



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.

28th February 2025

Message from Ms Iwanicki

Dear Parents and Carers,

I like to start this week's newsletter off by saying a huge thank you to our wonderful PFA members for organising today's pancake breakfast. What a lovely way to end the week and also raise vital funds for our school. On behalf of all the children at St Luke's – thank you!

The children are already getting very excited about celebrating World Book Day next Friday and there has already been much discussion about costume ideas in the lunchtime queue. Unfortunately, I will be at the LBDS Headteacher's Conference that day but I hope to see lots of photos of the children when I get back.

On Sunday 2nd March, there will be a national event happening to get people of all ages moving called 'Let's Dance'. If you would like to join an event near you go to <https://lets-dance.org.uk/members-of-the-public/>

On another dance note, we have enjoyed a long standing partnership with the Anna Fiorentini Theatre and Film School who have been able to subsidise places for St Luke's children to attend their Saturday classes. On Monday, we will be sending home flyers regarding their taster sessions and if you would like to explore whether you may be eligible for a subsidised place please contact me via the school office.

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Ms J Iwanicki
Headteacher

"The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth." Psalm 145:18

Spring Class



This week in Spring Class we started our new topic, Growing. We read the story of The Little Red Hen. The children joined in with repeated refrains, and practised retelling and writing the story. We found out about steps in growing wheat, and started to prepare our flower bed for planting in March. In Maths, we focused on comparing and ordering numbers, and started to learn about number bonds to 10. In R.E., we found out about the Easter story and the importance of Palm Sunday, and the children made palms and created their own procession.



Summer Class



This week, we explored 2D shapes and their properties. In English, we practised using expanded noun phrases to write detailed descriptions and got creative by designing our own aliens, using similes to bring them to life! In PSHE, we reflected on the people and places that make us feel safe. It was lovely to see the children back in school, refreshed and ready for a new term of learning. We're looking forward to all the exciting things ahead!



Autumn Class



This week in Autumn class, we have been writing setting descriptions based on 'Stig of the Dump'. The children have created fantastic pieces, using expanded noun phrases to add detail and incorporating new and exciting vocabulary to bring their descriptions to life. In Maths, we have been focusing on multiplication, exploring different ways to solve problems and making connections between times tables. In Science, we have been conducting a fair test to investigate how different surfaces affect the movement of vehicles. The children have enjoyed making predictions, carefully observing the results, and drawing conclusions based on their findings.



Winter Class



In Winter Class this week, we have been learning fractions. We have used objects and pictorial representations to find fractions of amounts, equivalent fractions and solve addition problems. In English, we have been writing descriptions of settings, using the novel 'Holes' by Louis Sachar as inspiration. Winter Class have also been rehearsing for our class assembly which will be taking place next Tuesday at 3:00pm. We will be sharing our learning on Science, Topic and R.E. We are also looking forward to our trip to Khalsa Jatha next Monday.



Golden Book

Spring Class

Matilda for communicating her ideas and feelings clearly with her friends.

Mark for working hard on his pencil control and forming letters.

Summer Class

Julia for her positive attitude and progress in Reading.

Louie for identifying 2D shapes and their properties.

Autumn Class

Mohsen for his descriptive writing in English.

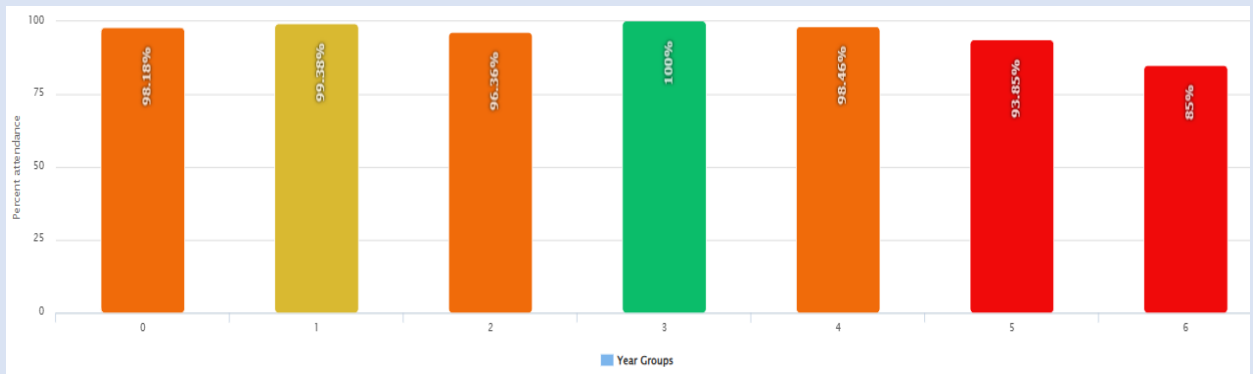
Zara for writing a captivating story for home learning.

Winter Class

Asia for her excellent use of Maths vocabulary when working with fractions.

Kei for using excellent phrases when writing a setting description.

Weekly Attendance



Best year group this week

Year 3

★ with ★
100%



Happy Birthday



Julia in Summer Class

Lina in Summer Class

Roman in Autumn Class

Carter in Winter Class

Dates for Diary 2024

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

28 th February	PFA Pancake Day Breakfast
3 rd March	Winter Class Visit to Khalsa Jatha
4 th March	Winter Class Assembly
7 th March	World Book Day – Dress like a book character
10 th Mar – 14 th Mar	PGL Week
11 th March	Autumn Class Assembly
18 th March	Summer Class Assembly
24 th March	Choir rehearsal for Camden Music Festival
25 th March	Spring Class Assembly
26 th March	Inter School Sports at St Margaret's
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.

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/24



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



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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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