



Friday 11th September

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)

Our Year 6 Leaders

Our Year 6 children have taken on a variety of important leadership roles across the school. Each week, we are excited to introduce a new group of leaders and share more about their responsibilities and the positive difference they will be making. Well done, Year 6, we are incredibly proud of you all!

St Luke's Children Shine!

A few days ago, we were approached by a videographer who invited some of our children to take part in an advert raising awareness of food banks and the importance of Harvest.

We are delighted to share the finished result! A huge well done to all the children involved—you were absolutely fantastic, and we are incredibly proud of you all.

[Harvest With Stoke-on-Trent Food Banks \(Extended\)](#)

Meet the Teacher

You are invited to come and meet your child's teacher! This will be a short, friendly session where the teacher will talk about what your child will be learning this term and what to expect in class. It will last around 15–20 minutes, and you'll be given some helpful information to take home. You only need to attend one of the sessions:

Wednesday 16th September at 3.10pm or 4.30pm

For Tiny Tigers, the session will focus more on phonics and early learning. If you're unable to attend, a link to the information will be shared on Class Dojo next week.

Community Litter Pick

The Parish Council would be very grateful for your help with a community litter pick on Saturday 19 September.

We will meet outside the library at 10.00am.

High-visibility jackets, bin bags, gloves and litter grabbers will all be provided.

The litter pick will last approximately two hours, but any time you can spare would be greatly appreciated. Everyone is welcome—please come along and help us make our local community cleaner and tidier!



Star of the Week

Tiny Tigers	Andreas
Busy Bees	Charlie
Learning Leopards	Malaika
Dazzling Dolphins	Jacob
Outstanding Owls	Mya
Fantastic Foxes	Harmony
Perfect Penguins	Carter and Charlie

Christian Value Certificate

Tiny Tigers	Willow
Busy Bees	Grayson
Learning Leopards	Maddox
Dazzling Dolphins	Nevaeh
Outstanding Owls	Valentino
Fantastic Foxes	Amelia

Special Mentions

Well done for the following:

Football achievements: Todd, George, Aidey, Zac and Jacob

Dancing achievements: Myla

Don't forget to bring along any trophies, certificates, etc that you achieve outside of school to share on Friday's shine together Worship.

Monday 14th September 2026

Year 5 and 6 Bike Right Level 1 and 2

Wednesday 16th September 2026

Teacher Meets 3.10pm or 4.30pm

Monday 21st September

9am PTFA Meeting

Dojo Points and this week's Task

This week's home learning challenge is based on Daniel 3:1–30 – The Fiery Furnace.

Draw a picture of your favourite part of the story. Think about how it shows being brave and trusting God.

Please bring your picture into school by Friday. We look forward to seeing your fantastic work!

Please hand in on Friday 18th September

1st

4th

3rd

2nd

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	96%
Busy Bees	95%
Learning Leopards	100%
Dazzling Dolphins	100%
Outstanding Owls	91%
Fantastic Foxes	95%
Perfect Penguins	98%

Phonics at St Luke's!

At St Luke's, we believe that giving our children all of the tools to become fluent, confident readers is very important.

We follow the Little Wandle Phonics scheme which involve daily Phonics lessons in Tiger Tigers and Busy Bees. We also deliver daily Phonics recap lessons in Learning Leopards and interventions for those still needing that little extra Phonics learning throughout the school.

The following videos show lessons involving the sounds your Reception and Year 1 children will be learning in the Autumn term. Although it isn't St Luke's teachers in the videos, our teachers follow the same structure as the teachers in the videos to make sure there is consistency in our children's learning.

Why not take a look at these online Phonics lessons?

Reception -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nlqMDXWetXs&list=PLuGr6z2H2KNGLy2Tckcy8Kk8u10mXgcmi&index=85>

Year 1 -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WOGmKeYoUNU&list=PLuGr6z2H2KNHY2HITC9jV0a65ED0aD2Ry&index=61>

For more information about Little Wandle, please follow this link - <https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Zumba with Sian

Starting on Tuesday 22nd September, Sian will be holding weekly sessions open to all friends and families of St Luke's (and the general public).

