



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.

Message from Ms Iwanicki

9th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a great start to the day with our fabulous Pancake Breakfast. The children loved the food and our wonderful PFA members did a fantastic job preparing the breakfast for everyone. Thank you to all of our PFA helpers who sold tickets, washed hands, chopped fruit and made pancakes. It was a truly wonderful end to this half term.



This week we started Gardening Club in school and the children were helping to prepare the beds for planting and put down new bark to stop the weeds growing on the paths. Thank you to Mrs Wickham for setting up our new lunchtime clubs and to our volunteers for coming in.

On Tuesday, Winter Class treated us to delightful assembly all about the history of two contrasting localities. The children shared their learning on Mexico and our local area, topped off with an original song from Mr Leng. The children did a fantastic job and spoke and sang confidently. Thank you everyone who was able to join us in school.



Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful staff team for all their hard work and dedication to the children this half term.

Wishing you all a restful half term break,

Ms J Iwanicki
Headteacher

John 14:17 "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

Spring Class



This week in Spring Class, we have been learning about 2D shapes and patterns. The children have practised describing and making things with shapes and they made some amazing animals along with other creations. They also used chalk to practise drawing shapes outside to decorate our playground. We have also been reading 'The Hospital Dog' by Julia Donaldson and the children wrote some wonderful get well cards for Dot. Outdoors, we have built a restaurant and the children worked together to serve their customers.



Summer Class



This week in Summer class, we explored how Jewish people worship in a synagogue and how the Torah is kept. In Maths, we are looking at money, investigating amounts that can be made from two coins. Meanwhile in PHSE, we looked at what personal information is and how to stay safe online. We continued to build the houses for the three little pigs using a range of different materials in Science.



Autumn Class



This week in English, we have continued to read captivating biographies of remarkable animals, igniting our imaginations as we craft our own fantastical creatures and narratives. In RE, our focus has been on vows during Hindu wedding ceremonies. Working collaboratively in groups, the children have created their own vows that are both kind and thoughtful. Additionally, they've been thoroughly engaged in creating music with the ukuleles and ultimately, enjoyed this unit of Music.



Winter Class



At the beginning of the week in Winter Class, we were preparing for our assembly. Children practiced hard, learning and reciting their lines and projecting their voices in speech and song. We hope our audience enjoyed it as much as we did. In English, we have been writing our own fantasy narratives based on characters from Howl's Moving Castle. We have also been continuing our work in our RE unit on Sikhism, discovering more about the first five Sikh Gurus and their influence on Sikh scripture, the langar and Sikh weddings.



Golden Book

Spring Class

Arion for excellent focus on reading and writing activities.

Lina for great listening and working well with a partner.

Summer Class

Mohsen for his positive attitude towards learning.

Allegra for working enthusiastically in Maths this week.

Autumn Class

Jahan for his hard work in Maths this week by multiplying and dividing decimal numbers.

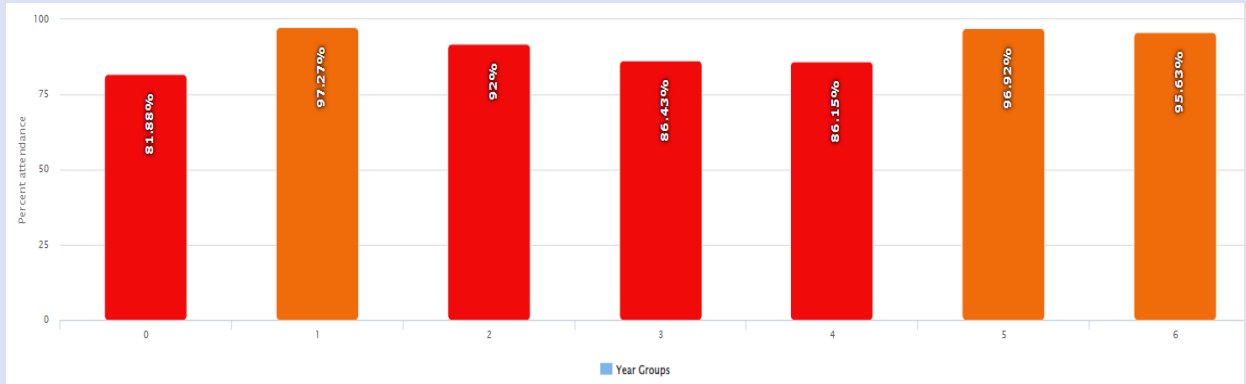
Kian for his fantastic writing in English this week.

