



# St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

*Educating through faith, hope and love.*

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

## Message from Ms Iwanicki

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting end to the half term we have had here at St Luke's! The children and adults have thoroughly enjoyed Maths week, solving problems and investigations. In Winter Class, the children have had a range of visitors to discuss how they use Maths in their working life. Martha discussed how she uses weights and measurements to calculate her recipes; Mr Rashid shared how he uses mathematics within his research; and I shared how we budget for the school year. We must also say a huge thank you to Mr Clark, one of our parents, for coming into school and sharing his mathematical work with the class.

On Tuesday, the children took part in the Silver Trail. Each class lined up their coins and calculated how much money they collected and measured their line of coins. Our outright winner was Winter Class whose line measured over 19m and who raised over £111. Each class did tremendously well and we managed to raise an incredible £342.46 in total. All proceeds have been donated to our PFA.

This week, the children have been creating their Christmas cards as part of Art Projects for Schools. After half term, we will send out information on how to order Christmas cards and wrapping paper with your child's design on. Please note there will only be a short window for orders so please look out for information in the first week back. Finally, I would just like to say a huge thank you to all of our staff for their ongoing hard work and dedication to the children and wish you all a restful half term break. We look forward to the children returning to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Best wishes,

Ms J Iwanicki  
Headteacher

*In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, LORD, make me dwell in safety. Psalms 4:8*

### Spring Class



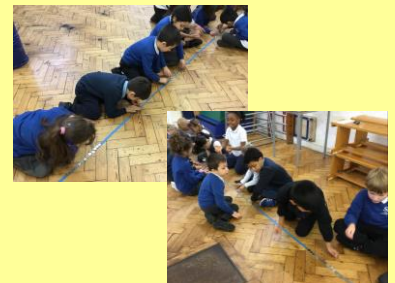
This week in Spring Class, our learning for Maths Week has centred on pets and pet shops. We read 'The Great Pet Sale' by Mick Inkpen, and created our own pet shops inside and outside. The children created price tags and labels for the animals they wanted to sell and took turns being shop keepers and customers. We used the pet shop to solve addition and subtraction problems, and we discussed how to look after our pets so that they are happy and healthy.



### Summer Class



This week in Summer Class, we had a fantastic start to Maths Week, diving into exciting mathematical activities and challenges! In RE, we explored different parts of the Lord's Prayer, reflecting on its meaning and significance. Meanwhile, in English, we focused on imperative verbs, learning how to use them to write clear and effective commands.



## Autumn Class



This week in English, Autumn class conducted surveys of our local area, specifically focusing on the playground. They recorded how this space serves us well and made thoughtful suggestions for improvements that could support our local wildlife. In Maths, our focus has been on money. The children worked systematically to tackle various money problems and had a fantastic time participating in the Silver Trail activity. In Design and Technology, the children have completed their toy cars, and their dedication and hard work are clearly evident in the final outcomes.



## Winter Class



It has been a busy week in Winter Class. We marked Maths Week with daily visits from mathematicians who told us about how they used maths in their jobs. We studied trade as part of our topic on Ancient Greece including examining coins from that period. We also looked at references to money in the Bible. We completed a variety of maths investigations involving budgeting for living expenses, calculating time and costings in the event of an emergency situation and using ratio and proportion to help us organise feeding a full class using a recipe for spanakopita which we then made (and ate) on Thursday.



