



Friday 10th 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)

End-of-Year Reflections and Summer Wishes

As we come to the end of another fantastic academic year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our children, families, staff and governors for their continued support throughout the year.

It has been a year filled with memorable experiences, achievements and successes, and we are incredibly proud of everything our children have accomplished.

To our Year 6 pupils who are moving on to high school, we wish you every success in this exciting next chapter. Take with you the confidence, resilience and values you have shown during your time with us, and remember to always aim high – we know you will go on to do amazing things.

We hope all of our families enjoy a well-deserved summer break filled with rest, fun and special memories. Thank you for being such an important part of our school community.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, refreshed, ready to learn and excited for the year ahead. Please note we are back on Wednesday 2nd September.

Have a safe, happy and enjoyable summer! 🌞📚🌟

Family Dining Project Success!

Our Family Dining Project has been a wonderful success, bringing children and families together through food, learning and shared experiences. Throughout the project, the children developed valuable life skills by planning menus, shopping for ingredients, preparing healthy meals, setting tables and serving a delicious three-course meal to their families.

The event was a fantastic celebration of the children's hard work, growing confidence and understanding of healthy lifestyles. It was wonderful to see families enjoying the experience together and sharing in the children's achievements.

A special thank you goes to Mrs Cooper for her dedication in leading and organising this inspiring project. We are incredibly proud of all the children involved and look forward to seeing how this project continues to grow in the future. 🌞🍴



Star of the Week

Tiny Tigers	Charlie
Busy Bees	Kash
Performing Pandas	Whole Class
Dazzling Dolphins	George
Outstanding Owls	Edith
Fantastic Foxes	Archie
Learning Leopards	Riley S

Christian Value Certificate

Tiny Tigers	Evie Ba
Busy Bees	Lucas
Performing Pandas	Yasmin
Dazzling Dolphins	Elio
Outstanding Owls	Amelia
Fantastic Foxes	Bobbie S
Learning Leopards	Elliot

Special Mentions

Mr Shenton's award:

Rounders Team

Makaton: Whole Group

Special Mention:

Mrs Cooper's Cooking Class

Lilly, Rose, Lexi, Freddie, Ryan, Kaira, Lauren and Skyla-Rose.

Tuesday 14th July

Y6 Play at 1.30pm and 5pm

Thursday 16th July

Water Fight

Friday 17th July

Leavers' Assembly 1pm
Close at 3.10pm for the Summer
Holidays

Dojo Points and this week's Task

My Favourite Thing About School This Year 🎨

Task: Create a picture showing your favourite thing about school this year.

Think about a special moment, activity, lesson, trip, club, friendship, or achievement that made this year memorable for you.

Please hand in on Friday 17th 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%

Thank You to Our Wonderful PTFA and School Community

We would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to our wonderful PTFA for their incredible efforts and commitment throughout the year. From organising events to fundraising and supporting school activities, their dedication has made a real difference to our school community.

We are also extremely grateful to all our parents and carers for your continued support, generosity, and involvement. Whether it's attending events, donating prizes, your contribution is truly appreciated and helps make our school such a special place.

A Spectacular Summer Showcase

On Wednesday afternoon, we were treated to a fantastic showcase of talent from our children. It was wonderful to see so many pupils performing with confidence, enthusiasm and pride as they demonstrated everything they have been learning with Mr Case and Mr Will throughout the year.

The afternoon was filled with impressive musical performances and energetic dances, reflecting the children's hard work, dedication and creativity. It was a pleasure to see their skills and confidence shine in front of such a supportive audience.

We were also incredibly proud of our super Makaton Group, led by Mrs Easby. Their performance was both inspiring and uplifting, showcasing not only their learning but also the importance of communication, inclusion and self-expression. The children represented our school brilliantly, and we thank Mrs Easby for her dedication and support in leading the group.

A huge thank you to all the parents, carers and family members who attended and supported the event. We know the heat made conditions challenging at times, and we are grateful to everyone who joined us and helped make the afternoon such a success.

Finally, a very special thank you to all of our children. Your enthusiasm, commitment and outstanding performances made us incredibly proud. You were all amazing and should be delighted with what you achieved.

We are already looking forward to next year's showcase and, hopefully, with some kinder weather, we will be able to enjoy the event outdoors!

Well done, everyone!

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!

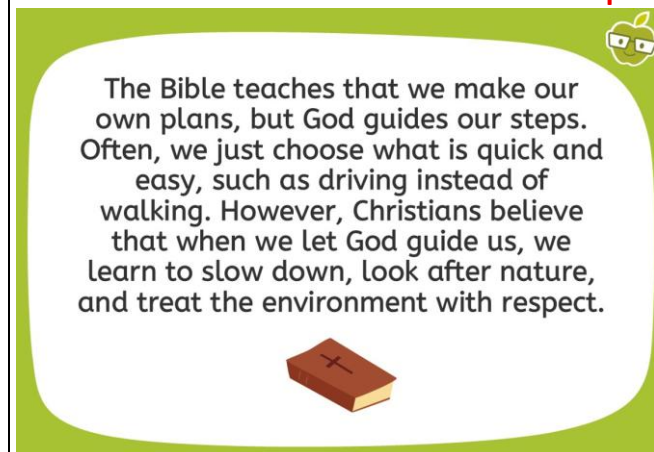
[Ilam Hall - Residential Visit \(June 2027\) – Fill in form](#)

