



Friday 9th October

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)

Cross Country Stars Go the Extra Mile!

Well done to all the children who took part in the cross country race at Sir John Offley! We are proud of your effort, determination and support for one another. There is just one final race, which will take place at Baldwin's Gate Primary School next Tuesday at 4pm. Thank you to all the parents who provide transport and cheer the children on. Your support is greatly appreciated. Let's give this final race our very best effort and keep showing that wonderful determination!



Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will take place in school on Thursday 15th October at 1.30pm, and all parents are welcome to join us in school. This year, we are asking for donations of dried foods, such as cereals and pasta, and tinned food to top up our school pantry. These items are shared with people who need a few extras from time to time. We appreciate your kindness and generosity. Thank you.

Can you lend a hand at Betley Bonfire?

We would be very grateful for any volunteers who can help make this year's bonfire a success, especially on Saturday 7th November!

📅 Saturday 7th November: Help on the gate, with traffic management or general stewarding, whatever suits you best!

🧹 Sunday 8th November: Help with the clean-up after the event.

On Saturday, volunteers are needed between 2:30pm and 10:00pm. You don't need to commit to the full shift; any time you can offer would be greatly appreciated.

If we have volunteers representing our school, we can apply for funding from the event to support our children, subject to the bonfire's success. Your help could make a real difference!

If you can help, please let me know or register your details here:

👉 [Volunteer for Betley Bonfire](#)

Thank you for your support! 🔥



Star of the Week

Tiny Tigers	Blake
Busy Bees	Enzo
Learning Leopards	Connie
Dazzling Dolphins	Jorgie
Outstanding Owls	Whole Class
Fantastic Foxes	Harold
Perfect Penguins	Bobbie

Christian Value Certificate

Tiny Tigers	Luca
Busy Bees	Paisley
Learning Leopards	Siena
Dazzling Dolphins	Piper
Outstanding Owls	Amelia M
Fantastic Foxes	Ivie
Perfect Penguins	Harry

Special Mentions

Well done for the following:

Makaton Star: Izzy and Edie

Dance achievements: Kaira

Football achievements: Zach

Special Mention to Miss Sutton for passing her diving test!

Wednesday 14th October

Perfect Penguins visit Shrewsbury Prison

Thursday 15th October

Harvest in School 1.30pm (All invited)

Thursday 22nd October

Movie Night

Dojo Points and this week's Task

Harvest Home Challenge 🌾

This week's home learning challenge is all about Harvest.

Create one piece of work at home to celebrate Harvest. You could make a picture, write a poem or prayer, bake something using seasonal ingredients, or do an act of kindness to help someone.

Please bring your completed challenge into school by Friday. We can't wait to see your fantastic ideas!

Return by Friday 16th October 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	97%
Busy Bees	94%
Learning Leopards	97%
Dazzling Dolphins	93%
Outstanding Owls	96%
Fantastic Foxes	93%
Perfect Penguins	96%

Makaton Sign and Widgit Symbol of the Week

Each week, we'll be sharing a new Makaton sign that the children are learning in school. From this week, we are also including the corresponding Widgit symbol, helping children make connections between spoken words, signs and visual symbols.

You'll find the sign, Makaton symbol and Widgit symbol in this newsletter, along with a link to a video created by Mrs Easby, where you can see the sign demonstrated and practise it together at home. Please ask your child to show you the sign too—they'll love being the teacher!

What is Makaton?

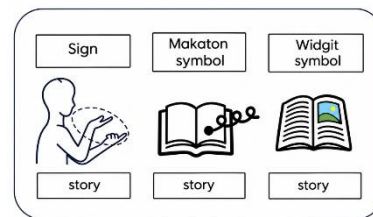
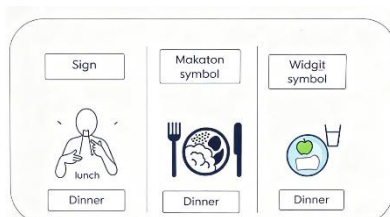
Makaton is a way of communicating that uses signs and symbols alongside speech. It can support children and adults to understand and express themselves, particularly when communication or language is more challenging.

What are Widgit symbols?

Widgit symbols are simple, clear pictures that represent words and ideas. We use them throughout school to provide additional visual support, helping children understand language, routines, instructions and learning. By using speech, Makaton signs and visual symbols together, we are giving all our children additional tools to support communication, understanding, independence, confidence and inclusion

This week's signs: dinner and story

To see the recording, please visit:



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EobUU_m9f_I&t=4s

Walk to School this October!

Our school is taking part in Living Streets' WOW – the walk to school challenge, encouraging children to travel actively and enjoy the benefits of walking, wheeling, cycling or scooting to school. Children record how they travel each day, and if they travel actively once a week for a month, they'll earn a WOW badge! This term, we're also joining the autumn #WOWTopTen challenge – the more we walk, the higher we climb on the local and national leaderboards. Why walk to school? Walking helps children feel happier, healthier and ready to learn, while reducing congestion and pollution at the school gates. Can't walk the whole way? Try Park and Stride – park at least ten minutes away and walk or wheel the rest of the journey. Let's travel actively this October and help get our school to the top! Don't forget to tag @livingstreets and use #WOWTopTen.