Sessions cost £6.50 each and can be paid for on the evening.
 You can also visit Sian's Facebook page for further information:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1577601450612150>
 We hope lots of you will come along!

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.

British Values

The reading for picture News Worship is from Matthew.

- Matthew is the first book in the New Testament.
- It tells us about Jesus' life, teachings, miracles, death and resurrection.
- Matthew's Gospel includes the Sermon on the Mount and the Lord's Prayer.

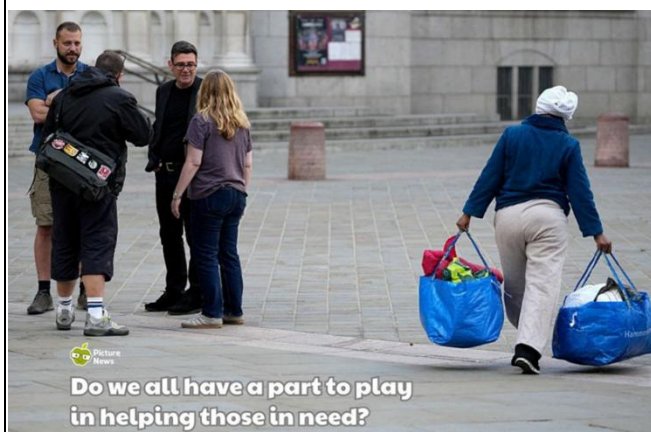


For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,

Matthew 25: 35-40



The Bible teaches us that we should care for people who need help. When we help others, we are also showing love to God. This encourages us to notice when someone is struggling and be kind, caring and compassionate.



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

Democracy is shown because the government is taking action to address homelessness and make decisions that support people across England.

This story highlights **Mutual Respect and Tolerance** by encouraging us to accept others, show kindness and treat people as we would wish to be treated.

Protected Characteristics

Which protected characteristic do you think this week's story highlights?

Sex

Who People Love

Age

Disability

Being Yourself

Marriage and Civil Partnership

Pregnancy and Maternity

Race

Religion or Belief

Homelessness can affect people of all ages. Anyone facing homelessness should be protected from discrimination, no matter how old they are.

Share your thoughts. Do you agree?

In the news this week

UK Prime Minister Andy Bumham has pledged that, by Christmas, everyone sleeping rough in England will be offered a safe place to stay. Accommodation will be found to end the need for sleeping rough. There will also be practical support for any health needs, as part of a £442m investment.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your response to the pledge that no one will be sleeping rough this Christmas.
- > Can you think of some different ways that people can help others in their local communities?
- > Can you share a time when you needed help from others? What help did you need and who helped you?

PTFA News

Next Meeting:

Monday 21st September at 9am in the staff room

Events:

Thursday 22nd October 2026 Movie Night 3.10pm – 4.30pm £3

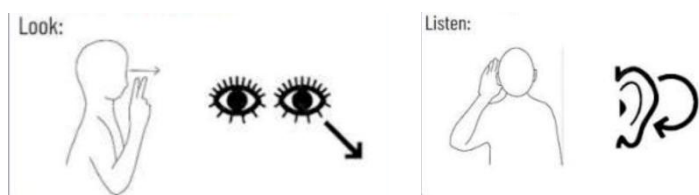
Makaton Sign of the week

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 look and listen.

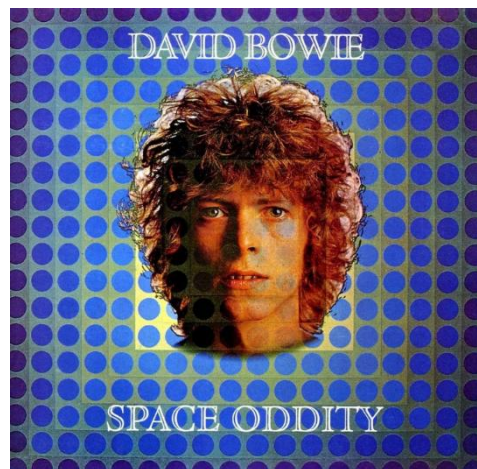
To see the recording, please visit:

<https://www.st-lukes-silverdale.staffs.sch.uk/childrens-corner/weekly-makaton-sign/week-1-2026-27>



Music for next week:

- David Bowie was a famous British singer, songwriter and actor.
- He was born in London on 8 January 1947.
- His birth name was David Robert Jones.
- David Bowie released "Space Oddity" in 1969.
- The song tells the story of an astronaut called Major Tom.
- Major Tom travels into space but loses contact with Ground Control.
- "Space Oddity" was released shortly before the Apollo 11 Moon landing.
- The song was inspired partly by the science-fiction film *2001: A Space Odyssey*.
- David Bowie played several instruments, including the guitar, piano and saxophone.
- "Space Oddity" became one of David Bowie's best-known songs and helped make him famous around the world.



