



# St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.

14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Message from Ms Iwanicki



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy half term we have had here at St Luke's. The children have done some incredible learning: we have won some interschool sports matches and chess matches; and singing has filled the corridors as our choir have rehearsed for their performance at the Royal Albert Hall next term. All in all, it has been a super six weeks.

After the half term break, we look forward to the PFA organising our **Pancake Breakfast on 28<sup>th</sup> February**. We will need lots of helpers that morning, so if you are able to support us with this event please contact the PFA at [pfa@stlukesschool.org.uk](mailto:pfa@stlukesschool.org.uk)

On the **7<sup>th</sup> March**, we will be celebrating **World Book Day** in school (I know some of our children are already planning their book character costumes) and if you need some inspiration you can find lots of ideas at <https://www.worldbookday.com/celebrate-world-book-day/dressing-up/>

I would like to remind our Year 6 parents that we are making the final preparations for our residential trip to PGL on 10<sup>th</sup> March. Please check in your child's bag for consent letters, dietary and medical forms and if you have any questions regarding the trip please don't hesitate to get in touch via the school office.

Finally, I want to wish you all a peaceful half term and a very happy St Valentine's day!

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 learning about The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson. The children created a story map and used this to help them to retell the story. They also cut out the characters and wrote what they thought they would say to each other. In Maths, we have been comparing numbers, the children have been making estimates based on their understanding of number and sorting and ordering numbers based on their size. On Wednesday, we learnt about Lunar New Year and the Lantern Festival and the children created their own 2D and 3D lanterns.



## Summer Class



This week in Summer Class, we wrote descriptive sentences using expanded noun phrases to add detail and creativity to our writing. In Maths, we worked on finding fractions of different amounts. In Science, we explored the functions of different parts of a flower, and then used junk modelling materials to create models of them! In R.E., we learnt about the festival of Rosh Hashanah and its significance. On Tuesday, we visited the Camden City Learning Centre, where we created our own e-books. You can check out the children's books by clicking on the following link:

<https://read.bookcreator.com/library/-OIkMwmiXQUKRK4JoQsC>



## Autumn Class



This week in our Autumn Class, we have been exploring St. Valentine and the origins of St. Valentine's Day. Taking inspiration from this, the children have written their own heartfelt poems. In Maths, we have been multiplying and dividing numbers by 10 and 100, carefully explaining how the place value changes. In Art, the children created beautiful poppy drawings using only charcoal and their hands for shading, producing stunning pieces.



## Winter Class



In Winter Class this week, our Maths has involved methods of long division including chunking and the formal 'drop-down' method. As Tuesday was Safer Internet Day, we have been creating an explanation text on 'How to Stay Safe Online' in English. In Science, we have been concluding our unit on Earth and Space by investigating lunar cycles and creating a body of evidence to demonstrate how the Earth orbits the Sun. In R.E., we have been learning about Guru Tegh Bahadur and considering the sacrifices people make in defence of their principles.



# Golden Book

### Spring Class

**Kai** for having her own ideas for writing conversation between characters.

**Domenic** for great listening and following instructions in PE.

### Summer Class

**Myla** for her hard work in finding fractions of amounts.

**Sarah** for her great use of expanded noun phrases in descriptive writing.

### Autumn Class

**Zeynep** for her great effort in maths this week multiplying and dividing decimal numbers.

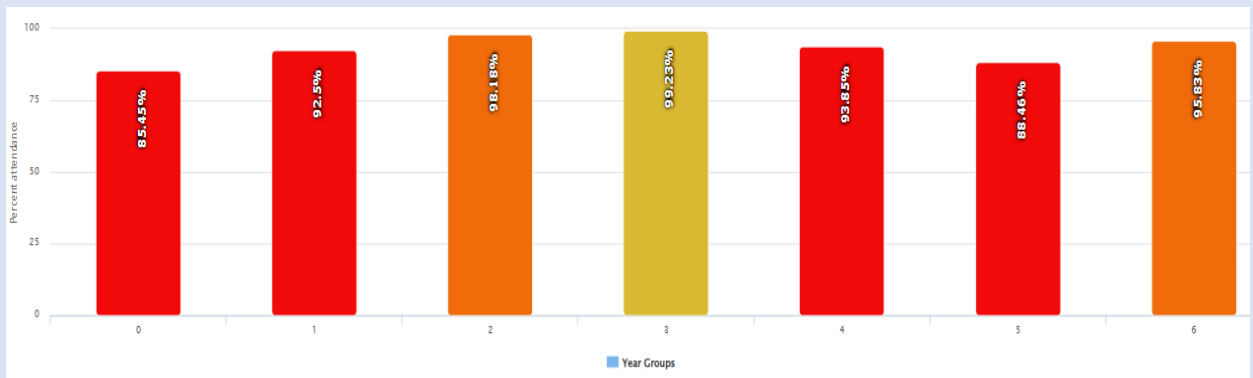
**Uzziah** for his hard work, editing and improving your poem.

