



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

6th September 2024

Message from Ms Iwanicki

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to have the children back in school again this week and they are all settling in well to their new classes. Next week, we will welcome our new reception cohort in to school. For the first two weeks the children will stay for the mornings only, building up to full days from 23rd September. Although places for our Reception Class were initially allocated back in April, we have had a couple of families take up places at private schools over the summer holidays, which means some places have recently become available. We hope to fill them over the coming weeks, but if you are aware of families who are looking for a place please feel free to direct them to the school office.

Next Wednesday, we will hold our start of term service in church. Parents are welcome to join us for this service and we look forward to seeing many of you there at 2:30pm in St Luke's Church.

On Monday 9th September at 10:30am I will be hosting a Secondary School Transition Meeting for parents of Year 5 and 6 children. This meeting will take place over Zoom and a link will be sent out separately.

Finally, I would like to remind parents that they can continue to support our school via our annual donation scheme. This request is completely voluntary and you are under no obligation to pay anything. On the other hand, we understand that some parents may wish to contribute more than the suggested amount, which we would happily accept and will be a great help in maintaining our lovely school, and creating an incredible learning environment for all of our children.

More information can be found further on in this week's newsletter and donations can be made under the 'Annual Donation' tab on Parent Pay <https://app.parentpay.com/public/client/security/v2/#/login>

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful start to the new term and I look forward to seeing the children continue to grow and flourish throughout this new academic year.

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Ms Iwanicki
Headteacher

"I am with you always, even to the end of time." Matthew 28:20

Dates for Diary 2024

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

W/C 9 th	Reception Children start and collected at 12pm
9 th September	Secondary Transfer Zoom Meeting at 10.30am
11 th September	Start of Term service in Church at 2.30pm
20 th September	Class Curriculum Newsletters to parents
W/C 16 th	Reception Children collected at 1pm
17 th September	Early Reading Parents Meeting at 4.30pm
25 th September	E Safety Meeting
W/C 23 rd September	Reception Children all day
9 th October 2:30pm	Harvest Festival in Church
18 th October	St Luke's Day
28 th – 31 st October	Half Term



Birthdays



Oriana in Winter Class

School Clubs Autumn 2024-2025

	<u>Mondays</u>	<u>Tuesdays</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursdays</u>	<u>Fridays</u>
		<u>Chess KS2</u> 12.00 to 12.30pm <u>Chess KS1</u> 12.30 to 1pm 16 th Jan – 19 th March £7 per session		<u>Music Choir</u> Lunchtime Thursdays FREE	
	<u>3.30pm – 4.30pm</u>	<u>3.30pm – 4.30pm</u>	<u>3.30pm – 4.30pm</u>	<u>3.30pm – 4.30pm</u>	<u>3:30pm – 4:30pm</u>
<u>Year:</u> <u>1, 2, 3</u> <u>& 4</u>		<u>Multi-Sports 1-4</u> 10 th Sept – 10 th Dec £97.50 Coach Tariq	<u>Mandarin Club</u> 11 th Sept – 11 th Dec £3 per session Miss Butler	<u>Adventurers KS1</u> 12 th Sept – 12 th Dec Church – Josh £10	<u>Tech Club (KS1 & KS2)</u> 13 th Sept – 13 th Dec £144 Sam
<u>Year:</u> <u>5/6</u>	<u>Karate KS2</u> 9 th Sept – 9 th Dec £90 (paid direct) Coach Craig			<u>Multi-Sports 5-6</u> 12 th Sept – 12 th Dec £97.50	



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SLS Voluntary Donations

Dear Parents and Carers,

There is always lots to do as we continue to improve our school, but with support from our staff, governors and our dedicated parent body we will ensure that St Luke's is the best school it can be for our children. It is in this spirit of support that I am writing to ask for your help.

During our last redevelopment project, we were able to refurbish the children's toilet areas and the internal office areas. Such larger scale projects are always difficult to plan for on such a small school budget, but ensuring the children have a well-maintained and pleasant environment to come to each day, is incredibly important.

If you have not already done so, we would be incredibly grateful if you could agree to make an annual voluntary contribution of £40 for each child in the school. This would greatly assist in ensuring we continue to sustain and even enhance the high standards of provision at the school.

As a free school, St Luke's gets its funding directly from the Education and Skills Funding Agency and this enables us to choose our own providers for many services and get the best possible value for our school. However, funding is based on pupil numbers and as a small, half-form entry school we receive one of the smallest budgets in London to provide the same educational experiences that all children deserve. The school has processes in place to deliver value for money when procuring goods or services and the Governing Board review all contracts each year. We are well used to making our money go a long way!

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We thank you again and greatly appreciate all your valuable contributions to the school in terms of time, effort, and support.

Kind regards,

Ms J Iwanicki

Headteacher