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: Superhero Pizza with Paprika & Garlic Potatoes
Vegetarian option – Sunshine Sweet Potato Curry with Rice

Tuesday: Homestyle Sausage Roll with Mash & Gravy
Vegetarian option – Penne with Garden Bolognese

Wednesday: Beef Mince Loaded Yorkshire with Roasties
Vegetarian option – Loaded Yorkshire with Roasties

Thursday: Golden Chicken Curry with Lemon Rice
Vegetarian option – Classic Mac & Cheese

Friday: Fish Fingers and Chips
Vegetarian option – Crispy Garden Fingers with Chips

Pre-order link for 21st September 2026 - [School Meals w/c 21/09/2026 \(Week 1\) – Fill in form](#)

Online Safety – supporting children at different ages with their use of technology.

Throughout the year, we will share information and tips about online safety through our newsletter and our children have a specific online safety lesson every term. If you are looking for online safety advice, sites such as parentzone.org.uk, commonsensemedia.org, nspcc.org.uk, internetmatters.org and lgfl.net are great places to look!

The NSPCC have written a guide with helpful tips to help you decide what's right for your child in terms of tech ownership and usage throughout childhood, thinking about under 5s, under 10s, pre-teens and teens as well as children with SEND.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/access-to-technology-for-different-ages/>



Important Dates

Monday 14th September 2026	Year 5 and 6 Bike Right Level 1 and 2
Wednesday 16th September 2026	Meet the Teacher Workshop 3.10pm and 4.30pm
Monday 21st September 2026	PTFA AGM 9am
Monday 21st September 2026	Book Bus
Wednesday 23rd September 2026	FF – Jodrell Bank trip
Friday 25 th September 2026	Douglas McMillan Cake
Thursday 1st October 2026	Sponsored Walk
Friday 2nd October 2026	School Photographs - Families, Siblings and Individuals
Thursday 8th October 2026	OO Cadbury's World trip
Wednesday 14th October 2026	PP – Shrewsbury Prison
Thursday 15th October 2026	Harvest Festival at St Luke's Church/School 1.30pm
Thursday 22nd October 2026	Movie Night 3.10pm – 4.30pm £3
Friday, 23rd October 2026	School closes at 3.10 p.m. for Half Term
Monday, 26th October 2026 to Friday, 30th October 2026	Half Term
Monday, 2 nd November 2026	School Opens
Friday 6 th November 2026	Non-uniform for optional bottle or bar
Wednesday 11 th November 2026	Parental Meetings (invites sent out via compass)
Friday 13 th November 2026	Non-uniform for optional Christmas Hamper item
Wednesday 18 th November 2026	Parent Phonic Workshops 9am and 2.30pm in Year 1
Thursday 19 th November 2026	DD – Ancient Egypt Workshop (provisional date)
Thursday 19 th November 2026	Wreath Making (PTFA Event)
Sunday 22 nd November 2026	Golden Anniversary Celebrations at Silverdale Methodist Church. All children invited. 4pm
Wednesday 25 th November 2026	Flu immunisations (Whole School)
Wednesday 25 th November 2026	Winter Disco 3.10-4.30pm Infants
Thursday 26 th November 2026	Winter Disco 3.10-4.30pm Juniors
Tuesday 1 st December 2026	Christmas Tree Service 9am (All parents are invited)
Friday 4 th December 2026	Christmas Fayre 3-4.30pm
Wednesday 6 th December 2026	EYFS/KS1 Nativity 1.30pm and 5pm
Sunday 13 th December 2026	Christmas Service at Silverdale Methodist Church. 6.30pm. All children are invited.
Wednesday 16 th December 2026	Key Stage 2 Drama Club Nativity 1.30pm and 5pm
Friday, 18 th December, 2026	School closes at 3.10 p.m. for Christmas
Monday 20 th December 2026 to Friday, 1 st January, 2027	Christmas Holidays
Monday, 4th January, 2027	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday, 5 th January, 2027	School opens
Monday 11 th January 2027	TT Rockstars Day
Thursday 21 st January 2027	Perfect Penguins' Class Assembly and SATs information 9am and 2.45pm and Cake Sale
Thursday 28 th January 2027	Young Voices in Manchester – choir club to start in the Autumn Term
Thursday 4 th February 2027	Fantastic Foxes' Class Assembly 9am and 2.45pm and Cake Sale
Wednesday 10 th February 2027	Stafford Castle Busy Bees
Thursday 11 th February 2027	Outstanding Owls' Class Assembly 9am and 2.45pm and Cake Sale (Also meeting regarding MTC)