# Golden Book

### Spring Class

**Camilla** for showing kindness and consideration to her classmates.

**Kai** for working hard on her writing independently.

### Summer Class

**Nefeli** for her great effort in English this week.

**Dante** for his contributions and enthusiasm in Guided Reading.

### Autumn Class

**Dorina** for her enthusiasm throughout Maths week.

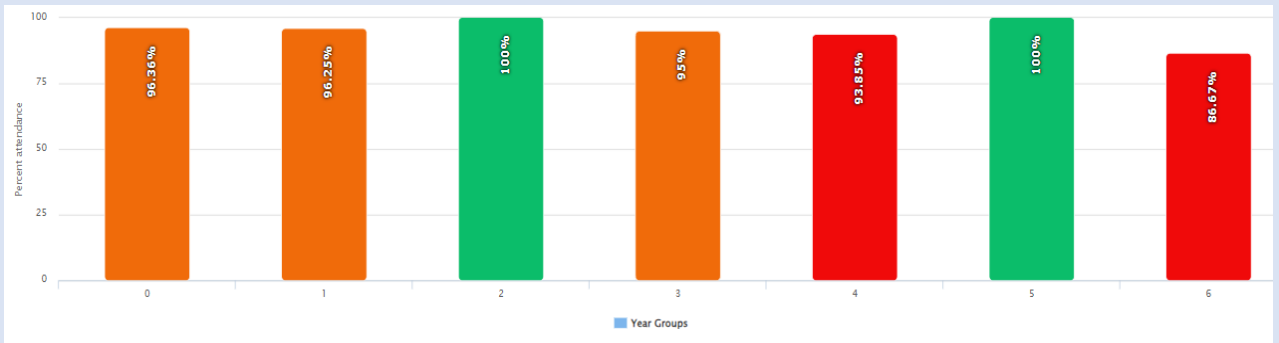
**Isaac** for great collaborative work this week in DT.

### Winter Class

**Lorenzo** for displaying deep thinking in maths investigations this week.

**Delisa** for her positivity and enthusiasm throughout the term.

# Weekly Attendance



Best year group this week  
**Year 2 and Year 5**

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100%

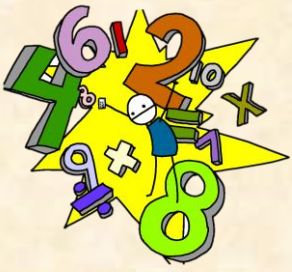


## Happy Birthday

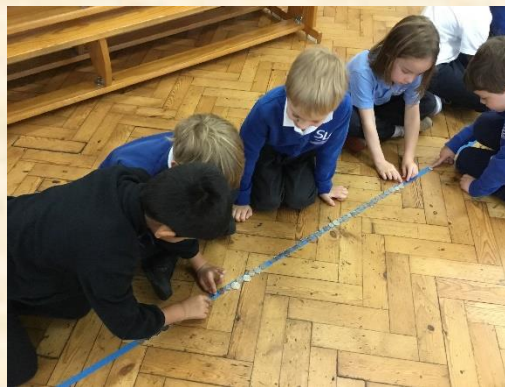
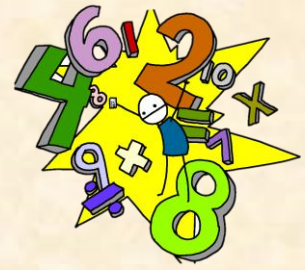


**Matilda in Spring Class**

**Ignacy in Summer Class**



# Maths Week



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## Dates for Diary 2024

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

~~W/C 9<sup>th</sup>~~ Reception Children start and collected at 12pm

~~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

~~W/C 16<sup>th</sup> September~~ Reception Children collected at 1pm

~~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

~~W/C 23<sup>rd</sup> September~~ Reception Children in all day

~~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

# BONFIRE NIGHT

YOU'RE INVITED TO

# BONFIRE NIGHT

THERE WILL BE A SHORT TALK FOLLOWED BY  
FOOD AND FUN FOR EVERYONE!

SATURDAY | ST. LUKE'S CHURCH  
NOVEMBER 9 | 12 KIDDERPORE AVE  
5:00-7:00 PM | NW3 7SU

SCAN THE QR CODE TO GET YOUR TICKET  
OR VISIT: [HTTPS://GUESTLI.ST/787746](https://guestli.st/787746)

£3 PER INDIVIDUAL  
£5 PER FAMILY



## 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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