Winter Class

Olivia for her thoughtful contributions during our RE unit on Sikhism.

Anthony for the excellent example he has continued to set throughout this half-term.

Weekly Attendance



Best year group this week
Year 1
with
97.27%

Happy Birthday



Iuliia in Spring Class

Ivy in Summer Class

Sarah in Summer Class

Dates for Diary 2023

Term dates are on the school website. Additions are in blue; Changes are in red.

8 th January	INSET DAY
9 th January	Start of Spring Term
10 th January	RSE Parents meeting on Zoom
12 th January	African Drumming Workshop
w/c 15 th January	RSE Lessons for Year 5 & 6
16 th January	Year 3 & 4 out at Apollo Music Concert
17 th January	2:30pm Spring Start of Term Service
29 th January	History Week
31 st January	Y5/6 Sports Match
1 st February	LDBS Service
2 nd February	History Dress-up Day
5 th February	Fluoride Treatment
6 th February	Winter Class Assembly
6 th February	E-Safety Day
6 th February	8:45am PFA Selling Pancake Breakfast Tickets
9 th February	PFA Pancake Breakfast
12 th – 16 th February	Half-Term
21 st February	Y5/6 Sports Match
27 th February	Autumn Class Assembly
29 th February	Big Sing at All Souls Church



Update from the PFA

So far this year we've raised an amazing £2,257 for the school. This will go to supporting the school and funding enrichment activities for the children. Thank you for all your support so far.

We have lots of future events planned including the following and are always looking for volunteers.

Date	Event	Volunteers needed
9 February	Pancake day	Volunteers needed to heat up pancakes, serve children and supervise children in playground
6 March	Uniform sale	Volunteers needed to set out uniform and take payment
Summer term (TBC)	Summer fete	Lots of ways to get involved! Please get in touch if you would like to find out more.

Please email Emma at pfa@stlukesschool.org.uk to get involved.

Give your child the best start in life – every school day counts.



At St Luke’s we believe that all children deserve an education of the highest quality in order to flourish and enjoy a life filled with meaning and purpose. To support us with this, we ask parents to ensure their children are in school and on time every day. The school gates are open at 8:50am and children should be in their classrooms to be registered at 9:00am. The latest statutory guidance for schools, **Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023**, has a specific paragraph addressing children who are absent from school.

Children who are absent from education

175. Children being absent from education for prolonged periods and/or on repeat occasions can act as a vital warning sign to a range of safeguarding issues including neglect, child ... exploitation - particularly county lines. It is important the school or college’s response to persistently absent pupils and children missing education supports identifying such abuse, and in the case of absent pupils, helps prevent the risk of them becoming a child missing education in the future. This includes when problems are first emerging but also where children are already known to local authority children’s social care and need a social worker (such as a child who is a child in need or who has a child protection plan, or is a looked after child), where being absent from education may increase known safeguarding risks within the family or in the community.

Our **whole school attendance target is 96%** which allows for 8 days of illness over the year.

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed
95% Attendance	9 Days of Absence 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed
90% Attendance	19 Days of Absence 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed
85% Attendance	28 Days of Absence 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed
80% Attendance	38 Days of Absence 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed
75% Attendance	46 Days of Absence 9 weeks and 1 Day of Learning Missed