



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.

31st January 2025

Message from Ms Iwanicki

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, one of our School Governors came to visit the school to look at how we teach Maths. We visited each class and then some children came to meet with him to talk about the sort of things they learn in Maths lessons. Thank you to our Governor – Oscar Chan and thank you to: Emiko & Laura, Ivy & Karim, Zayn & Grayson and Caylawit and Emily for talking so eloquently.

On Monday, some of our Year 5 & 6 children competed against St Mary's school in netball. Our team played extremely well winning two games and drawing one. Well done Winter Class! Thank you to Mr Leng and Ms Butler for accompanying the children.

On Thursday, our school councillors represented the school at the LDBS School's Service at St Paul's Cathedral. The theme this year was 'Strength Beyond Time: The God of Eternity' and celebrated over 100 years of the LDBS and its family of schools. As the children entered the cathedral we were asked to add our school to the timeline of all of the LDBS schools which the Bishop of Willesden then blessed.



We have finally finished decorated our Christian values tree with the flowers that each child in the school made. Thank you to all the children for their thoughtful contributions.

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Ms J Iwanicki
Headteacher

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" Hebrews 11:1

Spring Class



In Spring Class this week, we have been learning about the UK's wildlife. We read the stories 'After the Storm' and 'Cheeky Sparrow', and discussed what kinds of animals we might see in our local area. We also set up our bird bath and nest box to encourage more wildlife into our playground. In Maths, we have been looking at solving Maths problems in stories and thinking about different ways of presenting calculations. The children also explored trajectory and friction by building different types of slides and ramps for our vehicles, and investigated what materials made the most stable and effective ramp.



Summer Class



This week in Summer Class, we found halves and quarters of shapes in Maths. In R.E., we explored what Yom Kippur is and how it is celebrated. We discussed times when we had made mistakes and reflected on our actions. In PSHE, we talked about what makes each of us unique. In Science, we looked at how different plants disperse their seeds and why it is important for them to spread out rather than drop in one place. We even made seed helicopters and tested them out in the playground!



Autumn Class



This week in Autumn Class, we have been working in groups to create information texts about different sports. After conducting research, we used the key features of information texts to organise our shared findings. We then used the Chromebooks to type out our information into paragraphs and sourced supporting images from the internet. In Maths, we have been focusing on addition, exploring the most efficient strategies for adding 3- and 4-digit numbers. In Art, we have been painting flowers inspired by the works of Georgia O'Keeffe.



Winter Class



This week, members of Winter Class took part in a successful inter-school sports event at St Mary's School, winning two and drawing one netball match. All the children should feel very proud of how well they represented the school. Back in class, in Maths we have been practising our calculation methods in order to improve our speed and efficiency in calculation. During English, we have been using our class text, *The Day the Screens Went Blank*, to prepare for writing a balanced argument. In Science, we have been researching the planets of the solar system and some of the language used to describe space phenomena. In R.E., we have been continuing to work on Sikhism, learning about how Guru Har Rai showed care for all of creation. In P.E., we have continued to practice tag rugby skills.



Golden Book

Spring Class

Tristan for his great enthusiasm for all areas of learning.

Mark for great work on reading sounds and blending.

Summer Class

Marco for his great effort in finding halves and quarters of shapes.

Myla for her positive and thoughtful contributions in RE.

Autumn Class

Saisha for your enthusiasm and input during RE this week.

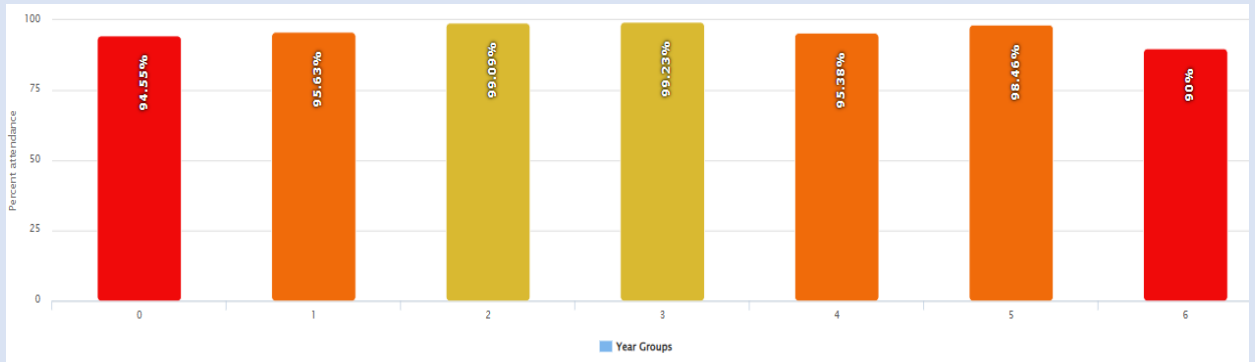
Sophia for her input during shared information writing this week.

Winter Class

Oriana for making fantastic contributions when finding features of a discussion text.

Olivia for being a great representative of the school during our inter-school netball match.

Weekly Attendance



Best year group this week
Year 3
with
99.23%



Happy Birthday



Francesco in Spring Class

Laisha in Summer Class

Dates for Diary 2024

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

6th January	INSET DAY
14 th January	PGL Zoom Meeting at 10:00am
15 th January	Start of Term service in Church at 2:30pm
27 th January	Inter School Sports at St Mary's
W/C 3 rd February	Children's Mental Health Week
4 th February	Safer Internet Day
5 th February	NHS Fluoride Varnish – CONFIRMED
11 th February	Year 1 & 2 CLC Trip
17 th Feb – 21 st Feb	Half-term
4 th March	Winter Class Assembly
4 th March	Shrove Tuesday
7 th March	World Book Day Celebration
10 th Mar – 14 th Mar	PGL Week
11 th March	Autumn Class Assembly
18 th March	Summer Class Assembly
25 th March	Spring Class Assembly

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



Story Sessions



Camden Family Learning
FREE STORY SESSIONS for Children Aged 3 Years Plus



SATURDAY Story Sacks For All The Family

A free fun and creative storytelling and prop making session.

Come along and find out how to bring storytelling to life using our imagination and creativity.

Pick a session and phone Alison to book a family place 07876 651950.

You must book to join in (due to health and safety rules)



Saturday 1st February
Queens Crescent library NW5 4HH
11:15am-1:15pm
Kipper's New Pet

Saturday 15th March
Swiss Cottage Library NW3 3HA
10:30am-12:30pm
Kippers Little Friends



Saturday 29th March
Kentish Town library NW5 2AA
11:15am-1:15pm
Going on a Bear Hunt

A free book for every family that attends

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MAKE A MUSICAL IN A WEEK IS BACK FOR EASTER 2025

Join us for a **fun-packed** week where you will spend time **creating your own musical** before taking part in a **dazzling performance** for friends and family at the end of the week.

Further courses available in Summer 2025.



**EARLY
BIRD
DISCOUNT**

if you book before
24th February 2025
24th Feb 25



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