### Winter Class

**Leon** for his use of great vocabulary in his explanation text.

**Carter** for producing detailed explanation writing this week.

# Weekly Attendance



Best year group this week  
**Year 3**  
with  
**99.23%**



## Happy Birthday



**Sarah in Summer Class**

**George in Summer Class**

**Ammar in Winter Class**

## Dates for Diary 2024

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

<del>6<sup>th</sup> January</del>	<del>INSET DAY</del>
<del>14<sup>th</sup> January</del>	<del>PGL Zoom Meeting at 10:00am</del>
<del>15<sup>th</sup> January</del>	<del>Start of Term service in Church at 2:30pm</del>
<del>27<sup>th</sup> January</del>	<del>Inter School Sports at St Mary's</del>
<del>W/C 3<sup>rd</sup> February</del>	<del>Children's Mental Health Week</del>
<del>4<sup>th</sup> February</del>	<del>Safer Internet Day</del>
<del>5<sup>th</sup> February</del>	<del>NHS Fluoride Varnish</del>
<del>11<sup>th</sup> February</del>	<del>Year 1 &amp; 2 CLC Trip</del>
17 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Half-term
28 <sup>th</sup> February	PFA Pancake Day Breakfast
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Winter Class Visit to Khalsa Jatha
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Winter Class Assembly
7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day Celebration
10 <sup>th</sup> Mar – 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	PGL Week
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Autumn Class Assembly
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Summer Class Assembly
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Choir rehearsal for Camden Music Festival
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Class Assembly
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Inter School Sports at St Margarets (TBC)
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 1 & 2 National Portrait Gallery
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Parents Evening
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Service in Church (Easter Bonnet Competition)
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Parents Evening

St Luke's CE School

# Pancake Day Breakfast!

Hosted by the St Lukes' PFA

Friday 28<sup>th</sup>  
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!



# 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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*

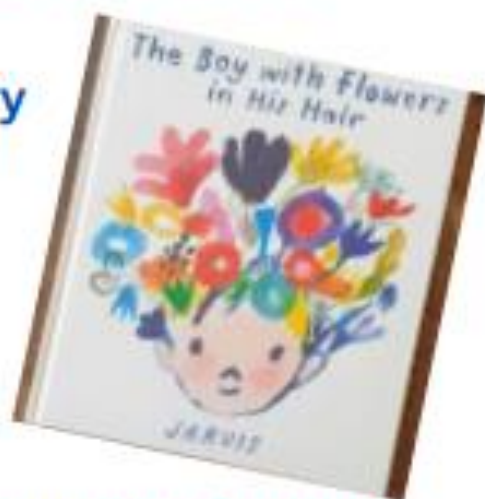
**Wednesday 19 February**

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**  
**Get a FREE book to take home!**

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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



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

WHOLE WEEK OR DAILY  
BOOKINGS AVAILABLE  
10% OFF WHEN BOOKING  
THE WHOLE WEEK  
10% OFF SIBLING DISCOUNT  
ALL MATERIALS INCLUDED



**BOOK NOW!**

[WWW.ARTCAMPSWITHININA.CO.UK](http://WWW.ARTCAMPSWITHININA.CO.UK)

# Half Term Movie Making Camps

Unleash Imagination This Half Term



Learn all about movie making, from both sides of the camera. Develop new skills and make a movie to be proud of!

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Igniting Ideas in film and media arts

## 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:  
<https://sparksarts.co.uk>



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HOLIDAY  
CLUB



## ***Ahoy Me-Hearties!***

Join us for two fun filled days at  
our Shipwrecked Easter Bible  
Holiday Club on the 16th and 17th

April! 9.30am - 3.00pm

St Luke's Church NW3 7SU



For all pirates and  
explorers aged 4 - 11  
Scan the QR code to sign  
up!

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