



Friday 3rd July

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)

Tiny Tigers take centre stage

A huge well done to our Tiny Tigers for a fantastic class assembly. Your singing was joyful, your spoken lines were delivered so clearly, and the video capturing what you enjoy most about St Luke's was a lovely touch. It was wonderful to see how confidently you used your Makaton signs as well. I know your families will have felt incredibly proud of you.

A big thank you also to all of the parents and families who kindly provided cakes for our sale afterwards. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and the money raised will go towards supporting the next trip. Thank you for helping to make the day such a success.

Transition Success! ☀️

What a wonderful transition morning we have had at St Luke's! It has been fantastic to see the children spending time in their new classes, meeting their new teachers and teaching assistant staff, and beginning to build excitement for the new school year. We are so proud of how well everyone embraced the change with confidence, kindness, and enthusiasm.

A huge well done to all of our children for showing our school values throughout the morning. Your excellent behaviour, positive attitudes, and willingness to try something new made the transition a real success. Thank you also to our dedicated staff, who worked so hard to make today a welcoming and enjoyable experience for every child. Together, we have helped ensure a smooth and happy start to the next stage of each child's learning journey.

We hope everyone goes home feeling proud and excited for the year ahead!

School Discos – Thursday 9th July

👧 Infants: 3:10pm – 4:30pm

👦 Juniors: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Cost: £2.50 per child, which includes a drink and a bag of sweets.

To book your child's place, please follow the link below:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/6wLh7Cv6VM>



Star of the Week

Tiny Tigers	Joanie
Busy Bees	Robert
Performing Pandas	Isla
Dazzling Dolphins	Daisy
Outstanding Owls	Harold
Fantastic Foxes	Hettie
Learning Leopards	Lennon

Christian Value Certificate

Tiny Tigers	Whole Class
Busy Bees	Carter
Performing Pandas	Ava
Dazzling Dolphins	Ava
Outstanding Owls	Oliver
Fantastic Foxes	Kaira
Learning Leopards	Phoebe

Special Mentions

Robinson-Phillips Excellence in Kindness goes to: Lacey

Mr Shenton's award: Aidey

Makaton: Zaim

Football: Zak

Cricket: Jack

Dancing:

TTRockstars

1st Mason

2nd Ivie

3rd Lauren

Special Mention: Mrs Jennings for doing well in the parent race

Sports Leader Certificates to:

Josh E, Poppy, Oscar and Aidey

Saturday 4th July

Summer Fayre 12-2pm

Monday 6th July and Tuesday 7th July

Madeley High School Transition

Wednesday 8th July

Musical Celebration 1.30pm
(All parents welcome)

Dojo Points and this week's Task

✦ Kindness Through the Roof

Based on: *The Man Lowered Through the Roof* – Mark 2:1–12

The man's friends worked together to help him reach Jesus. Do one helpful thing for someone at home:

- Tidy a room
- Help with washing up
- Write a kind note
- Help a younger child

Afterwards, talk about how helping others can make a difference

Please hand in on Friday 10th 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	92%
Performing Pandas	93%
Dazzling Dolphins	96%
Outstanding Owls	95%
Fantastic Foxes	97%
Learning Leopards	92%



ST LUKE'S
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL
— Believe & Achieve —

You're Invited to Our
Music Celebration!

WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY
1:30PM PROMPT
We look forward to welcoming you!

Our children are excited to perform for you, showcasing all they have been learning through singing, playing musical instruments and dancing.

Last year's event was a fantastic success, with the children thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to perform in front of their families. We are looking forward to another memorable afternoon celebrating their confidence, enthusiasm and musical talents.

Everyone is welcome!
We encourage all parents, carers, grandparents, family members and friends to come along and support our wonderful performers.

We look forward to welcoming you for what promises to be a joyful afternoon of music at St Luke's.

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.

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](#)

Online Safety Newsletter

July 2026

This month the focus is on:

WhatsApp

Social media ban

Live streaming

Netflix playground

Moving to Secondary School

Instagram – new supervision tool

Screentime balance over the Summer holidays

knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/Summer-Online-Safety-July-2026.mp4

To see the whole online safety newsletter please see the link below:

[July Online Newsletter](#)

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 the most important things in life are not the things we own. Instead, they are things that money cannot buy, such as being kind, being a good friend, and caring for our family. We should focus on these important values rather than always wanting more possessions or following the latest trends.



Then he said to them, 'Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions'.

Luke 12:15



British Values

Next week:



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



The story highlights **Rule of Law** because safety officers use official rules and laws to protect people and make sure shops are selling things that are safe.

People have the freedom to buy the toys they choose and the right to know the potential risks. This is part of our **Individual Liberty**.



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

In the news this week

Squishy dumpling toys have become popular with many children in recent months. Videos showing people squeezing, collecting, and opening the toys have helped them spread quickly online. As more people have bought these types of toys, Trading Standards officers have been called in to carry out safety checks on some of the products being sold in shops and online.

Things to talk about at home ...

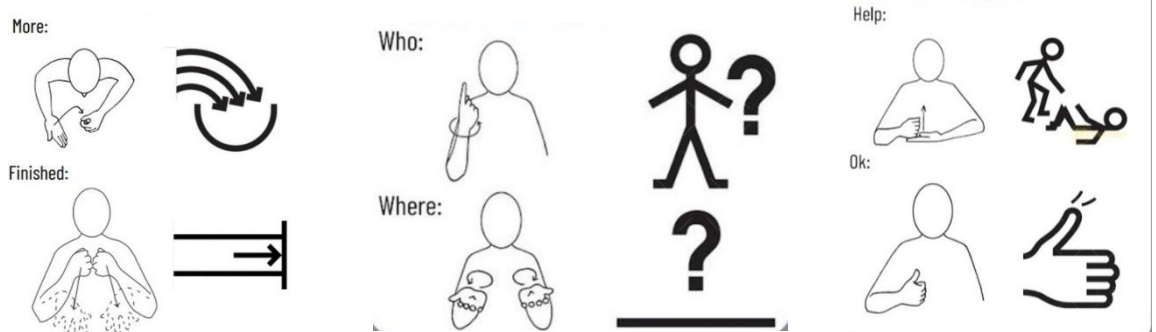
- > What was your favourite toy when you were younger? How did you first hear about it?
- > Do you believe toys become popular because they are fun, because friends have them, or for another reason?
- > If you could invent a new toy, what would it be like, and how would you make it popular?

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 core language

[St Luke's CofE \(VC\)
Primary School -
Week 15](#)



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.

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

Snacks	
Milkshake	82p
Cup of Milk	38p
Bagel	38p
Pancake	49p
Toast	38p
Crumpet	38p

Pre-order link - [School Meals w/c 13/07/2026 \(Week 3\) – Fill in form](#)

Important Dates	
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
Wednesday 16 th July 2026	Y6 Trip to Formby
Thursday 16 th July	Water Fight
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
Thursday, 21 st January 2027	OO – Ancient Greek Workshop Outstanding Owls - Ancient Greek Workshop – Fill in form
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