



St Luke's C E First School

Friday 4th
September
2026

Dates for your Diary

September

Wk Beginning
14th – After
School Clubs
start

Friday 25th –
Languages Day

October

Thursday 1st –
Harvest Festival
@ The Bridge
Church

Friday 16th – St
Luke's Day

Thursday 22nd –
Break Up for Half
Term

Friday 23rd –
School Closed
TED



HOPE



TRUST



JUSTICE



FORGIVENESS



HUMILITY



RESILIENCE

School Vision - In our St Luke's family, we recognise we are all God's children and through our caring and nurturing environment, we follow His word. We trust and rely on God's teaching so that we can encourage each other, develop our relationship with one another and the world, and flourish in all that we do.

What a wonderful first week back to school we have had! All of the children have settled into their new classes brilliantly! We have welcomed some new pupils across the year groups and it has been fantastic to see them joining in with life at St Luke's so enthusiastically. A special mention must go to our new Bears class who have been an absolute joy! Every time I have popped into class to see them they have been following instructions, listening carefully and playing beautifully together. We can't wait to have them in school for longer next week!

After our amazing 97% attendance last year, you will see we have had a disappointing start to the new academic year. We hope to see our overall attendance increase over the next few weeks. Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter which gives examples of the types of illnesses that would mean a child should stay at home. Please also remember that unauthorised absences, for example, for holidays, may lead to penalty notice fines. You may have seen in the news over the summer that the government is now giving all schools attendance targets and we are currently waiting to find out what ours is – I expect it to be high considering our amazing attendance last year and I am sure we can meet it with your continued support!

Attendance:

This week's attendance:



Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
91.18%	87.93%	85.12%	93.01%	88.46%	88.96%

Summer Projects in School

Thank you to everyone for your support with our ongoing Early Years outside classroom. While it is disappointing that it has not been finished in time for the new school year, I really appreciate everyone's support as we have had to navigate some operational changes this week. We hope it will all be completed early next week – and I know there are other children besides our new Bears who would like to try it out!

Driving and Parking

As we start the new academic year, I would like to remind our parents/carers of some of the difficulties we have experienced in the past with unsafe driving and parking around the school site.



Most parents/carers will already know that we have a 10 minute drop off window in the morning from 8:40am – 8:50am, with the main principle being that parents can park, drop, and go, leaving space on the car park for other parents arriving a little later. After dropping your child/ren, please don't leave your car parked on the car park while you talk to other parents. It really helps the flow of traffic around school if you move on as soon as you have dropped off so that other parents/carers can take the car park space. Please remember to park and drive carefully and considerately – thank you.

In addition, we ask that you do not park on the side of the road that the school is on – there are yellow zig zag lines and double yellow lines here to prevent this. We do often have the traffic enforcement team outside of school and they will also be looking at cars parked on the single yellow lines opposite the school.

We all know, accidents can happen, and they can happen quickly, and the very last thing anyone in our school community would want is for a member of our school family to be injured due to careless driving. Please take care and be considerate to other drivers and pedestrians.

Thank you in advance for your support so we can work together to ensure everyone's safety.

Autumn Term Clubs

Our Autumn term clubs offer has been shared today – please see the Class Dojo post from Mrs Bird about this and complete the Microsoft form as soon as possible. Clubs will start week beginning 14th September and will run for 5 weeks. Please remember, that due to the lack of sports premium funding for schools this year, there will be a small charge for clubs from September.

Swimming

As many parents/carers will be aware, over the past 2 years, our children in Tigers and Lions classes have enjoyed swimming lessons with Sholfins Swim School at Woodrow First School's pool. Unfortunately, despite having this all booked in for the autumn term, Sholfins have been placed in the very difficult position where they are unable to continue with school swimming lessons. They are currently trying to set up an alternative pool and we hope to be able to re-start swimming lessons with them again in the future. However, at the moment, I am currently trying to see if we can organise swimming elsewhere at some point in this academic year and we will continue to work with Sholfins who will teach children water safety and first aid skills.

Library Summer Reading Challenge

If you completed the Summer Reading Challenge, please let Mrs Broughton know so we can share this success in our celebration worship.



Lumi Nova APP

Returning to school for the new academic year is exciting, but it can also bring with it some worries for children.

Lumi Nova is an NHS funded service designed to support young people aged 7-12 who are experiencing worries or anxieties. With the end of the school year approaching, we wanted to

remind you to take advantage of our offer as your child/ren transition into the summer and new academic year.

Subject: Lumi Nova: Helping young people manage their worries



What is Lumi Nova?

Lumi Nova is an intergalactic adventure game to support young people to fight fears and manage worries. Whilst exploring planets, customising characters and earning treasure your child breaks their fears and worries down into manageable steps, learning life-long skills and building resilience.

Watch this short animated video to learn more: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mmgrU4zXU3M>

Who can use Lumi Nova?

Lumi Nova was created for 7 - 12 year olds (school years 3 - 7) who are having difficulties with fears, worries, or anxiety related to social situations, separation or phobias.

