



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.

13th December 2024

Message from Ms Iwanicki



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas here at St Luke's. Our Christmas Fair was a great success with over a £1000 profit raised for the PFA - as well as being a fun event for the children. Thank you to all of our PFA volunteers and staff who helped on the day. Your commitment to helping the children and families of St Luke's is greatly appreciated.

On Wednesday, our KS1 and EYFS children performed their nativity play in church with a retelling of Jesus' birth through the eyes of the barn animals in the stable where he was born. The children did a tremendous job learning their lines and singing their songs so confidently. Not an easy feat in front of such a large audience! Thank you to our KS1 and EYFS staff for all their hard work putting the performance together.

This week, we also held our first parent consultation evenings of the year and it was wonderful to see so many families attend. If you were unable to make your appointment please contact the school office in the new year and we will try to find a convenient time for you to meet with your child's teacher and discuss their targets.

Next week, we will be holding our Christingle service in school. This year we are fund raising for the Children's Society, so don't forget to bring in your 'collection candles' in on Tuesday 17th December.

On Wednesday 18th December at 6:00pm, we will be holding our KS2 Carol Service in church. Please drop your children off at school at 5:45pm in school uniform. The children have been practising their songs and readings and we hope you will all be able to join us for this very special service. KS1 and EYFS children are also very welcome to come and watch.

Finally, thank you to those parents who were able to join us for the Attendance Meeting on Zoom today. We hope the information was useful and if you have any questions for Shakila Haque, please contact the school office and we will forward them on.

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Ms J Iwanicki
Headteacher

"For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light" Ephesians 5:8

Spring Class



This week in Spring Class, the children have been reading poems in both Literacy and Maths. We have been exploring their features as well as using them to practise our writing. In Maths, we read poems and thought about what we could learn from them regarding number and calculations. We have started making decorations for the holidays, and in preparation for decorating our class Christmas tree. The children were really brave and did an excellent job of performing in the Nativity on Wednesday, well done to them for all their work and focus during the rehearsals and final performance.



Summer Class



It has been a busy week in Summer Class! We've been working hard rehearsing for our Nativity play and were thrilled to finally perform it for our families. The children showed great dedication, learning their lines and songs, and we hope everyone enjoyed the performance as much as we did. In English, we explored storytelling through the book reviews of 'The Little Red Hen' and 'Farmer Duck'. Meanwhile, in Maths, we continued to explore time, concentrating on half past, quarter to, and quarter past the hour. A big well done to everyone for their hard work this week!



Autumn Class



This week in English, we have thoroughly enjoyed exploring poetry. Inspired by Michael Rosen's captivating performances, we've practiced reading his poems aloud with similar flair and expression. Drawing from various poets, we've also created some fantastic poems of our own. In Maths, we have been classifying shapes and examining their properties. Meanwhile, in music, we've been working hard to prepare for our upcoming Carol Service.



Winter Class



In Winter Class this week, we have focussed on fractions in Maths including adding and subtracting, finding fractions of amounts and converting into mixed numbers. In English, we have been looking at poetry including performing poems which include dialogue. In our Topic work, we have compared the Ancient Greek city states of Athens and Sparta. In Science, we have looked at the process of fossilisation as part of the study of evolution. In R.E., we have been continued our work on Christmas adverts.



Golden Book

Spring Class

Francesco for having a great attitude to learning and trying out all class activities.

Domenic for good listening during carpet activities.

Summer Class

Iuliia for her great effort in Maths this week.

Julia for her contributions in Guided Reading.

Autumn Class

Arun for his effort in Maths this week, learning times tables.

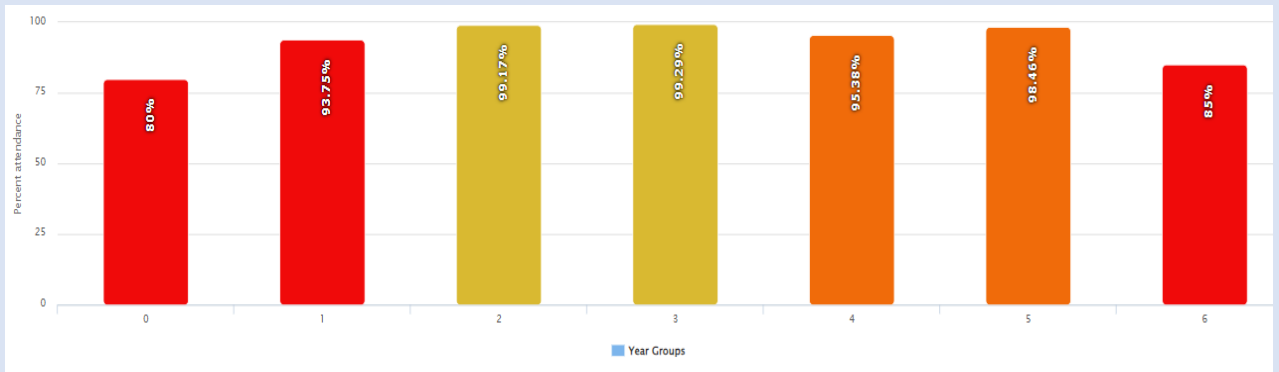
Grayson for making an extra effort to contribute during class discussions.

Winter Class

Eva for her continued positive and cheerful attitude throughout the term.

Caylawit for her consistently great attitude to learning.

Weekly Attendance



Best year group this week
Year 3
with
99.29%



Happy Birthday



Hidaya in Summer Class
Emiliana in Winter Class

Dates for Diary 2024

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

4 th November	INSET DAY
5 th November	Individual School Photographs
11 th November	Remembrance Day – Winter Class
13 th November	Odd Socks Day
14 th November	Flu Vaccinations
19 th November	Winter Class JCS Trip
19 th November	Summer Class Assembly in hall 3:00pm
25 th November	Winter Class CLC Trip
26 th November	Winter Class Assembly
27 th 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
13 th December	Attendance Meeting on Zoom at 10:00am
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
6 th January	INSET DAY



Born In A Barn





SLS Christmas Fair



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