



St Luke's C E First School

Friday 2nd
October
2026

Dates for your Diary

October

Monday 5th –
start of Cycle to
School Week

Friday 9th –
Mental Health
Hello Yellow/
Year 4 Gorcott
Hill

Tuesday 13th –
Tigers Class trip
to Bishops Wood

Friday 16th – St
Luke's Day

Thursday 22nd –
Break Up for Half
Term

Friday 23rd –
School Closed
TED

November

Monday 2nd –
School Re-opens



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.

God's word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

We have had another great week in school, with our Harvest Festival being a real highlight!

There are some busy weeks ahead before half term with cycle to school week, school trips and St Luke's Day. We are also really looking forward to our first Grandparent ever on 16th October – please see below and the Class Dojo posts for more information.

Finally, a final reminder for our upcoming work with me dates:

Giraffes – Wednesday 7th October

Elephants – Monday 5th October

Tigers – Thursday 15th October – please note, this is a change of date due to the Tiger class trip.

Lions – Wednesday 14th October

All sessions will run from 2:15pm -3:15pm in school. Unfortunately, we are not able to accommodate younger siblings in the sessions.

Thank you for your understanding.

Attendance:

Our year to date attendance is: 97.37%

This week's attendance:



Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
98.26%	98.62%	98.62%	100%	99.29%	99%

Hello Yellow – Mental Health

On Friday 9th October, we will be celebrating World Mental Health Day. We'd love to see everyone dressing in yellow while we spend the day completing activities to focus on our mental health.

Wear yellow and say hello as we celebrate 10 years of standing out, starting conversations and raising funds – so no young person feels alone with their mental health.

There are days when all of us struggle with how we are feeling. Things can get tough, and it can be difficult knowing how to cope. For so many young people, when this happens, they don't always get the help they need, when they need it. They don't know where to turn, who to talk to, or even if anyone else feels the same.

But we can change this. By taking part in Hello Yellow you're starting a conversation about mental health wherever you are. And by funding our support – you're ensuring we can be there to pick it up where you left off.

Stand out, wear yellow on 9 October and donate what you can. Together we can support young people's mental health, when they need it – no matter what.

Visit the Young Minds website for more information: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/fundraising/helloyellow/>



Cycle to School Week

Cycle to School Week is back for 2026!

From Monday 5th to Friday 9th October 2026, schools and families across the nation will be taking a new route to the school gate — one that's quicker, healthier, cheaper and a whole lot more fun.

Cycle to School Week is a national celebration of everyday cycling. Whether you're already rolling or just getting started, it's your chance to build confidence, try something new, and discover how good the school run can feel on wheels.

We hope to see lots of children cycling to school – bikes can be kept on the playground and can be used at OPAL play.



Public Health Handwashing Workshops

Today, all classes have enjoyed learning more about how to wash our hands thoroughly to ensure we have removed all the germs! The children took part in a fun, interactive session of handwashing with members of the WCC Public Health team, then they had to check to see if their hands really were clean afterwards!



Harvest Festival

This week, we thoroughly enjoyed our Harvest Festival at the Bridge Church. Each class sang beautifully and we would like to thank everyone for their generous donations of food for the local food bank.



St Luke's Day / Grandparents Celebration - Friday 16th October

We will be celebrating our St Luke's Day on Friday 16th October. To celebrate this even further and to welcome wider members of our St Luke's family, we are excited to share that we are going to be inviting Grandparents in for some sessions with children on this date. This is to belatedly celebrate Grandparents Day, which is actually on Sunday 4th October!

The PTA will be leading this Grandparents event - a poster will be coming out soon with more information and details of how to sign up to this.



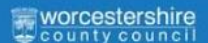
Starting School in September 2027?

We are aware we have some siblings who will be due to start school in September 2027...we can't wait for you to join us! Don't forget to submit your applications by the deadline of **15th January 2027**.

If you know of anyone who is due to start school next September, please spread the word for our school and encourage prospective parents to attend our open day, which will be held on Thursday 15th October which or to contact the school office to enquire about booking a tour of our school. I have already shown several families around our school in the past couple of weeks which has been a joy!



School Admissions



For parents/carers of our Lions class, don't forget to submit your applications for middle school by **15th January 2027**.

Collective Worship

This week we have focussed on Harvest in our collective worship – we have talked about being thankful for God's Gifts.

Thankfulness, Sharing and Caring

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it."

Psalm 24:1

Harvest reminds us to be thankful for everything God provides and to share what we have with others.



We shared the story of Feeding the Five Thousand. The story reminds us that we don't have to have lots to make a difference. Sometimes a small act of kindness or sharing can mean a great deal to someone else.

Reflection:

Think about the food you will eat today.

Think about all the people involved in bringing that food to you:

Now think about people who don't have enough food.

What could I share?

Who could I help?

How could I care for God's world?



Do wild animals as have as much right to the land as we do?

has announced that its wild tiger population has more than tripled, rising from 121 tigers in 2010, to 429 today.

Officials say the turnaround is the result of years of protected wildlife corridors and local communities working hand-in-hand with conservationists to protect the big cats. With tiger numbers now increasing, more encounters between tigers and nearby villages are leaving experts asking how people and wildlife can safely share the same land going forward.

The children made the following links between this week's news story and our school vision:



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



It highlights **Rule of Law** because protected areas help keep people and wildlife safe, and allow them to share the land.

Mutual Respect and Tolerance is shown by respecting the needs of both people and wildlife.



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

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- God wants us to look after the world He made. The people of Nepal worked together to keep tigers safe and protect their homes.
- Because people cared for the tigers for many years, there are now lots more tigers living in Nepal. This shows they have helped the tigers to grow and flourish.
- The local community and wildlife experts worked as a team and encouraged each other to help the tigers.

In our Celebration Worship we have said "congratulations" to children impressing their teachers by living out our school vision. I was delighted to hand out vision certificates to Leo (Bears), Radu (Giraffes), Rory (Elephants), Khizr (Tigers) and Kristos (Lions).

Lunchtime Award Winners: Ismail (Lions) and Eesah (Lions)

Golden Welly: Haniya (Lions)

Well done to ALL classes who have received attendance certificate of the week for attendance over 95% and a huge congratulations to Tigers for 100%!!



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.



Bears: Evie for excellent determination with her tripod grip and ensuring her writing patterns are consistent.

Giraffes: Jerome for excellent posture when writing - in all subjects!

Elephants: Arthur for his determination to do better with his handwriting. He is trying hard with his pencil hold and checks this before he writes every time. Keep it up Arthur, you are doing great!

Tigers: Phoenix for his handwriting following the new rules - showing good posture, pencil grip and letter formation.

Lions: Hunter for his perseverance and effort in handwriting this week.

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
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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>.