



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.

29th November 2024

Message from Ms Iwanicki

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our PFA Christmas Elves have been busy getting everything ready for the Christmas Fair tomorrow. We have lots of stalls, food and games and some fantastic prizes for the raffle. We are also being joined by a very special visitor – Father Christmas! Santa's Grotto will be open for visitors and tickets cost £3 including a present from Santa himself. The Christmas Fair runs from 12:30-3:30pm with the raffle being called at 3:00pm. We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow.

On 10th and 12th December, we will be holding our Parents Consultation Evenings. A letter was emailed out yesterday explaining how to use Google Classrooms to book the appointment. If you would like to book an online appointment, please email the school office: office@stlukesschool.org.uk. A Zoom link for your meeting will be sent out to you nearer the time - we do not use Google Meet for Parent Consultations.

Christmas is a wonderful time at St Luke's and we have lots to celebrate. On 11th December, our KS1 and EYFS classes will be re-telling the Nativity story in St Luke's Church at 2:00pm and on 18th December, we will be holding our Carol Service in Church at 6:00pm. Its always lovely to see lots of parents at these events so we hope you will be able to join us there.

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Ms J Iwanicki
Headteacher

Do not judge others, and God will not judge you; do not condemn others, and God will not condemn you; forgive others, and God will forgive you. Luke 6:37

Spring Class



This week we have continued with the theme of Celebrations. We read 'A Year With Kipper' and learnt about the months of the year, and which month we were born in. In Maths, we have been practising writing numerals including the date that we were born on, and we have been playing games that help us to practise our numeracy. The children voted to make one of their favourite party foods in pizza, and did a great job mixing the dough and preparing the toppings. Preparations for our Nativity have started and the class are doing a great job of learning the songs.



Summer Class



This week, we explored measurement by comparing objects longer and shorter than 1 metre. We also began learning how to tell the time on both analogue and digital clocks, focusing on reading o'clock and half-past times. In English, we enjoyed reading 'The Little Red Hen' and put our creativity to the test by writing alternative endings. In Geography, we discovered the four countries of the United Kingdom and their surrounding seas, using atlases to enhance our map skills.



Autumn Class



This week in Autumn class, we have begun writing our own sequels to Grimwood. The children have been planning, editing, and writing, working very hard to create exciting beginnings for their stories. I look forward to reading their finished pieces next week. In Maths, we have been using our known multiplications to help us divide any 2-digit number and find remainders. The children have also been applying all of their knowledge from our topic and science lessons to create a script for our class assembly.



Winter Class



It has been a busy week for Winter Class. On Monday, we visited Camden Learning Centre to complete a range of computing activities focussed on coding BBC micro:bits for a range of uses. Many thanks to our parent volunteers for the help they gave in getting us safely to and from the venue. On Tuesday, we delivered our class assembly which focussed on our topic of the Ancient Greeks and we hope our audience enjoyed it. During English, this week, we have been working on a science fiction narrative based on 'Boy in the Tower' by Polly Ho Yen. In Maths, we have focussed on time problems. We have also worked on creating decorations for the Christmas fair.



Golden Book

Spring Class

Mark for being kind and helpful in class.

Emiko for showing great speaking and listening skills.

Summer Class

Klea for her thoughtful contributions in Guided Reading.

Noah for his great effort in Writing this week.

Autumn Class

Allegra for her fantastic ideas in English this week.

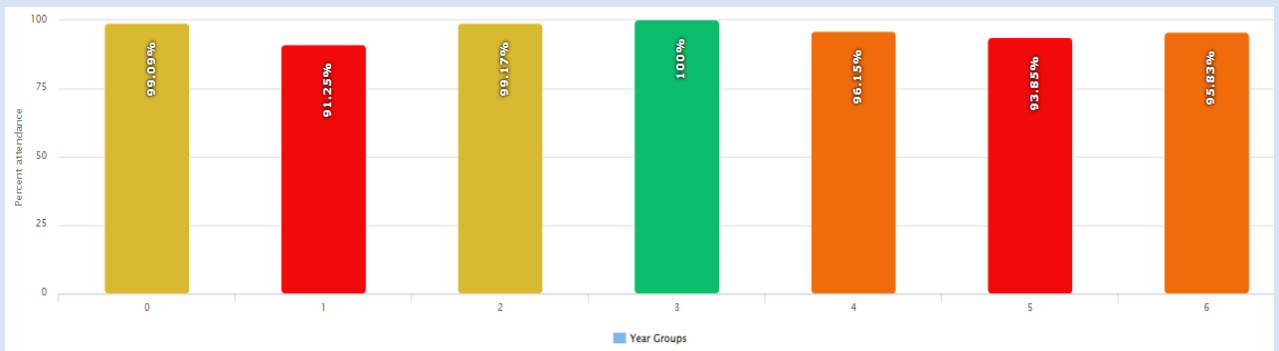
Sam for his enthusiasm and effort during Maths lessons.

Winter Class

Felix for his acting versatility when taking on a role in our assembly at the last minute.

Lily for her support for her classmates helping direct our school assembly.

Weekly Attendance



Best year group this week

Year 3



with
100%



Happy Birthday



Samuel in Autumn Class

Lily-Rose in Winter Class



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.

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