Friday, 12 th February 2027	School Closes at 3.10 p.m. for Half Term School Reports out
Monday, 15 th February 2027 to Friday, 19 th February 2027	Half Term
Monday, 22 nd February 2027	School closed INSET
Tuesday 23 rd February 2027	School Opens
Thursday 25 th February 2027	Mothers' Day crafts and cake 2.30pm
Friday 26 th February 2027	Reports Out
Wednesday 3 rd March	Parental Meetings (invites sent out via compass)
Thursday 4 th March 2027	World Book Day Celebrations
Thursday 4 th March 2027	Mothers' Day crafts and cake 2.30pm
Friday 5 th March 2027	Non-uniform for an optional Easter Egg or chocolate bar
Friday 12 th March 2027	FF – Vikings Workshop
Thursday 18 th March 2027	Easter Service 1.30pm At Church
Friday 19 th March 2027	Odd Sock day – no donation needed. World Down Syndrome Day 'End the stereotypes'
Friday 19 th March 2027	BB - Florence Nightingale Workshop
Tuesday 23 rd March 2027	Easter Egg Tombola in School
Thursday, 25 th March 2027	School closes at 3.10 p.m. for Easter Holidays
Friday 26 th March to Friday 9 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday, 12 th April 2027	School opens
Thursday, 15 th April 2027	Photos - Class Groups, Leavers, Reception Individuals and Smylers Graduations
26 th April 2027	DD – Stone Age Workshop
Week beginning 26 th April 2027	LL – National Forest Adventure Farm trip
Thursday 29 th April 2027	Dazzling Dolphins' Class Assembly 9am and 2.45pm and Cake Sale
Monday 3 rd May 2027	Bank Holiday (no School)
Thursday 6 th May 2027	Learning Leopards' Class Assembly 9am and 2.45pm and Cake Sale
Monday 10 th May 2027	SATS week
Thursday 20 th May 2027	Busy Bees' Class Assembly 9am and 2.45pm and Cake Sale
Tuesday 25 th May 2027	Sports Day 9am
Wednesday May 2027	Tiny Tigers' Class Assembly 9am and 2.45pm and Cake Sale
Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June	May Half-Term holiday
Monday, 7 th June 2027	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday, 8 th June 2027	School Opens
Thursday 10 th June 2027	Reserve Sports Day 9am
Friday 11 th June 2027	Non-uniform Day for Summer Fayre
Monday 14 th June 2027 – Thursday 17 th June 2027	Residential for Key Stage 2
Friday 17 th June 2027	Fathers' Day cakes and crafts 2.30pm
Friday 25 th June 2027	Non-uniform Day for Summer Fayre
Wednesday 30 th June 2027	Musical Celebration 1.30pm (All parents are welcome)
Friday 3 rd July 2027	Summer Fayre 3-4.30pm
Thursday 8 th July 2027	Prom and Disco 3-4.30pm KS1 and 6-8pm for KS2
Tuesday 13 th July 2027	1.30pm and 5pm Year 6 Play
Friday 16 th July 2027	Reports out
Tuesday 20 th July 2027	Leavers' Assembly 1pm

Tuesday 20 th July 2027	School closes for Summer Holidays
Wednesday 21 st July 2027	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)