



Friday 19th 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, Busy Bees! 🐝

A huge well done to the Busy Bees class for their fantastic assemblies on Thursday. You all performed with confidence, sang brilliantly and made everyone incredibly proud.

It was wonderful to hear all about the exciting things you have been learning in class and to see how much knowledge you have gained. Thank you for sharing your learning with your families. I particularly enjoyed the 'I am proud' videos.

Congratulations to all of the children and a big thank you to the staff for helping to make the assembly such a success. Well done, Busy Bees!

Sports Day Success

What a fantastic Sports Day we enjoyed!

A huge well done to all of the children who took part. Their determination, teamwork and enthusiasm made the day a wonderful celebration of sport and school spirit. It was a pleasure to see the children encouraging and supporting one another throughout the events.

Thank you to all our families and friends who came along to cheer the children on. Your encouragement created a wonderful atmosphere and it was lovely to see such fantastic support from our school community.

A special thank you to Mr Shenton and Mr Welsh for organising such a smooth-running, enjoyable and successful Sports Day. Their hard work ensured the event was a great success.

To top it all off, we were treated to beautiful sunshine throughout the day, making it a memorable occasion for everyone involved.

A Standing Ovation for Our KS2 Drama Club! 🎭 ✨

A huge well done to all of the children who took part in our KS2 Drama Club production of Sleeping Beauty – The Ugly Truth.

You were all absolutely fantastic! You sang beautifully, remembered your lines with confidence and spoke so clearly throughout the performance. It was wonderful to see your hard work, commitment and enthusiasm shine on stage. We are incredibly proud of every one of you for putting on such an entertaining show.

A special thank you also goes to Mrs Huxley for all of her time, enthusiasm and support in running the Drama Club with me. Your dedication helped make the production such a wonderful success.

Well done, everyone—you should all be very proud of yourselves!



Star of the Week

Tiny Tigers	Sienna
Busy Bees	Whole Class
Performing Pandas	Whole Class
Dazzling Dolphins	Zak
Outstanding Owls	Grace
Fantastic Foxes	Tristan
Learning Leopards	Charlie

Christian Value Certificate

Tiny Tigers	Brandon
Busy Bees	Cash
Performing Pandas	Luella
Dazzling Dolphins	Cain
Outstanding Owls	Ezra
Fantastic Foxes	Pal
Learning Leopards	Chris

Special Mentions

Robinson-Phillips Excellence in Kindness goes to: Arsin

Mr Shenton's award: All the children at St Luke's for an amazing sports day

Makaton: Eliza

Football: George and Todd

Dancing: Luella

Special Mention:

Mrs Brown, Riley, Piper and Ivy for Britain in Bloom Awards

**Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th
June**
Y6 to Newcastle Academy

Wednesday 24th June
Second Visit from our new children in
September 26 9am-10am

Thursday 25th June
Apple Tree Town Visit for children in
Tiny Tigers

Dojo Points and this week's Task

Sharing Picnic Challenge

Based on: Feeding the Five Thousand – John 6:1–13

Help prepare or share a snack or meal with your family.

You could:

- Cut fruit for everyone
- Share biscuits
- Help make sandwiches

As you share, think about how one small act of kindness can help many people.

Why not take a photo and send it to me on Dojo.

Return for Friday 26th June for 10 Dojos

1st

2nd

3rd

4th

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	98%
Busy Bees	96%
Performing Pandas	97%
Dazzling Dolphins	98%
Outstanding Owls	85%
Fantastic Foxes	94%
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](#)

Smylers (Important information)

Smylers evening wraparound will be closed on Friday 17th July. The morning session will be open as normal. Thank you, Mrs Smy.

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 that everyone counts and every individual's story matters. By organising ourselves as families and communities, we remind ourselves that we are stronger together. Looking after one another is how we build a safe, fair, and welcoming environment where every member is valued.



Take a census of the whole Israelite community by their clans and families, listing every man by name, one by one.

Numbers 1:2



British Values

Next week:



British Values
I Really Do Matter!



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



The story highlights **Democracy** because a census makes sure everyone is counted and included. This helps leaders know exactly what each community needs to build a fairer future.

The story highlights **Individual Liberty** because the census helps find out what different communities need to live well, giving people choices and opportunities.



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

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In the news this week

India has started one of the world's biggest counting projects, its national census. People across the country will be asked questions about their homes and communities to help build a picture of life in India today. The information collected will help leaders make decisions about services and support for more than 1.4 billion people.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Why do you think governments count people?
- What information might be important to know about a town or place? Why?
- A census counts people using numbers. What are some ways people count that cannot be measured by numbers?

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 all about emotions

St Luke's CofE (VC) Primary School - Week 14 Emotions



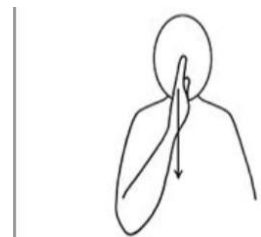
feelings



happy



tired



sad

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/>



Music for June

Pensieri Notturmi

- **Grażyna Bacewicz** was a famous Polish composer and violin player.
- She wrote **Pensieri Notturmi** in **1961**.
- The title **Pensieri Notturmi** means "**Night Thoughts**" in Italian.
- The music is played by a **chamber orchestra**, which is a smaller orchestra.
- The piece lasts about **8 minutes**.
- The music has lots of different sounds and colours, making it feel mysterious and dreamlike.
- It was first performed in **Venice, Italy**, in 1961.
- Bacewicz wanted listeners to imagine their own ideas and feelings while hearing the music.



Interesting fact: The music does not tell a specific story, but it can make people think about the night, dreams, or their own thoughts.

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: Sausage with Mash and Gravy

Vegetarian option – Garden Sausage with Mash and Gravy

Wednesday: Roast of the Day with Roasties, Stuffing & Gravy

Vegetarian option – Cheesy Broccoli Bake with Roasties

Thursday: Penne with Beef Bolognese

Vegetarian option – Sunshine Sweet Potato Curry with Rice

Friday: Fish Fingers with Chips

Vegetarian option – Crispy Garden Fingers with Chips

Pre-order link - [School Meals w/c 29/06/2026 \(Week 1\) – Fill in form](#)

Important Dates	
Wednesday 24 th June 2026	Second visit for our new reception children 9-10am
Thursday 24 th and 25 th June 2026	Newcastle Academy – Transition Days
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 2026	St John Fisher – Transition Day
Saturday 4 th July 2026	Summer Fayre 12-2pm (Please note time change)
Monday 6 th and Tuesday 7 th July 2026	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
Friday, 12 th February 2027	School closes for Half Term
Monday, 15 th February 2027 to Friday, 19 th February 2027	Half Term
Monday, 22 nd February 2027	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday, 23 rd February 2027	School opens