. It's a vibrant musical journey that transcends borders, igniting the spirit of unity and joy.

[Jingo](#)



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	49p
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

Pre order link - [School Meals w/c 01/06/2026 \(Week 3\) – Fill in form](#)

Betley Festival Weekend (Volunteers needed)

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 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	Newcastle Academy – Transition Day
Thursday, 25th June 2026	Tiny Tigers – Appletree Town trip
Wednesday 1st July and Thursday 2nd July	Thistley Hough Academy and Sir Thomas Boughey-Transition Days
Thursday 2nd July 2026	Tiny Tigers' Class Assembly 9am and 2.45pm and Cake Sale
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, 1st September 2026	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
Wednesday, 2nd September 2026	School Opens
Friday, 23rd October 2026	School closes at 3.10 p.m. for Half Term
Monday, 26th October 2026 to Friday, 30th October 2026	Half Term