



Friday 26th 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)

Platinum School Games Mark – Two Years Running!

We are delighted to announce that our school has achieved the Platinum School Games Mark for the second consecutive year. This prestigious award recognises our sustained commitment to PE, school sport and physical activity. Achieving Platinum requires schools to hold Gold status for four consecutive years and demonstrate outstanding impact across participation, inclusion, competition and pupil leadership. This achievement reflects the hard work, enthusiasm and dedication of our entire school community. A special congratulations and thank you to Mr Shenton for his leadership and commitment, and to all staff, pupils, parents and volunteers who have contributed to this fantastic success. Well done, everyone!

Active, Engaged and Inspired!

Children from St Luke's enjoyed an exciting Sports Day at Keele University, where they had the opportunity to take part in a wide range of sports and activities. Throughout the day, the children developed new skills, built confidence, worked collaboratively with their peers, and embraced new challenges in a fun and supportive environment.

The event promoted teamwork, resilience, and a love of physical activity, with pupils demonstrating enthusiasm, determination, and excellent sportsmanship throughout. It was a fantastic experience that allowed many children to try sports they had not encountered before, creating lasting memories and inspiring them to stay active and healthy

Class Assemblies Busy Bees' Class Assembly and Cake Sale

This is on Thursday 2nd July at 9am and 2.45pm. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing our learning since September. We would also like the children in Tiny Tigers to provide cakes for a sale. Monies raised will go towards school trips and experiences. Thank you.

Exploring, Playing and Learning in Apple Tree Town

Well done to all of the children in Tiny Tigers who took part in the Apple Tree Town trip! It was wonderful to see so much imaginative play throughout the experience. The children demonstrated fantastic behaviour, enthusiasm and excitement, making it a truly enjoyable visit for everyone involved. We are very proud of them all!

Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd July

Sir Thomas Boughey and Thistley
Hough Transition Day

Thursday 2nd July

Tiny Tigers' Class 9am and 2.45pm
Cake Sale



Star of the Week

Tiny Tigers	Whole Class
Busy Bees	Jacob
Performing Pandas	Khloe
Dazzling Dolphins	Dottie
Outstanding Owls	Lincoln
Fantastic Foxes	Theo H
Learning Leopards	Lilley

Christian Value Certificate

Tiny Tigers	Autumn
Busy Bees	Darcie F
Performing Pandas	Loki
Dazzling Dolphins	Aidey
Outstanding Owls	Whole Class
Fantastic Foxes	Reggie
Learning Leopards	Samuel

Special Mentions

Robinson-Phillips Excellence in Kindness goes to: Daisy

Mr Shenton's award: Keele Sports Day Team

Makaton: Paisley and Martha

Thursday 2nd July

St John Fisher Transition Day

Dojo Points and this week's Task

Trusting Nets Craft

Based on: The Miraculous Catch of Fish – Luke 5:1–11

Draw a large fishing net. Inside the net write or draw:

- Things you are thankful for
- People who help you
- Times when things turned out better than expected

Decorate the net with fish shapes or colours.

Please hand in on Friday 3rd July 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](#)



Tiny Tigers	95%
Busy Bees	91%
Performing Pandas	93%
Dazzling Dolphins	93%
Outstanding Owls	90%
Fantastic Foxes	95%
Learning Leopards	87%

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.

Year 4 Enjoy a Fantastic Tag Rugby Festival!

Last week the children from Year 4 had a fantastic day at the Tag Rugby Festival held at Newcastle Rugby Club. Throughout the event, they took part in a variety of fun and friendly games, demonstrating great enthusiasm, teamwork, and sportsmanship. The children embraced every opportunity to get involved, supporting their teammates and encouraging one another throughout the day. The focus of the festival was on participation, enjoyment, and staying active, and our pupils certainly rose to the challenge with positive attitudes and plenty of smiles.



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 God promised the Earth's seasons would continue, so Christians believe they should care for His creation. By protecting the environment and reducing pollution, we can help reduce the effects of extreme weather and support life on Earth.



As long as the earth endures,
seedtime and harvest,
cold and heat,
summer and winter,
day and night
will never cease.

Genesis 8:22



British Values

Next week:



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



The story highlights **Mutual Respect and Tolerance** because scientists are working together to help and protect different communities all around the world.

This story shows **Individual Liberty** because sharing weather information helps people to make their own decisions and prepare safely.



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

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Things to talk about at home ...

- > What is your favourite type of weather and why?
- > Have you or anyone at home ever had to change your plans because of the weather?
- > What would you pack if you didn't know whether it would be rainy or sunny?
- > Why might some people need to prepare more carefully for certain types of weather?

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 15 Emotions \(Part 2\)](#)

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/>



Summer HAF Project

🔑 Got your HAF code? Bookings are now live!

With HAF, you can join brilliant activities run by trusted local providers, make new friends, and try things you've never done before right on your doorstep.

Whether you're into crafts, football, cooking, have a love for animals or outdoor fun – there's something for everyone.

💎 Sessions run from Monday 20 July to Monday 31 August 2026

💎 Free for young people who receive benefit-related free school meals with a range of sessions suitable for ages 5 to 16

💎 Most sessions also include a hot meal

💎 Some providers also offer paid places

Book your places early to avoid disappointment.

https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/financial-support-school/holiday-activities-and-food-haf?utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=SocialSignIn&utm_source=Facebook

Music for July

Angélique Kidjo

Angélique Kidjo is a Beninese-French singer-songwriter, actress and activist, renowned for her powerful voice, diverse musical influences and creative music videos. Born in Ouidah, Benin, she grew up in a family of performing artists; her father was a musician, while her mother worked as a choreographer and theatre director.

Since beginning her professional career in 1982, Kidjo has become one of Africa’s most celebrated musical artists, blending a wide range of styles and cultures in her music. She has won five Grammy Awards and was named a laureate of the prestigious Polar Music Prize in 2023.

Genres: Afrobeat, Reggae, Jazz and Gospel

Active: 1982 – Present

Origin: Ouidah, Republic of Benin

"Music brings people together across cultures and borders, and Angélique Kidjo's career is a powerful example of this."



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

Pre-order link - [School Meals w/c 06/07/2026/2026 \(Week 2\) – 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
Friday, 19 th March 2027	BB – Florence Nightingale Workshop Busy Bees - Florence Nightingale Workshop - March 2027 – Fill in form
Thursday, 25 th March 2027	School closes at 3.10 p.m. for Easter
Friday 26 th March 2027 to Friday 9 th April, 2027	Easter Holidays
Monday 12 th April, 2027	School opens