



Friday 5th June

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 our final half term of the year. I hope you all had a lovely break and were able to enjoy some rest and quality time with family and friends, especially during the beautiful sunshine we were fortunate to have.

We have a very busy half term ahead, with lots of exciting events and important dates for your diary. We will continue to send out reminders via Dojo before each event, so please ensure you have access and check it regularly.

As we move through the term, the weather can be quite temperamental. While we are very much looking forward to Sports Day, please be aware that it may need to be cancelled if the field conditions are not suitable. We will, of course, give as much notice as possible should this be the case.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to a fantastic and busy half term together.

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](#)



Star of the Week

Tiny Tigers	Pearl
Busy Bees	Siena
Performing Pandas	Piper
Dazzling Dolphins	Tobias
Outstanding Owls	Josh
Fantastic Foxes	Lauren
Learning Leopards	Lilah

Christian Value Certificate

Tiny Tigers	Haben
Busy Bees	Alarna
Performing Pandas	Isla
Dazzling Dolphins	Josh
Outstanding Owls	Myla
Fantastic Foxes	Ella
Learning Leopards	Harley Hu

Special Mentions

Robinson-Phillips Excellence in Kindness goes to: Khloe E

Mr Shenton's award: Piper

Makaton: Bodhi and Charlie

Football: Aidey and Edan

TTRS – Most improved

1st Ava

2nd Mya

3rd Edie

Monday 8th May
PTFA Meeting 9am

Wednesday 10th June
Great Fire of London Workshop
Performing Pandas

Wednesday 10th June
New Parents Opening Evening 5pm

Dojo Points and this week's Task

Your challenge:

Create a bright, colourful poster to teach others how to stay safe in the sun!

★ Bonus ideas (optional):

- Create your own sun safety slogan
- Add a "before and after" picture (unsafe vs safe behaviour)
- Include a fun fact about the sun

Return for Friday 12th June for 10 Dojos

3rd

1st

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%



Online Safety Newsletter

This edition of the June Online Safety Newsletter highlights key issues to help keep children safe online. It covers topics such as spotting scams on platforms like Pinterest, understanding digital footprints, and recognising the risks of auto-saving passwords. It also explores safe resources from BookTrust, the meanings behind emojis, potential concerns around retro apps, and the risks linked to platforms like Omegle, alongside a supporting video on online scams and digital footprints. The link to the Newsletter is:

[download.asp](#)

Link to the video explaining is:

[Scammers and Digital Footprints - June 2026 on Vimeo](#)

Rugby Success

Children from our school took part in a tag rugby festival at Newcastle Rugby Club and spent the day enjoying a range of fun, friendly games. Everyone took part, supported their teammates, and cheered each other on. The focus was on having fun, being active, and joining in. By the end of the event, the children left tired, happy, and proud to have taken part.



Class Assemblies - 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. Also Busy Bees will take place on Thursday 18th June but will be at 9.00am and 3.15pm. We have chosen both day performances due to dwindling numbers in the evening assemblies. We apologise for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.

Sports Day -Tuesday 16th June

Sports Day will take place on Tuesday 16th June on the school field. We aim to start promptly, as close to 9:00am as possible, and finish at approximately 11:00am.

We look forward to welcoming you to support the children. Seating will be available; however, you are very welcome to bring a blanket or camping chair if you would prefer.

All children should come to school in their PE kits and bring a water bottle on the day.

Please note that the event is weather dependent. If there is significant rain on the day or the day before, we will carry out an early morning ground inspection to determine whether it is safe to proceed. In the event of cancellation, we will inform you as soon as possible.

Let's hope for dry weather!

Here comes the sun! (Hopefully)

As the weather gets warmer, it's important for children to stay safe and comfortable in the sun while at school. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing a hat with a wide brim or cap, and has had sunscreen applied before arriving. Please make sure that they always have a named refillable water bottle to keep them hydrated. We will encourage regular water breaks and make use of shaded areas wherever possible, but your support in preparing your child for sunny days helps keep them safe, happy, and ready to learn.

* 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 oceans are home to millions of creatures, from tiny plankton to giant whales. The Bible teaches that we are caretakers of the Earth meaning it's our responsibility to protect our seas, oceans and the life within them.



How many are your works, LORD!
In wisdom you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
There is the sea, vast and spacious,
teeming with creatures beyond number –
living things both large and small.
There the ships go to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.

Psalm 104: 24–26



British Values

Next week:



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



This highlights **Rule of Law** as the UK and other countries have laws against rubbish being dumped into rivers, seas, and oceans. These laws work to protect our environment, wildlife, and people from harm.

The story demonstrates **Mutual Respect and Tolerance**. It shows how our choices affect other living things, and how working together and listening to different ideas can help protect our planet.



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

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In the news this week

8th June is World Oceans Day, a time when people around the world think about how to care for seas, oceans and the creatures living in them. Dutch inventor, Boyan Slat, first became worried about ocean pollution as a teenager after seeing huge amounts of plastic while diving. He created the organisation The Ocean Cleanup, which designs special systems to remove rubbish from oceans and stop more plastic entering rivers and seas.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Why do you think oceans are important to people and animals?
- > Have you ever seen pollution near a beach, river or park? How did it make you feel?
- > What small changes could families make to help protect the oceans?
- > Should countries work together more to protect the environment?

Makaton Sign of the week...

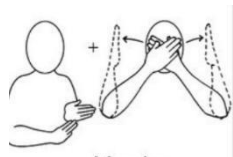
Each week we'll be sharing a new Makaton sign that the children are learning in school. You'll find the sign in this newsletter, along with a link to a video completed by Mrs Easby if you'd like to see more information or practise at home. Please ask your child to show you the sign—they'll love teaching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

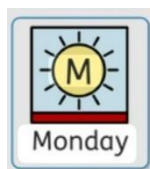
[St Luke's CofE \(VC\) Primary School - Week 11 Sunday, Monday and Tuesday](#)



Sunday



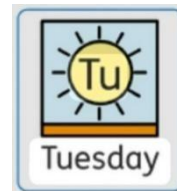
Monday



Monday



Tuesday



Tuesday

Music for June

About: Grażyna Bacewicz Biernacka was a Polish composer and violinist of Lithuanian origin. She is the second Polish female composer to have achieved national and international recognition, the first being Maria Szymanowska in the early 19th century. Many of her compositions feature the violin although she composed chamber music, orchestral works and scores for films and radio works. She continued to write music during WWII, during which she continued to compose music, even giving secret underground concerts in Warsaw during the Nazi occupation.

Genres: Classical, Chamber Music, Film Scores

Active from: 1924-1968



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	49p
Toast	38p
Crumpet	38p

- 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 15/06/2026/2026 \(Week 2\) – 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 8 th June	PTFA Meeting 9am
Wednesday 10 th June	Welcome session for new parents 5pm
Tuesday 16 th June	Sports Day 9am
Wednesday 17 th June	KS2 Play (Drama Club) 1.30pm and 5pm
Thursday 18 th June	Busy Bees' Class Assembly 9am and 3.15pm 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, 1 st September 2026	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
Wednesday, 2 nd September 2026	School Opens
Friday, 23 rd October 2026	School closes at 3.10 p.m. for Half Term
Monday, 26 th October 2026 to Friday, 30 th October 2026	Half Term
Monday, 2 nd November 2026	School Opens
Friday, 18 th December 2026	School closes at 3.10 p.m.
Monday, 21 st December 2026 to Sunday, 3 rd January 2027	Christmas Holidays