



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.

7th February 2025

Message from Ms Iwanicki

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Saturday 1st February, some of our children represented the school at the National Primary Schools' Chess Championships. They all played incredibly well and even qualified to enter the semi-finals in May.

A huge congratulations to Korode, Zain, Lorenzo, Henry, Aariya and Arun – thank you for being such great ambassadors of the school.



On Tuesday, we took part in Safer Internet Day and the children renewed their Acceptable User Agreements that set out our rules for using the internet safely in school. Parents can still take part in the online E-safety webinar by clicking on the link below and signing in as GROW: St Luke's CE School in the drop down menu. The training lasts for 25 minutes and can be completed at any time.

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7184269890235977305>

Thank you to those parents that completed the forms for their child to take part in the NHS Fluoride Varnish Programme this week. Tooth decay is largely preventable but a health survey in 2022 found that nearly a quarter of 5 year olds in England had tooth decay. You can find out more, about good dental hygiene for children, at: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-teeth-and-gums/taking-care-of-childrens-teeth/>

Finally, on Friday 28th February the PFA will be serving a Pancake Breakfast ahead of Shrove Tuesday. To ensure this event is a success, we will need lots of parent volunteers to serve the pancakes and look after the children. If you are able to help out, please contact the PFA at pfa@stlukesschool.org.uk

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Ms J Iwanicki
Headteacher

"I leave you peace. My peace I give you. I do not give it to you as the world does. So don't let your hearts be troubled. Don't be afraid." **John 14:27**

Spring Class



This week in Spring Class, we have been reading 'The Hospital Dog', by Julia Donaldson. We have been discussing what we know about pets, and what we need to do to look after them. The children made get well cards for our toy dog, Billy, and thought about things that they could do to make him feel better. In Maths, we have been exploring shapes and their properties. We went on a shape hunt around to school to find shapes in our environment, and used sticks to create 2D shapes and to sort them in different ways. The children also worked hard on their dog portraits and thought of Christian value nominations for each other.



Summer Class



This week in Summer Class, we wrote our own versions of 'The Race Across the River'. We also read the poem 'Aliens Stole My Underpants' by Brian Moses and began exploring its features by identifying rhyming words. In R.E., we looked at Sukkot and how it is celebrated. We even attempted to build our own sukkah in class! In Science, we discussed what pollen is and its important role in helping new plants grow. We examined different pollen grain designs and created pollen sculptures out of clay.



Autumn Class



This week in Autumn Class, we have been reading poetry from the book *Jellybeans and Daydreams*. The children have explored the structure of these poems and the different poetic devices used. In Maths, we have been learning about length, identifying the most effective units of measurement for different objects, and practising how to convert between them. In R.E., we have been exploring how Hindus worship both at home and at the Mandir. The children used their knowledge to compare the similarities and differences between the two.



Winter Class



In Winter Class this week, we have continued to develop using efficient methods of multiplication in Maths. In English, we have been writing a discussion text on whether we should have a weekly screen-free day, related to our book 'The Day the Screens Went Blank.' In Science, we have been working on creating an investigation to demonstrate how shadows can prove that the Earth orbits the Sun. In R.E., we have been continuing our work on Sikhism looking at the life of Guru Har Krishnan. As it was Safer Internet Day on Tuesday, we have also spent time discussing online safety and we will be continuing this work, next week.



Golden Book

Spring Class

Francesco for great work in music this week.

Camilla great perseverance with her painting.

Summer Class

Matthew for his hard work in Maths.

Karim for working collaboratively with his partner.

Autumn Class

Zach for his great independent work in guided reading this week.