PTFA News

Events:

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

Zumba with Sian

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:

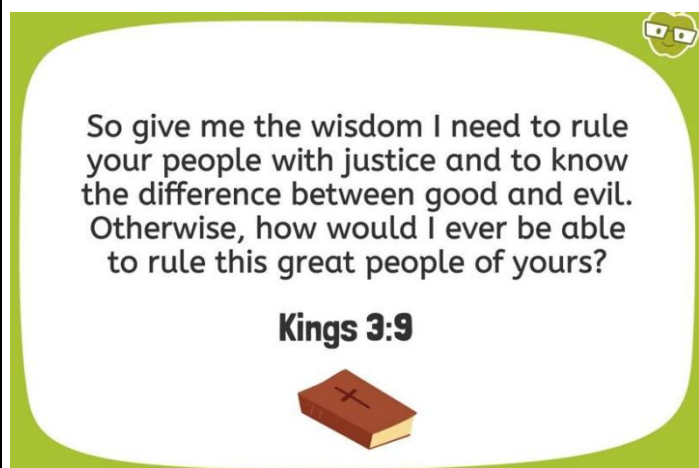
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1577601450612150>

We hope lots of you will come along!

Our School Prayer

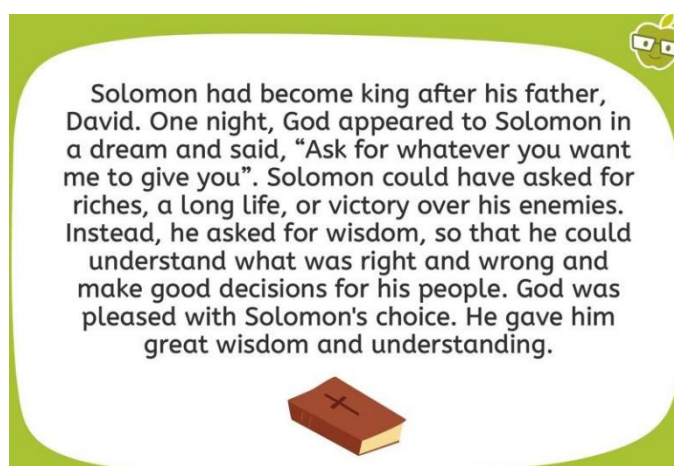
God give me the strength to accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can, And wisdom to know the difference. With the help of your love. Amen.

Each week in Worship on Friday we explore British Values. Next week the focus is:



So give me the wisdom I need to rule
your people with justice and to know
the difference between good and evil.
Otherwise, how would I ever be able
to rule this great people of yours?

Kings 3:9



Solomon had become king after his father,
David. One night, God appeared to Solomon in
a dream and said, "Ask for whatever you want
me to give you". Solomon could have asked for
riches, a long life, or victory over his enemies.
Instead, he asked for wisdom, so that he could
understand what was right and wrong and
make good decisions for his people. God was
pleased with Solomon's choice. He gave him
great wisdom and understanding.

British Value of the Week –

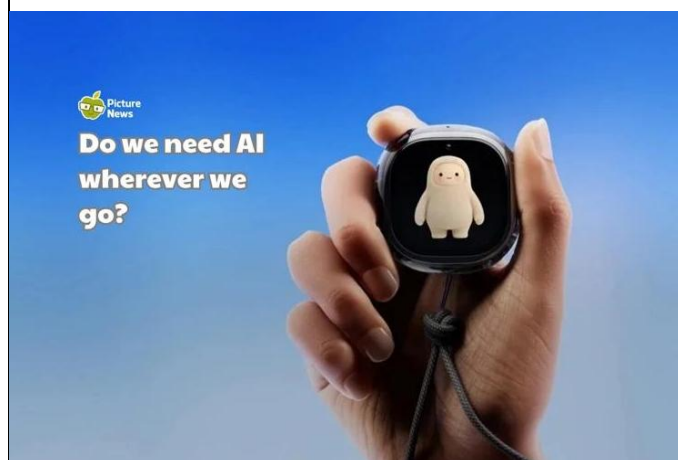
Next Week's News: Artificial Intelligence and British Values

Next week, we will be exploring the topic of artificial intelligence (AI) and how it is becoming part of our everyday lives. We will look at Meta's new AI tool, Muse Spark, and discuss how technology can help us, as well as the importance of using it safely and responsibly.

We will link our discussions to our British Values, particularly Individual Liberty, Rule of Law, Democracy, and Mutual Respect and Tolerance. The children will be encouraged to think about making sensible choices when using technology, protecting personal information, respecting different opinions and understanding how to stay safe online.

Talk about it at home! You could ask your child how AI might help us in everyday life, what rules we should

follow when using technology, and why it is important to respect other people's ideas and experiences.



