



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.



20th December 2024

Message from Ms Iwanicki

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are finally at the end of term and I know we have all been battling coughs, colds and sore throats to get here, but I hope that means all those winter illnesses are now over and done with and you will all be able to have a restful Christmas break.

On Monday, the children got to watch a pantomime in school, with a retelling of the story, Cinderella. The children cheered, laughed and danced along, and they even managed to get the teachers to join in the fun. Thank you to the PFA for helping to fund this exciting event.



This week, we held our Christingle service in school. The children very carefully held their Christingles as we prayed for all those children that the Children's Society helps. Your kind donations from the collection candles raised £165 for this very worthwhile charity.



On Wednesday evening, we held our Christmas Carol service in church. Our children did a fantastic job with wonderful readings, beautifully written prayers and delightful singing. Thank you to everyone who braved the cold and the rain to join us for this very special service.

Yesterday, we had Christmas dinner at school and the children (and staff) looked resplendent in their Christmas jumpers. Thank you to Lulu and Salwa in the kitchen and to all the staff that helped out on duties.



Thank you to those families that have provided doctors notes for illnesses this week. Attendance is a national issue at the moment and the Government and Local Authority is committed to tackling the issues that might cause some children to miss school unnecessarily. At St Luke's, we want the best possible outcomes for all of our children and being in school every day is important for your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development.

Don't forget that the first day back for the children is Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Ms J Iwanicki
Headteacher

*"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." **Philippians 4:7***

Golden Book

Spring Class

Mark for great imaginative play with a partner

Ariella for excellent work in Phonics.

Summer Class

Laisha for her great effort in Phonics this week.

George for his positive attitude towards learning.

Autumn Class

Henry for this expressive poetry performance.

Aryan for his effort in reading this week.

Winter Class

Aariya for her continued positive attitude to all her learning this term.

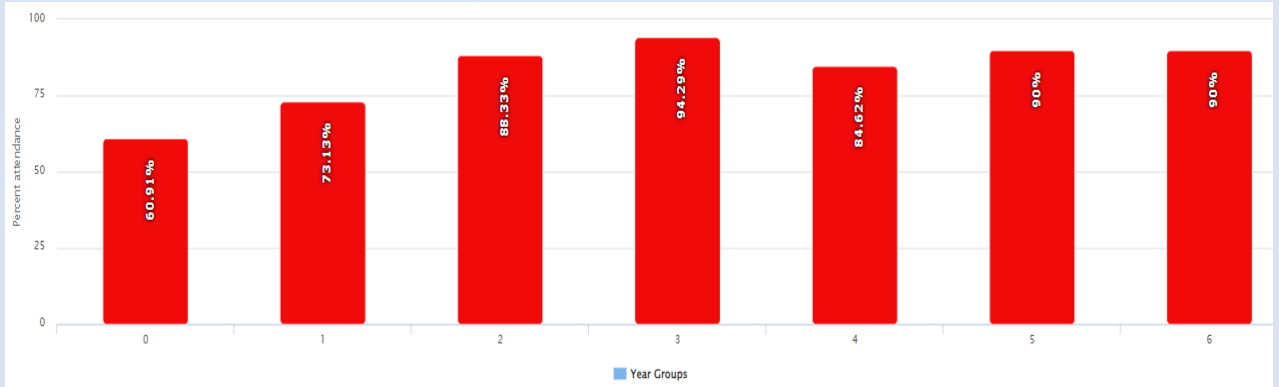
Keren for her making great progress in fractions, decimals and percentages this week.

Dates for Diary 2024

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

6 th January	INSET DAY
7 th January	Start of Term
15 th January	Start of Term Service at 2:30pm
27 th January	Inter-School Sports Match at St Mary's
30 th January	LDBS Schools Service
4 th February	Safer Internet Day
5 th February	NHS Fluoride Varnish (TBC)
17 th – 21 st February	Half-Term

Weekly Attendance



Best year group this week
Year 3
with
94.29%



Happy Birthday



Adila in Summer Class

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