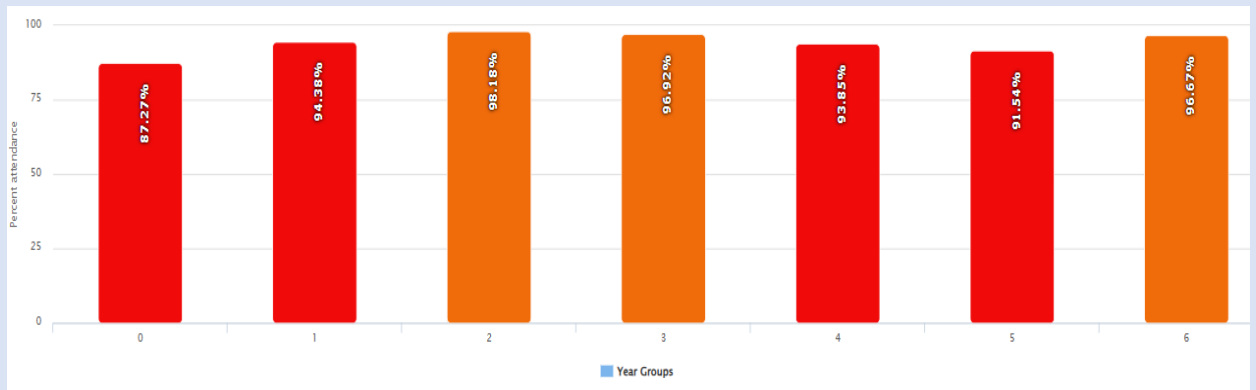
Raphaelle for her thoughtful contributions in PSHE, discussing emotions.

Winter Class

Lily-Rose for consistently making great contributions throughout the school day.

Nikolaj for his thoughtful work in RE throughout the term.

Weekly Attendance



Best year group this week
Year 2
with
98.18%



Happy Birthday



Ivy in Summer Class

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Dates for Diary 2024

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

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| 6th January | INSET DAY |
| 14th January | PGL Zoom Meeting at 10:00am |
| 15th January | Start of Term service in Church at 2:30pm |
| 27th January | Inter School Sports at St Mary's |
| W/C 3rd February | Children's Mental Health Week |
| 4th February | Safer Internet Day |
| 5th February | NHS Fluoride Varnish |
| 11 th February | Year 1 & 2 CLC Trip |
| 17 th Feb – 21 st Feb | Half-term |
| 28 th February | PFA Pancake Day Breakfast |
| 4 th March | Winter Class Assembly |
| 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 |
| 31 st March | Year 1 & 2 National Portrait Gallery |
| 1 st April | Parents Evening |
| 2 nd April | Easter Service in Church (Easter Bonnet Competition) |
| 3 rd April | Parents Evening |

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.

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| 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 |

St Luke's CE School

Pancake Day Breakfast!

Hosted by the St Lukes' PFA

Friday 28th
February

From 8.00-8.45am

Tickets £4

**Pupil Premium Discount Available
– please contact the school office
(Tickets on sale 25/26 February
at drop off)*

Children will be in the care of the PFA.
Please alert the PFA of any allergies.

Children already attending breakfast club
are welcome to come as usual and enjoy
pancakes too!





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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Story Sacks Sessions During Feb Half Term with Camden Family Learning

Free, fun, and creative sessions where we will
bring stories to life making puppets and props
for children aged 3-9 years old

Wednesday 19 February

Pancras Sq Library N1C 4AG

10:00am-11:30am

Kilburn Library NW6 5UH

1:30pm-3:00pm



Thursday 20 February

Holborn Library WC1X 8PA

10:30am-12:00

Camden Town Library

Crowndale Centre NW1 1BN

1:30pm-3:00pm

Contact Alison NOW to book your place: 07876 651 950
You cannot attend these sessions unless you book
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Camden

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



FOR 7 - 16 YRS
CHOBHAM ACADEMY, STRATFORD
7TH - 11TH APRIL 2025
9.30AM - 4.30PM DAILY
VISIT THE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS





St Michael's CofE Primary School
North Road, Highgate, N6 4BG

FEBRUARY ART CAMP

FOR CHILDREN AGED 6 TO 11
FROM 17TH TO 21 ST FEBRUARY
FROM 10AM TO 3PM

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What's On: Spring Half Term



Join the Dream Machine as it tours the world, making dreams come true! A fantastical film and media workshop for ages 5-7



If you can dare to dream it, then we'll help you screen it! A fun screenwriting workshop for filmmakers ages 7-11 / 11-14

Sparks Film School Hampstead
South Hampstead High School, 3 Maresfield
Gardens, NW3 5SS

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Register Online:
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