



St Luke's C E First School

Friday 9th
October
2026

Dates for your Diary

October

Tuesday 13th –
Tigers Class trip
to Bishops Wood

Wednesday 14th
– Lions Sporthall
Athletics

Friday 16th – St
Luke's Day /
Grandparents
Day

20th & 21st
October –
Parents Evenings

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.

This week started with 100% attendance for the whole school on Monday – well done to everyone! Let's hope we can see a few more 100% days in the coming weeks.

This week, we have loved seeing so many of you riding your bikes and scooters to school. This is great for wellbeing and for the environment if you have chosen to cycle rather than come in the car or on the bus!

We have enjoyed our first 'work with me' session of the year with our Elephants class – thank you to all the family members who joined us for this, we hope you enjoyed it. We've also enjoyed more learning about Black History month and extra OPAL play today for world mental health day.

Mrs Bird is busy in the office arranging parent's evening appointments – please make sure you sign up for this so the staff have the opportunity to share important information about your child.

Next week is also busy with Year 3 out on a visit to Bishops Wood, Year 4 at a sporting event and our annual St Luke's Day celebration!

Attendance:

Our year to date attendance is: **97.5%**

This week's attendance:



Bears	Giraffes	Elephants	Tigers	Lions	Whole School
100%	93.45%	99.31%	97.42%	100%	97.93%



Cycle to School Week

What an incredible week we're having! 🚲 There have been 27 children who have cycled, scooted, or skated to school during Cycle to School week 2026, and we're absolutely thrilled to see some adults joining in on the fun too!

Hello Yellow – Mental Health

Today, we have been a sea of yellow as we have celebrated world mental health day! All classes have taken part in a range of wellbeing activities, including extra OPAL play on the field. Please see Class Dojo posts for more information about what your child's class have been up to!



Work with Me Sessions – Elephants

Thank you to everyone who joined Year 2 on Monday for their first 'work with me' session of the year! The children loved working alongside you in school!

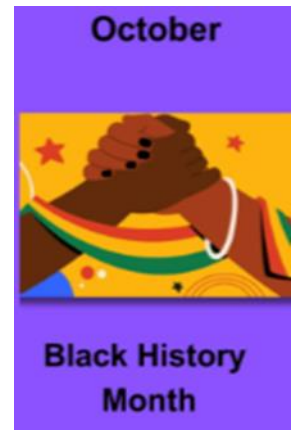
We look forward to welcoming Tigers and Lions parents to school next week and we will look to rearrange the Giraffes session as soon as possible.



Black History Month

Throughout October, we are celebrating Black History Month across our school. Children have been enjoying stories written by Black authors and will be learning about the lives and achievements of inspirational Black people from the past and present.

Through these activities, we aim to celebrate Black history, culture and achievements while promoting equality, respect and inclusion throughout our school community.



Lions Gorcott Hill Forest School

Our Year 4 children have had an amazing day today enjoying learning outside at Gorcott Hill forest school!



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!



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 continued telling the Bible in a year. We shared the story of *A Tall Tower*, which is about a group of people who became so proud of what they could do that they began to forget about God. We thought about how it is good to be proud of something we have achieved. God gives us gifts and talents, and He wants us to use them. But there is a difference between being pleased with what we have done and thinking we are better than everyone else

Reflection:

What are you good at?

*Who has helped you to become good at it?
How could you use your gifts to help someone else?
How can we make sure we don't become too proud?
Why is it important to remember God?*

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 Aroosh (Bears), Taha (Giraffes), Zach (Elephants) and Minsa (Tigers).

Lunchtime Award Winners: Hunter (Lions) and Haaniya (Tigers)

Golden Welly: Zach (Elephants)

Well done to Elephants and Tigers classes who have received attendance certificates of the week for attendance over 95% - and congratulations to **Bears and Lions for a fabulous 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: James for his perseverance with pencil hold – well done!

Giraffes: Florence for beautiful handwriting and her excellent posture. She has excellent pencil grip and is forming all of her letters correctly. Flossy's writing is a joy to read!

Elephants: Victoria for persevering with her handwriting. She is trying her hardest to start her letters at the correct place and she is using the lines to guide her in her English book well. Keep it up Victoria!

Tigers: Ewan for his amazing handwriting and posture!

Lions: As our Lions have been out on a school trip today, there is no star of the 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



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

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