British Values
I Really Do Matter!


 Individual Liberty


 Rule of Law


 Democracy


 Mutual Respect and Tolerance

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

Individual Liberty is highlighted, as people can choose how they use technology and make responsible choices.

We can use technology to help us while showing **Mutual Respect and Tolerance**, by remembering that people have ideas and experiences to share.

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

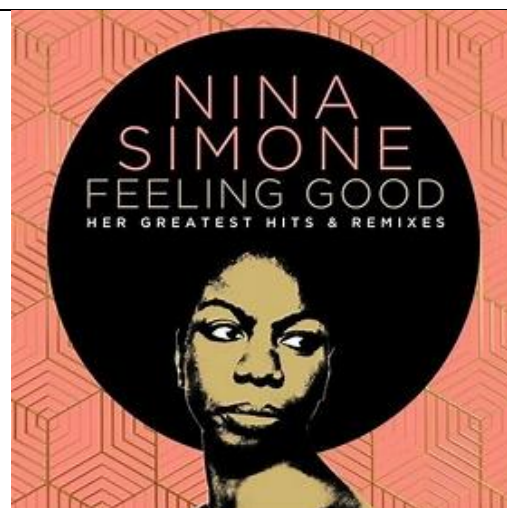
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These conversations will help children develop their digital awareness, critical thinking skills and understanding of how to be responsible citizens in an increasingly digital world.

Music for next week:

Our song for next week is:

- **Nina Simone was an American singer and pianist.** Her birth name was Eunice Kathleen Waymon.
- **She began playing the piano when she was just three years old!** She could listen to a tune and work out how to play it.
- **Nina recorded "Feeling Good" in 1965**, more than 60 years ago.
- **The song mentions things in nature**, including birds, butterflies, rivers and sunshine. These help express a feeling of happiness and freedom.
- **The song celebrates a fresh start.** Its words describe a new day and feeling hopeful about life.



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: Fajita Pizza with Purple Slaw

Vegetarian option – Fiesta Beany Burrito with Rice

Tuesday: Penne with Beef Bolognese

Vegetarian option – Creamy Cauli & Chickpea Curry with Rice

Wednesday: Classic Toad in the Hole with Roasties & Gravy

Vegetarian option – Twisted Toad in the Hole with Roasties & Gravy

Thursday: BBQ Chicken melt with Sunshine Rice

Vegetarian option – Mighty Hero Mac & Cheese

Friday: Crispy Battered Fish with Chips

Vegetarian option – Cheesy Bean Whirl with Chips

Pre order link - [School Meals w/c 19/10/2026 \(Week 2\) – Fill in form](#)

Parents' Ultimate Guide to Smart Devices

Are smart speakers OK for kids? Should you buy smart home technology? What are the benefits of smart devices and what are the privacy and security risks?

More than six in 10 parents say their young kids interact with voice-activated assistants. Are you one of them? If you're weighing the pros and cons of products such as smart watches, smart speakers, and even smartphones that track pretty much everything you do, read this guide that tells you everything you need to know about smart stuff for families.

This guide tells you all about smart devices -- what they are, what they can do for you and your family, how to use them as safely as possible, and how to protect your family's privacy in a world increasingly powered by data.



<https://www.common sense media.org/articles/parents-ultimate-guide-to-smart-devices>

ST LUKE'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Uniform

⇒ Ready to learn, ready to explore ⇐

EVERYDAY UNIFORM

- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan
- White shirt
- School tie in your team colour
- Grey or black trousers, or a grey skirt
- Sensible plain black shoes

PE KIT

- Plain white T-shirt
- Plain black or navy shorts, or unbranded jogging bottoms

FOREST SCHOOL

Children must wear:

- Long trousers
- A hoodie
- Suitable shoes
- A waterproof coat

HELPFUL REMINDERS

- Please clearly label all clothing and footwear.
- One pair of stud earrings and a sensible wristwatch only.
- Remove jewellery for PE and practical lessons. If it cannot be removed, cover it with plasters applied by the parent or child.
- Bring a waterproof school bag large enough for A4 books.
- No large bows or accessories that could get caught on equipment.

UNIFORM SUPPORT

- Second-hand uniform is available from the school office.
- Branded uniform is not compulsory. Plain items can be bought from regular retailers.
- Your child's first school tie is free.
- School uniform supplier: School Trends

Important Dates

Wednesday 14th October 2026	PP – Shrewsbury Prison Perfect Penguins - Shrewsbury Prison – Fill in form
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 Movie Night - Thursday, 22nd October 2026
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, 19th November 2026	Dazzling Dolphins - Liverpool Museum Dazzling Dolphins - Liverpool Museum - Thursday, 19th November 2026 – Fill in form
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
Tuesday 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
Wednesday, 10 th March 2027	Tiny Tigers – Zoo2U visit Tiny Tigers - 'Zoo 2 U' - 10th March 2027 (school based visit) – Collaboration
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 26 th 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)

