



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.

27th September 2024

Message from Ms Iwanicki

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all managed to avoid the rain and stay dry today. This morning we dried out a few socks and shoes on the radiators, but if you wish to put spare socks in your child's bag on rainy days like this, it may help your child feel a little more comfortable when they get into class.

Thank you to our PFA volunteers for holding the second hand uniform sale this week. Reusing pre-loved clothing is a great way for us all to help look after our environment and it also helps raise funds for our school. Thursday's sale raised a total of £84. Please also remember if you would like to join one of our class WhatsApp groups please send your details to pfa@stlukesschool.org.uk

Our PFA have also signed us up to the 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. Every time you shop with Asda 0.5% of the value of your shop will be donated to the PFA. More information on how to register can be found further on in this week's newsletter and also in information sent out separately today. Thank you to all our PFA helpers for their continued support.

Last week we sent out a letter calling for Parent Governor nominations. Our governors play a vital role in ensuring our children have the best possible outcomes and are responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership. If you would like to know more about becoming a Parent Governor, please feel free to contact me via the school office or email our Chair at governors@stlukesschool.org.uk

Next week, we will begin collecting goods for our Harvest Festival. This year we will be donating items to our good friends at Fortune Green PACE, where many of our children will have gone to nursery, or who still attend their after school play centre. PACE runs its own food bank which supports local families and suggestions of items to donate can be found further on in this weeks newsletter.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Ms J Iwanicki
Headteacher

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Romans 12:12

Spring Class



This week in Spring Class, we have been reading 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. The children have done a great job of acting out the story as well as discussing the emotions that the owls feel in the story, and why. They have done some excellent drawings of their favourite parts of the story and made owl masks. We have also been learning counting songs and practising 1-1 counting in a range of situations. I have been really impressed by how the children have adapted to the longer days this week, well done to them all.



Summer Class



This week in Summer Class, we wrote different types of sentences: statements, questions, and exclamations. In RE, we explored the meaning behind Jesus' words, 'Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.' In History, we examined how toys have changed over time by comparing the toys we play with to those our parents and grandparents might have played with. In Maths, we continued to work on Place Value and counting in 10s.



Autumn Class



This week in Autumn Class, the children have been working on writing about different emotions. They've shown great creativity by using vivid similes and metaphors to bring their descriptions to life. The rich, evocative language they've chosen has truly enhanced their writing, making their work both expressive and powerful. In Maths, we've started exploring addition and subtraction, revisiting our number bonds to strengthen understanding. In topic, we have been creating persuasive slogans encouraging people to travel to the seaside by train.



Winter Class



In Winter Class this week, our writing has involved creating narratives in the style of Kipling's 'Just So' stories. In Maths, we have been revising different methods of subtraction. We have worked on the Greek alphabet as part of our Topic, for a class display. Children have also used their knowledge of Greek myths in music, using them to write raps. In RE, we have been studying the sacrament of baptism. As it is E-Safety week, our Computing work has involved understanding the rules to follow to keep ourselves safe online.



Golden Book

Spring Class

Matilda for working well with her classmates and independently.

Tristan for great perseverance with a range of activities.

Summer Class

Ignacy for his great effort in Guided Reading.

Myla for working collaboratively with her partner.

Autumn Class

Zayn for his great use of evocative language in English this week.

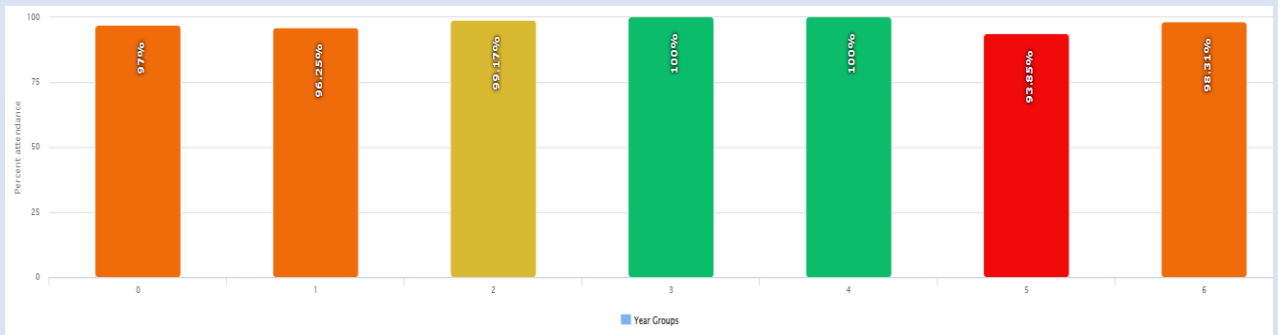
Raphaelle for her wonderful ideas creating effective similes and metaphors to use in her writing.

Winter Class

Oriana for some excellent work in writing classic fiction this week.

Caylawit for her hard work in editing and improving her writing.

Weekly Attendance



Best year group this week
Year 3 and Year 4



with
100%



Happy Birthday



Robyn in Summer Class

Aryan in Autumn Class

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SLS Harvest Appeal 2024



Play, Adventure & Community Enrichment

Fortune Green Foodbank

- Tinned foods for cooking
- Healthy children's snacks e.g. bars/rice cakes
- Nappies (bigger sizes please!)
- Toilet roll
- Washing powder /liquid

***Please place all donations in the box outside church
at school drop off or pick up.***

Thank you for your generosity!

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
11 th September	Start of Term service in Church at 2.30pm
W/C 16th September	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
20 th September	Class Curriculum Newsletters to parents
W/C 23rd September	Reception Children in all day
25 th September	E Safety Meeting via Zoom at 10:30am
2 nd October	Autumn Class Science Museum trip
9 th October	Harvest Festival in Church at 2:30pm
11 th October	Autumn Class CLC trip
18 th October	St Luke's Day
28 th October – 1 st November	Half-Term
4 th November	INSET DAY
27 th November	St Luke's Parent Coffee Morning
W/C 21 st October	Maths week

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	

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