Smylers (Important information)

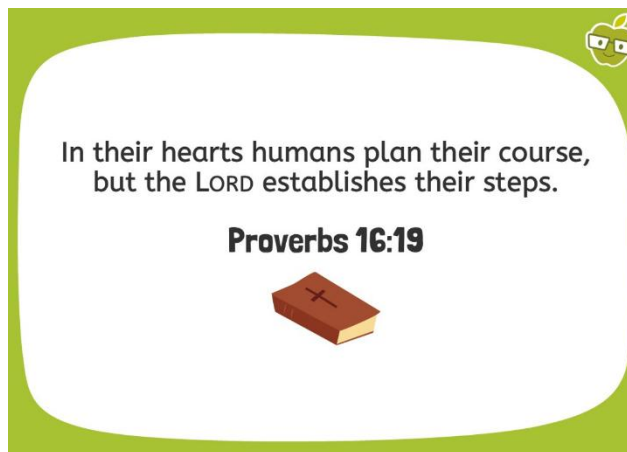
Smylers evening wraparound will be closed on Friday 17th July. The morning session will be open as normal. Thank you, Mrs Smy.

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 we make our own plans, but God guides our steps. Often, we just choose what is quick and easy, such as driving instead of walking. However, Christians believe that when we let God guide us, we learn to slow down, look after nature, and treat the environment with respect.

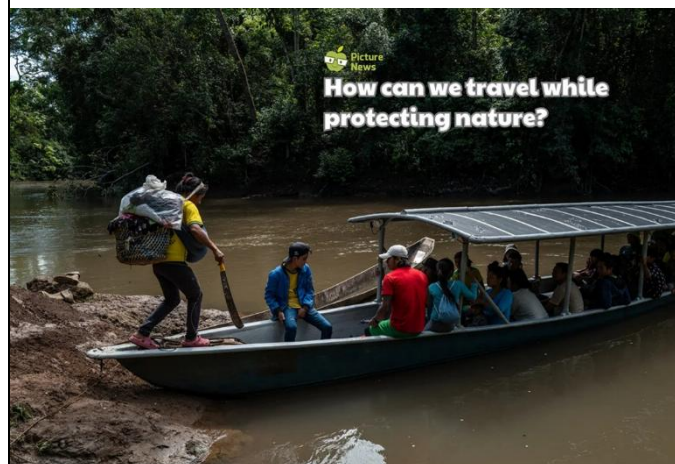


In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps.

Proverbs 16:19

British Values

Next week:



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



This project demonstrates **Mutual Respect and Tolerance**. Protecting the Amazon rainforest shows respect for both nature and the people who depend on the rainforest to live.

Individual Liberty is shown here because the solar-powered canoes give people the freedom and independence to travel when they need to.



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

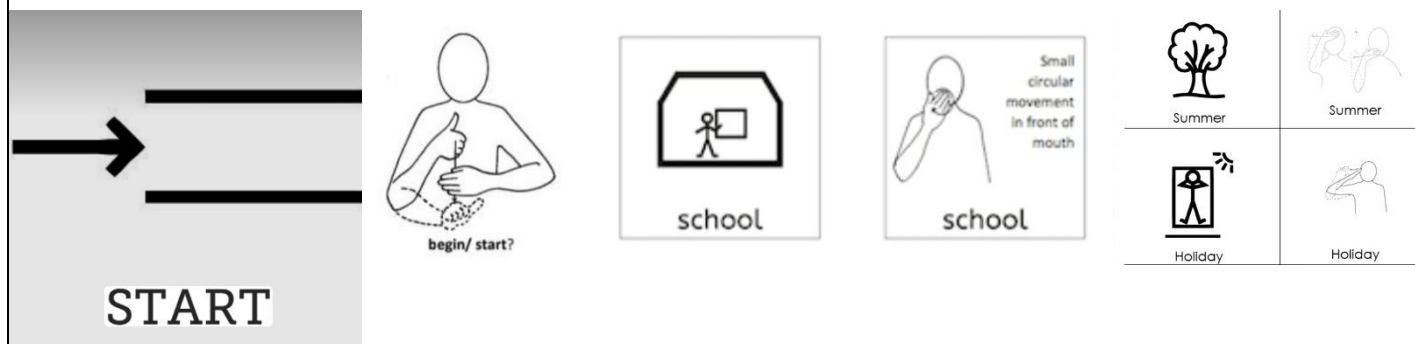
Things to talk about at home ...

- > How do you usually travel to school, work, or the shops? Why do you or the adults you travel with choose those ways?
- > Can you think of any journeys that could be different to help protect nature?
- > If you could invent a new way to travel that was kinder to the planet, what would it be like?

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 all about core language



[St Luke's CofE \(VC\) Primary School - Week 16 Summer](#)

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: 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