Lumi Nova can help your child to face their worries by breaking them down into small manageable challenges and can support your child with:

Returning to school or starting a new school
Making new friends and going to social events
Speaking in front of a group

And lots more!

REMINDER - School Uniform & PE Kit Reminder for September 2026

As we start the new school year, I would like to remind parents/carers about our uniform expectations so that you can plan for our return in the autumn term.

School uniform – grey trousers, shorts or skirt, white/blue/yellow polo T-shirt or white shirt, blue jumper or cardigan, black shoes.



PE Kit – navy blue jogging bottoms and top, plain white T-Shirt, blue/black shorts, white or black pumps/trainers. We have recently seen an increase in children wearing brightly coloured trainers, and would like to remind parents that these do not meet our school uniform expectations.

Parents can purchase uniform with the school logo but parents are also welcome to purchase non-logo clothes as long as they are plain and the correct colour. There are no expectations around wearing branded uniform or PE kit.

If your child arrives at school in the incorrect uniform, we will change them into spare uniform which we keep in school.

Please make every effort to name all of your child's uniform. While we do all we can to make sure jumpers that are taken off are placed in the class uniform box, items of clothing do go astray from time to time. If everything is named, we can return it to its rightful owner, and if your child brings home an item that does not belong to them, please return it to school straight away.

Our school operates a 'tie hair back' policy for pupils whose hair can be combed back into a pony tail or plait. We ask that pupils only wear small hair accessories, preferably in school colours.

For safety reasons, children who have pierced ears should only wear small stud earrings – and no hooped earrings should be worn. County Health & Safety Guidelines state that earrings must be removed or covered during PE. As this procedure will be difficult for many young children, we highly recommend that earrings be left at home on identified PE days. If they need to be kept in, we ask that parents cover earrings with tape prior to coming to school. Failure to do so will mean your child will miss PE as Health and Safety guidelines state adults in school should not be doing this for children.

Please ensure your child does not wear any jewellery, make up or temporary tattoos to school.

As is the tradition at St Luke's, all children are welcome to wear their own clothes on their birthday or on a day closest to their birthday if it falls in a school holiday or a weekend.

Staff will continue to monitor school uniform closely. If your child is not wearing appropriate school uniform or PE kit, we will aim to find them something to change into and teachers will talk to parents at the end of the day. Thank you for your support with this.

Information for Parents

Class Dojo is our primary method of communication with parents and carers. Each week, there will be several school story posts designed to give you important information and reminders. Each class also has its own page where class teachers will post information, reminders and details relating to the learning in the classroom. If you need to contact your child's teacher, you can send them a message on Class Dojo and they will get back to you as soon as possible.

This week, class teachers have posted their curriculum map for this half term in order to keep our parents/carers informed of what your child is learning in each subject.



On our school website you will also find a page for each class as well as lots of other information about our school.

If you need the answer to any question you can't find the answer to online, please contact Mrs Bird in our school office. She will be able to help with a range of ways, including ordering lunches through Parent Pay.

Health and Safety

Due to allergies, we are a nut free school. Please ensure that you do not send any nut products in your child's lunchbox. This includes Nutella (and similar chocolate spreads) as well as peanut butter.

I would like to remind parents and carers that smoking and/or vaping is not permitted on the school premises, which includes the playground.



With the exception of guide dogs, no dogs are allowed on the playground – including those which are being carried.

If you have pre-school aged children, please do not allow them to use equipment in the Bears class outside classroom. This is not play equipment – thank you.

Collective Worship

This week we have gathered together to celebrate returning to our St Luke's family and to discuss how we are feeling at the start of a new academic year in a new class.

We talked about the following -

A New Journey...

Today we are all standing at the beginning of a **new path**.

We don't know everything that is going to happen along the way.

We don't know exactly what we will learn.

We don't know which challenges we might face.

We don't know all the wonderful things that might happen.

But we do know something important:

We don't have to walk the path alone. We walk it together as the St Luke's family.



Picture News

This week's question –

Is it important to explore the unknown?

NASA is preparing to send a powerful new telescope into space to explore some of the universe's biggest mysteries. The Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope will search large areas of the sky for distant planets and study galaxies, dark matter and dark energy. Scientists hope it will help us learn how the universe has changed and why it is growing faster.



The children felt this week's story linked to our school vision in the following ways:

The Nasa team will have shown resilience when building Roman as they will not have got it right first time.

It has enabled scientists to flourish and show creativity.

Developing our relationship and understanding of the world around us.

St Luke's Stars of the Week

Each week in our celebration assembly, the teachers will be choosing a pupil to recognise for their excellent work and attitude to learning. Please see Class Dojo for pictures of our 'St Luke's Stars of the Week'. We are very proud of everyone for their hard work and achievements.



Our first Celebration Worship of the academic year will be held next Friday, 11th September at 2:45pm.

Please continue to send in certificates and awards from outside of school achievements so we can share them with the whole school community during our celebration worship.



UK Health
Security
Agency



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.