



# St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

*Educating through faith, hope and love.*

**22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Message from Ms Iwanicki

We have had a very exciting week in school this week, as we have been voting in our new parent governors. Firstly, I would like to thank all the candidates for taking the time to put themselves forward for this vital role that provides strategic oversight for our school.

The elected candidates are: **Sharon Anderson** and **Rebecca Robinson**

Thank you also to everyone who voted, it just shows what a dedicated parent community we have here at St Luke's. It also gave us a great opportunity to discuss the voting process with our children and think about how a democracy works. Thank you also to Rev. Alistair for helping us count the votes. Details of the number of votes cast can be obtained on request from the school office.



Our hardworking PFA members have also been busy this week getting ready for our Christmas Fair on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November**. There are lots of ways parents can help by donating prizes and putting up posters, but the best way you can help is by donating some time on the day. If you can spare just an hour or so, please fill out the slip sent out on yesterday's letter or contact the PFA directly at [pfa@stlukesschool.org.uk](mailto:pfa@stlukesschool.org.uk)

On Tuesday, children in Summer Class shared their learning with us in their class assembly. Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us in school. It is always nerve wracking speaking in front of an audience, but the children did an amazing job reading their lines and singing their songs.

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

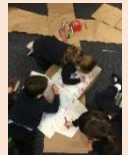
Ms J Iwanicki  
Headteacher

*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 1 Corinthians 13:4*

### Spring Class



This week in Spring Class we have been finding out about the problems that Kipper had when he tried to organise his birthday party, in 'Kipper's Birthday' by Mick Inkpen. We discussed what Kipper should have written on his birthday invitations, and wrote our own invitations to our friends. In Maths, we have been practising using the language of more and less in different situations, and we have been improving our cutting skills by cutting out story characters and making snowflakes. In phonics, we have been consolidating knowledge of the sounds and blending we have done so far as well as practising our first set of high frequency words. In R.E., we discussed what families do to prepare for a new baby.



### Summer Class



This week has been full of exciting activities and hard work in Summer Class! We started the week by preparing for our assembly. All the children worked incredibly hard to learn their lines and songs, and we hope everyone enjoyed the performance as much as we did! Alongside our assembly preparations, it's been assessment week, and the children have shown great effort and focus. In R.E., we explored how artists use light in their Nativity paintings, which sparked thoughtful discussions and creativity. Well done to everyone for their fantastic work this week!



## Autumn Class



This week, Autumn Class have been working very hard to complete their first assessments of the year. In Science, we have been investigating sound and took inspiration from the West End's Stomp to use everyday objects to create different sounds and blend them together. In R.E., we have been reflecting on what peace means to us, both internally and externally. The students generated some fantastic ideas to showcase their understanding.



## Winter Class



This week, Winter Class took part in the Camden Junior Citizenship Scheme. There was a carousel of activities learning about safety on public transport; how to spot fraudulent messages; keeping property safe including mobile phones; the dangers of drugs and alcohol; fire safety and first aid. It provided very helpful information for the children as they develop their independence. In school, we have been busy with assessments as well as practising for our class assembly next Tuesday. We will be performing drama and music on our Ancient Greek topic work. We look forward to seeing many of you there.



# Golden Book

### Spring Class

**Aiyana** for writing a great birthday party invitation.

**Matilda** for great work on reading sounds and blending.

### Summer Class

**Louie** for his great effort in Phonics.

**Aahil** for his positive attitude and thoughtful contributions in RE.

### Autumn Class

**Aryan** for his hard work all week completing assessments.

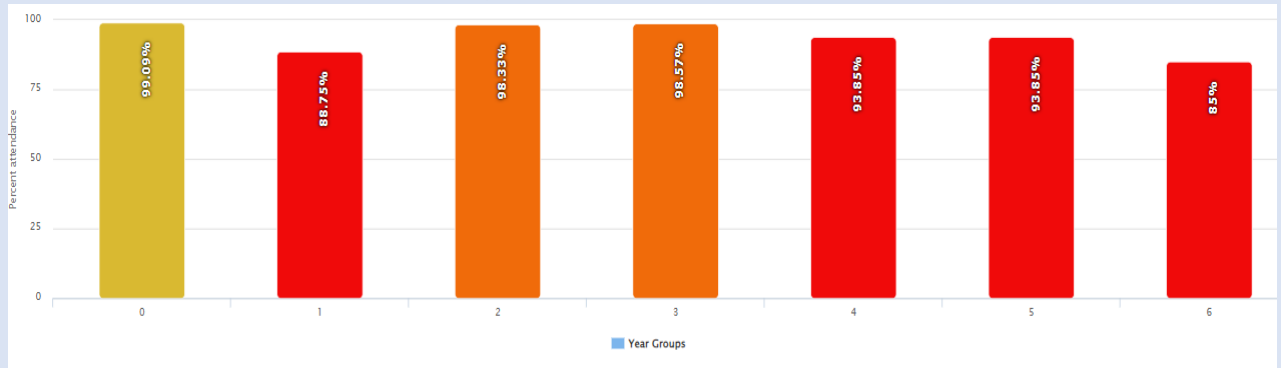
**Arden** for his contributions to class discussions.

### Winter Class

**Arhan** for continuing to work hard this week and every week.

**Keren** for maintaining a positive attitude to all challenges.

# Weekly Attendance



Best year group this week  
**Reception**  
With 99.09%



## Happy Birthday



**Arden in Autumn Class**

**Ava in Autumn Class**

**Henry in Autumn Class**

### Message from the Chair of Governors

Thank you so much to those who put their names forward as prospective parent governors and took the time to complete their candidate statements, and to all of you who voted. It has been wonderful to see our parent community so engaged and willing to support the school in this way. I very much look forward to welcoming Rebecca and Sharon onto the governing board and I hope that you will support them as they take up their roles. As a board we are passionate about our school and committed to ensuring the best possible outcomes for our pupils; Rebecca and Sharon will play vital roles in helping us to provide the accountability, oversight and strategic leadership for which the governing board is responsible.

Thank you again!





St Luke's CE School



# CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 30th November  
12:30 to 3:30pm

**£1**  
Per Child / £2 Adult  
or £5 Family ticket  
**Visit Santa £3**  
(includes a gift)

**Santa's Grotto - Mince Pies - Hot Chocolate - Raffle  
Tombola - Face Painting - Waffles - Mulled Wine - Pizza  
Biscuit Decorating - Festive Games and so much more!**

Volunteers needed! Please speak with your Class Rep if you can help out

Purchase your entrance tickets, raffle tickets, and Santa's Grotto, before and after school on Tues 26th/ Thurs 28th/ Fri 29th (or pay on the day).

## Dates for Diary 2024

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

<del>4<sup>th</sup> November</del>	<del>INSET DAY</del>
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual School Photographs
<del>11<sup>th</sup> November</del>	<del>Remembrance Day – Winter Class</del>
<del>13<sup>th</sup> November</del>	<del>Odd Socks Day</del>
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccinations
<del>19<sup>th</sup> November</del>	<del>Winter Class JCS Trip</del>
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Summer Class Assembly in hall 3:00pm
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Winter Class CLC Trip
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Winter Class Assembly
27 <sup>th</sup> November	St Luke's Parent Coffee Morning
30 <sup>th</sup> November	St Luke's Christmas Fair
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Autumn Class Assembly
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Parents Evening
11 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity in church 2:00pm
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Parents Evening
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Visiting Pantomime in School
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle Service 2:45pm
18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Service in church 6pm
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day and Lunch
20 <sup>th</sup> December	End Of Term – School Finishes at 1:30pm

# 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