



# St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

*Educating through faith, hope and love.*

7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## Message from Mrs Wickham

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week began with a visit by Winter Class to Khalsa Jatha, the first Sikh gurdwara to be built in Europe. The children were able to build on their existing learning – exploring how the Guru Granth Sahib is respected and how music is used by Sikhs in worship. The visit concluded with some delicious vegetarian food served in the langar! It was delightful to see Winter Class presenting their RE learning – and so much more – in their Class Assembly the following day. Well done Year 5 and 6, what a great start to week 2 of this half term!

As you will know, we have been celebrating authors, books and the pleasure of reading all week. The children were treated to stories read by some of our governors, office staff and even the P.E. coach and our thanks go to all these 'secret storytellers'. On Wednesday, we visited each other's classes so the older children could share a book with a younger 'reading buddy', and yesterday our Key Stage 2 school councillors walked down to PACE Nursery to read a story to the even younger children there! The children had a lovely time wearing their book character outfits today – we will publish the pictures in next week's newsletter.

Please can we remind all parents and carers that we are a Healthy School and to promote healthy choices we ask that, rather than bringing in sweet treats to celebrate birthdays, you consider donating a book, bringing in fruit or healthy snacks or giving small non-food items such as pencils or stickers.

Lastly, next week our intrepid Year 6s will be travelling to Osmington Bay in Dorset for a week of fun at PGL activity camp. We wish the children, Mr Leng and Ms Casey a safe journey and fine weather – please do look out for updates on their adventures on the Latest News section of the school homepage:

<https://www.stlukesschool.org.uk/latest-news/>

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Mrs Wickham

*"Remember that I commanded you to be strong and brave. So don't be afraid. The Lord your God will be with you everywhere you go." Joshua 1:9*

### Spring Class



This week in Spring Class we have been reading 'Farmer Duck' by Martin Waddell. The children have been working on writing sentences with finger spaces and punctuation to describe the all the jobs that Farmer Duck had to do on the farm. In Maths, we have been focusing on learning numbers bonds to 10, and the children are becoming more confident in finding 2 numbers which make 10 together. Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples was our focus in R.E., and in P.E. the children have been practising throwing and catching with a partner, and throwing a ball to reach a target. For World Book Day, the children enjoyed sharing the inspiration for their costumes, and made costumes for some of our classroom toys.



### Summer Class



It has been a busy week in Summer Class with assessments, and the children have been working hard. In R.E., we explored the Easter story and discussed how different symbols help us remember it. We also shared our thoughts on which part of the story we felt was the most important to us. In Computing, we started our new unit, *We Are TV Chefs*, by looking at what happens in a cooking show and discussing the key features of presenting food on screen.



## Autumn Class



This week in Autumn Class, we have been exploring the meaning of Holy Communion. The children have done a fantastic job of demonstrating their prior knowledge and building on it to answer our big R.E. question of the week. In Topic, we have been researching Pompeii, examining how the eruption affected its people and how we have learned about the events that unfolded many years ago. Autumn Class has also been working hard to complete our spring assessments with great enthusiasm and effort.



## Winter Class



It has been a busy week in Winter Class. On Monday, we visited Khalsa Jatha, a Sikh Gurdwara. We learnt about many of the Sikh rituals and symbols and had a meal in the Langar hall. On Tuesday, we had our class assembly, showcasing our learning on Sikhism, Earth, Sun and Moon as well as our Topic work on Earthquakes, Volcanoes and Tsunamis. On Wednesday, we joined Spring and Summer Class as reading buddies for World Book Week. We have also been working hard on assessments. Meanwhile, Winter Class are preparing for PGL next week, when Year 6 will be away and Year 5 will be showing their independence as the senior pupils in the school.



# Golden Book

### Spring Class

**Laura** for excellent work and enthusiasm for reading.

**Emiko** for great enthusiasm and independence in writing.

### Summer Class

**Noah** for his thoughtful contributions in R.E.

**Ignacy** for his positive attitude towards learning this week.

### Autumn Class

**Husaam** for his great work in R.E this week.

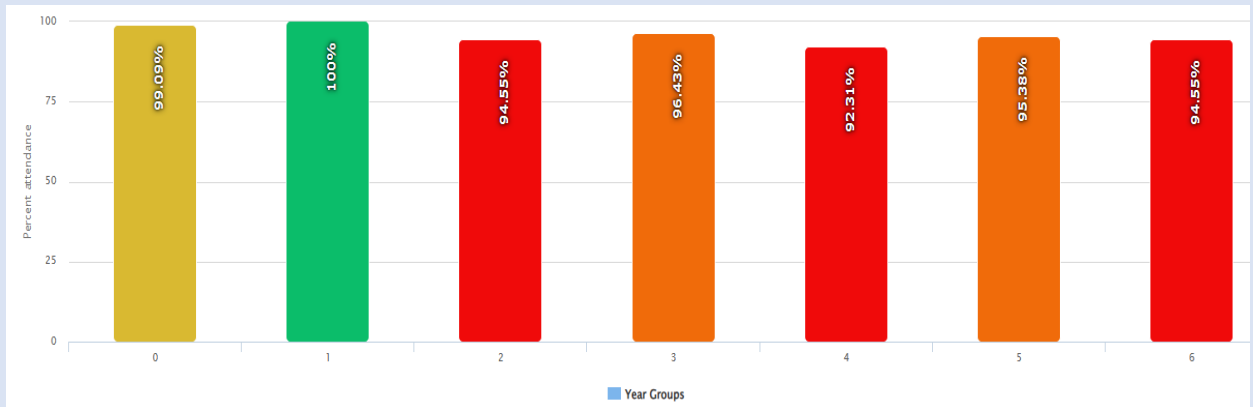
**Allegra** for her hard work and effort in assessments this week.

### Winter Class

**Emily** for some fantastic descriptive phrases in her writing.

**Lily** for showing great resilience in a challenging and busy week.

# Weekly Attendance



Best year group this week



**Year 1**  
with  
100%



# Happy Birthday



**No Birthdays this week**

## Dates for Diary 2024

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

|   |  |
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| <del>28<sup>th</sup> February</del>         | <del>PFA Pancake Day Breakfast</del>                 |
| <del>3<sup>rd</sup> March</del>             | <del>Winter Class Visit to Khalsa Jatha</del>        |
| <del>4<sup>th</sup> March</del>             | <del>Winter Class Assembly</del>                     |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> March                       | World Book Day – Dress like a book character         |
| 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 Margaret's                 |
| 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                                      |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> April                       | End of Term – School finishes at 1:30pm              |

# 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<br>1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed   |
| 90% Attendance  | 19 Days of Absence<br>3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed |
| 85% Attendance  | 28 Days of Absence<br>5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed |
| 80% Attendance  | 38 Days of Absence<br>7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed |
| 75% Attendance  | 46 Days of Absence<br>9 weeks and 1 Day of Learning Missed  |



# Buddy Reading





# 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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# 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



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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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