



Friday 12th 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)

☀ Well done to our children in Y1 and Y4 ☀

A huge well done to our wonderful Year 1 children for completing their Phonics Screening Check this week with such enthusiasm and focus. We are also incredibly proud of our Year 4 pupils, who approached their Multiplication Tables Check with great determination.

Both year groups have worked so hard and shown real perseverance in their learning. We are delighted with their efforts and achievements—well done to you all!

Class Assemblies

Busy Bees' Class Assembly and Cake Sale

This is on Thursday 18th June at 9am and 3.15pm. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing our learning since September. We would also like the children in Busy Bees to provide cakes for a sale. Monies raised will go towards school trips and experiences.

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!

World Cup Wednesday: Colours, Countries and Team Spirit

Next Wednesday, 17th June, we'll be enjoying a fun World Cup-themed day in school. Throughout the day, the children will be taking part in activities such as creating flags, learning about different countries, and working together in teams. Children are invited to come dressed in the colours of the Union Flag (red, white and blue), or if they would like to support a different country, they are very welcome to wear that country's colours instead. This is completely optional — school uniform is also fine. We're looking forward to a brilliant day of teamwork, creativity and learning.



Star of the Week

| | |
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| Tiny Tigers | Evie B |
| Busy Bees | Leo |
| Performing Pandas | Whole Class |
| Dazzling Dolphins | Layla |
| Outstanding Owls | Isabelle |
| Fantastic Foxes | Josh |
| Learning Leopards | Noah |

Christian Value Certificate

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| Tiny Tigers | Lincoln |
| Busy Bees | Edan |
| Performing Pandas | Oscar |
| Dazzling Dolphins | Todd |
| Outstanding Owls | Nancy |
| Fantastic Foxes | Ella-Rose |
| Learning Leopards | Hollie |

Special Mentions

Robinson-Phillips Excellence in Kindness goes to: Alarna and Jasmine
Mr Shenton's award: Pal
Makaton: Sofia
Football: Harry and Archie
Swimming: Eadie-Grace and Jorgie
Gymnastics: Isla
Dancing: Lacey
Boxing: Elio

TTRS

1st Mason K L
2nd Mollie-Rose
3rd Arsin

Monday 15th June

Tweensafe starts for Y6

Tuesday 16th June

Sports Day starting at 9am

Wednesday 17th June

Key Stage 2 Drama 1.30pm and 5pm

Dojo Points and this week's Task




Task: What Helps Me Feel Calm

Sometimes we all have moments when we feel worried, just like the disciples did in the storm. Your task is to think about what helps *you* feel calm.

What to do:

- Think about a time when you felt worried or upset
- Draw or write about **three things** that help you feel calm (This could be a person, an activity, a place, or something you say to yourself)

You can choose:

-  Draw a picture
-  Write a few sentences
-  Make a small poster of your calming ideas

Return for Friday 19th June for 10 Dojos

2nd

1st

4th

3rd

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](#)



ON TIME, EVERY TIME

5 minutes late every day adds up to 20 lessons of school missed!

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| 10 minutes = 41 lessons missed per school year | 15 minutes = 55 lessons missed per school year | 20 minutes = 82 lessons missed per school year | 30 minutes = 123 lessons missed per school year |
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★ PUNCTUALITY IMPROVES PRODUCTIVITY ★

REMEMBER SCHOOL GATES CLOSE AT 8.50AM

| | |
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| Tiny Tigers | 94% |
| Busy Bees | 96% |
| Performing Pandas | 96% |
| Dazzling Dolphins | 96% |
| Outstanding Owls | 94% |
| Fantastic Foxes | 93% |
| Learning Leopards | 95% |

Performing Pandas Step Back in Time!

What a lovely time the Performing Pandas had during their Great Fire of London workshop on Wednesday! The children enjoyed a fantastic hands-on experience, bringing history to life in exciting and creative ways. They made sweet-smelling pomanders, handled real and replica artefacts, worked together to rebuild London, and even created their own clay fire plaques – what a busy day!

Throughout the workshop, they learned all about life in London in 1666, discovering how the fire started, how it spread so quickly, and why it had such a lasting impact on the city. They also explored the important role of Samuel Pepys, whose diary helps us understand this historic event in such detail.

It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm, curiosity, and creativity from everyone involved. A truly memorable day of learning!

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](#)

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.

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 us to look after our hearts and minds so we can live life to the full. Digital technology can be fun, but it's all about balance. When we learn to put our devices down, we can give time to the things that keep us healthy and happy, like playing outside, being creative, and spending quality time with our friends and family.



Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

Proverbs 4:23



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?



This week's story highlights **Individual Liberty**. Playing gives us the freedom to make our own choices, follow our own ideas, and express ourselves.

Mutual Respect and Tolerance is shown because, just like the characters in Toy Story, playing together helps us learn to respect one another and treat people with kindness.



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

In the news this week

Filmmaker, Pixar, has shared that the new Toy Story 5 film will explore how children are spending more time using screens and digital technology. In the story, the toys worry that tablets, video games, and other devices are becoming more popular than traditional toys. The film has highlighted conversations about how childhood and play are changing.

Things to talk about at home ...

- What games or toys do you enjoy playing with most at home? Why?
- How much time do you believe people should spend using screens each day?
- What types of play help people use their imagination?
- Can digital technology and traditional toys both be important? In what way?

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 the signs are Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

[St Luke's CofE \(VC\) Primary School - Week 13 - Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday](#)

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/>



BETLEY'S BIG WEEKEND

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

1ST - 3RD AUGUST 2025

BETLEY COURT FARM

LIVE MUSIC & TRACTOR PULLING ALL WEEKEND, FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

FRIDAY
WARM UP YOUR WEEKEND WITH SOME TRACTOR ACTION

BETLEY SHOW 2025
A TRADITIONAL FAMILY DAY OUT
FREE ENTERTAINMENT & ACTIVITIES ALL DAY
VISIT OVER 100 ARTISAN RETAILERS

SUPERHERO SUNDAY
FINISHING OFF THE WEEKEND WITH LAWNMOWER MADNESS

EVVAUGHAN & SONS FARMING

hamptons group.uk

BROAD OAK GROUP

UTOWPIA

James Du Pavey

Music for June

1. 🎻 She was an amazing violin player!
Grażyna started playing the violin when she was very young and became one of Poland's best musicians.
2. 🎵 She wrote over 200 pieces of music!
She composed music for violins, pianos, orchestras and even ballets, creating beautiful music that is still played today.
3. 🌟 She was one of the first famous female composers in Europe.
At a time when most composers were men, Grażyna showed that women could write incredible music too.
4. 🏆 She won lots of music prizes.
People all over the world loved her music, and she received many awards for her wonderful compositions.
5. 🎶 Her music tells exciting stories without using words.
When you listen to her music, you might imagine adventures, happy celebrations, or dramatic moments—all created through the sounds of the instruments.



Did you know? 💡

Grażyna Bacewicz loved both performing music and writing it, making her a true musical superstar! 🌟

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 | |
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| 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: 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 01/06/2026 \(Week 3\) – Fill in form](#)

| Important Dates | |
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| 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, 25 th June 2026 | Tiny Tigers – Appletree Town trip |
| Wednesday 1 st July and Thursday 2 nd July | Thistley Hough Academy and Sir Thomas Boughey-Transition Days |
| Thursday 2 nd 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, 20 th 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 |
| Monday, 4 th January 2027 | INSET Day (school closed to pupils) |
| Tuesday, 5 th January 2027 | School Opens |