



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.

13th September 2024

Message from Ms Iwanicki

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been our first full week back at school this week and our children are getting back into their normal routines. This week we welcomed back Coach Tariq for our P.E. lessons and Mr Dano for our music lessons. Unfortunately, Ms Shepperd had an accident at the end of the summer holidays and will need a little time to recuperate but she is getting better and is looking forward to joining us again very soon. Mr Dano has covered our music classes before, and is familiar with our children, and will also be running the choir until Ms Shepperd returns. It was wonderful to see lots of parents at our start of term service this week. The children did a fantastic job reading their class prayers and bible reading and it was a lovely way to start our new school year. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us in church.

Thank you also to parents in Winter Class who joined me for our Secondary Transition Meeting this week. Choosing their secondary school can be a daunting task, but I hope our meeting has helped you on that journey. If you are attending any open days with your child or if they are sitting any exams, please notify the school so we can ensure the correct code goes into the register.

At 10:00am on Tuesday 17th September Mrs Wickham will be hosting a Zoom meeting on 'Phonics and Reading at Home'. A link will be sent out next week and I would encourage parents of all aged children to attend.

This week we hosted our Tuesday staff meeting at West End Lane Bookshop. Each year our wonderful PFA give each class teacher £100 to purchase high quality texts for their classes. It's such a delight to be able to restock our class libraries each year and we are incredibly grateful to our PFA volunteers and all the fundraising they do for our school.

Don't forget we will be hosting our first PFA meeting of the year at 9:00am on Wednesday 18th September in the school hall. We hope to see lots of new faces at the meeting where we will appoint our new Class Representatives.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Ms J Iwanicki
Headteacher

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1

Spring Class



This week has been an excellent first week in Spring Class for our newest children at St Luke's. It has been great to see them settling in quickly, and getting to know their new friends. They have begun to learn St Luke's Golden Rules and our daily prayers, and have been keen to listen and speak in whole class activities. In their self guided activities, children have been drawing, painting, playing families and superheroes. Outdoors, they have been very active making obstacle courses, digging, chasing and playing football. Excitingly, they also got to try out the slide.



Summer Class



In Summer Class, the children have settled into the new year with a positive and enthusiastic attitude. In English, we read 'A Squash and a Squeeze' by Julia Donaldson and created a story map to sequence the key events. We also discussed how to stay safe online and elected our school councillors. We are excited to see what the new school year brings us.



Autumn Class



This week in Autumn class, we have been reading 'The Heart and the Bottle' by Oliver Jeffers. The children have shown a great deal of maturity while discussing the range of emotions the character experiences in the book. We also had lots of fun in English creating our own 'Very Bad Awful Day' scenarios. In Art this week, we have been using our fine motor skills to create tie-dye socks. The children carefully considered which primary and secondary colours would produce their desired outcomes. Our colourful washing line displays how successful they all were!



Winter Class



In Winter Class this week, we have been working on our English unit of classic fiction by writing dialogue in narratives. In Maths, we have been revising place value and column addition for numbers up to 1 million. We have started our Ancient Greece Topic by researching facts on modern Greece. To start our year, we completed some team-building exercises including using a variety of materials at our disposal to make floatable boats. We have also elected our school councillors, which proved to be a difficult task due to the high quality of all candidates.



Golden Book

Spring Class

Francesco for great listening and wonderful tidying.

Aiyana for great focus during whole class and independent activities.

Summer Class

George for showing our golden rules and being a great role model to his classmates.

Marco for his positive attitude towards all the tasks this week.

Autumn Class

Freddie for your great ideas and effort in English this week.

Francesca for showing our golden rules and being a great role model.

Winter Class

Lily-Rose for making great contributions across all lessons this week.

Zain for setting a fantastic example at the start of Year 6.

SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

Year 6 Delisa

Year 5 Leon

Year 4 Zara

Year 3 Grayson

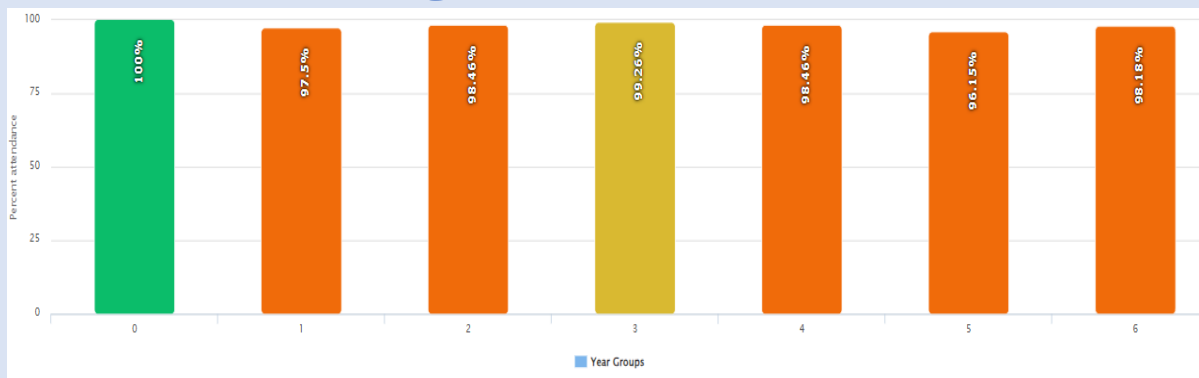
Year 2 George

Year 1 Robyn

Reception Kai

Reception Laura

Weekly Attendance



Best year group this week

★ Reception ★
with
100%



Happy Birthday



Domenic in Spring Class

Anna in Summer Class

Caylawit in Winter Class

Olivia in Winter Class

After-School Timetable

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	



St Luke's PFA meeting on 18th September 9am in the school hall.

The new school year is here, and we need your help! We are actively recruiting new members to the committee.

The PFA raises vital funds to help support our small school throughout the school year. Items funded by the PFA each year include class reading books; SATs revision books; sports day medals; contributions to school trips and events; Year 6 leavers books; the school Christmas Tree; decorations for the Christmas Lunch; and Easter prizes.

Last year the PFA organised summer and Christmas fairs, uniform sales, a cupcake bake-off, an Easter hunt and a pancake breakfast to raise these vital funds. None of our events could happen without our wonderful team of parent volunteers.

Please come along and find out more. If you cannot attend the AGM, and would like to get involved, please send an email to pfa@stlukesschool.org.uk. We would love to hear from you.

Dates for Diary 2024

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

W/C 9th	Reception Children start and collected at 12pm
9 th September	Secondary Transfer Zoom Meeting at 10.30am
11th September	Start of Term service in Church at 2.30pm
16 th September	Class Curriculum Newsletters to parents
W/C 16 th	Reception Children collected at 1pm
17 th September	Early Reading Parents Meeting at 10am
18 th September	PFA Meeting in School Hall at 9:00am
25 th September	E Safety Meeting via Zoom at 10:30am
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 October – 1 st November	Half-Term
4 th November	INSET DAY

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 2024**, 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