



# St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

*Educating through faith, hope and love.*

**18<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

## Message from Ms Iwanicki

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to wish you all a happy St Luke's Day! To celebrate this in school the children have been learning facts about St Luke and have been creating pieces of art inspired by his work. They have created stained glass windows, printed symbols, made illuminated initials and studied the use of colour.



Don't forget that we will be celebrating Maths week in school and on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, we will be taking part in the Silver Trail. Please bring in any spare silver coins that you are happy to donate to the PFA. Finally, on an important note, please remember that St Luke's CE School is a nut-free environment and some of our children can have extreme reactions if they are ever exposed to nuts. Please ensure any snacks brought in to school to be eaten before clubs are either fruits, vegetables or bread-based items and check all ingredients to ensure there are no traces of nuts.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Ms J Iwanicki  
Headteacher

*Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you." Luke 18:42*

### Spring Class



To celebrate St Luke's Day in Spring Class, we learnt about St Luke and found out how to make stained glass windows. The children handled materials that are used to make stained glass windows, and looked at pictures of a workshop that made stained glass. They explored making collages with translucent materials and chose shapes and colours that they liked. We have also been taking turns to play Maths and Literacy games, and worked really hard to form letters correctly.



### Summer Class



This week in Summer Class, we explored what Jesus meant by: 'Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil'. We discussed why it is important to make the right choices. In Science, we identified and named a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. In History, we explored and compared children's book illustrations across the 20th and 21st centuries.



## Autumn Class



This week, Autumn class has been busy creating illuminated letters to celebrate St. Luke's Day. The children have shown great dedication in sketching, colouring, and using gold paint pens to design their own beautiful illuminated letters. In our topic lessons, we have been learning about people from coastal towns by examining a 1901 census. The children have used this historical resource to gather information and answer questions about the lives of people from that time. In Maths, we have been practicing our multiplication skills and exploring how the rules of multiplication can support our understanding of division.



## Winter Class



In Winter Class this week, we put our understanding of the classification of living things to practical use by visiting Hampstead Heath and collecting a variety of leaves. We used them to create our own classification keys. Our Maths work has involved using multiples and factors, to advance our understanding of fractions. In English, we have been studying the features of biographies. In RE, we have studied both Christian and secular marriage ceremonies, whilst we have commemorated St Luke's Day through using press print tiles and rollers to create patterns of the symbols of the saints.



# Golden Book

### Spring Class

**Mark** for great engagement in all activities and communication with his classmates.

**Tristan** for excellent work in phonics and literacy.

### Summer Class

**Akinola** for working collaboratively with his partner.

**Anna** for her enthusiasm and contribution in Phonics.

### Autumn Class

**Roman** for his hard work in maths this week.

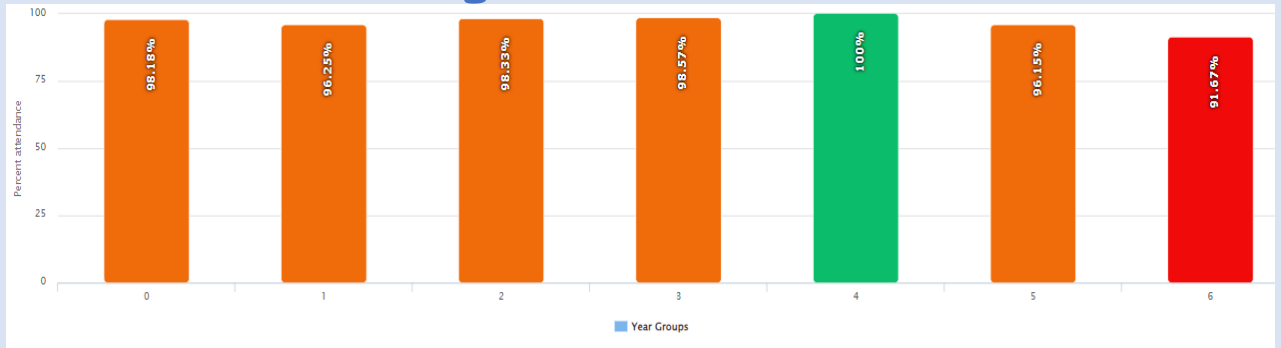
**Uzziah** for his enthusiasm and effort creating illuminated letters this week.

### Winter Class

**Emiliana** for developing confidence and independence in Maths work.

**Olivia** for her positive approach to all tasks at school.

# Weekly Attendance



Best year group this week

**Year 4**

with  
100%



# Happy Birthday



## Arion in Summer Class

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## Dates for Diary 2024

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

<del>W/C 9<sup>th</sup></del>	<del>Reception Children start and collected at 12pm</del>
9 <sup>th</sup> September	Secondary Transfer Zoom Meeting at 10.30am
11 <sup>th</sup> September	Start of Term service in Church at 2.30pm
<del>W/C 16<sup>th</sup> September</del>	<del>Reception Children collected at 1pm</del>
17 <sup>th</sup> September	Early Reading Parents Meeting at 10am
18 <sup>th</sup> September	PFA Meeting in School Hall at 9:00am
20 <sup>th</sup> September	Class Curriculum Newsletters to parents
<del>W/C 23<sup>rd</sup> September</del>	<del>Reception Children in all day</del>
25 <sup>th</sup> September	E Safety Meeting via Zoom at 10:30am
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Autumn Class Science Museum trip
9 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival in Church at 2:30pm
11 <sup>th</sup> October	Autumn Class CLC trip
18 <sup>th</sup> October	St Luke's Day
W/C 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Maths week
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Silver Trail
28 <sup>th</sup> October – 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Half-Term
4 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET DAY
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual School Photographs
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day – Winter Class
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccinations
27 <sup>th</sup> November	St Luke's Parent Coffee Morning

# 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

## HALF-TERM CHILDREN'S WORKSHOPS



Get creative this half term with our artist-led workshops for 5-12 year-olds. From puppetry to animation, there's something for everyone.

### HAUNTED HOUSE LANTERNS

Tuesday 29 October

Make a haunted house lantern and join an eerie procession through the Museum.

### SPOOKY SHADOW ANIMATION

Wednesday 30 October

Create your own scary shadow puppet then use lightboxes to tell a haunted animated story.

### MOVING MONSTERS

Thursday 31 October

Make a moving puppet monster so you can scare your family and friends!

### HALLOWEEN HAND PUPPETS

Friday 1 November

Craft a spooky hand puppet from felt and act out a ghostly story in the Halloween puppet theatre.



**Foundling  
Museum**

Workshops run 11am-1pm & 2-4pm | Tickets Free-£10

Tickets & enquiries: [foundlingmuseum.org.uk/whats-on](https://www.foundlingmuseum.org.uk/whats-on)



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