



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.

25th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our summer term at St Luke's - I hope you all had a restful Easter break. This week, the children in Autumn Class started their block of swimming lessons. The children have all done an incredible job and Ms Thomas has been really pleased with the effort they have put in so far. Swimming is not only an important part of the P.E. curriculum, but a vital life-saving skill that we want all of our children to leave St Luke's with. For children in Year 4, this will be their second block of swimming and our Year 3s will get to swim again next year. Lessons in this block will continue to Friday 9th May.

Next Wednesday, we will be taking our KS2 choir to the Royal Albert Hall to sing as part of the Camden Schools' Music Festival. Thank you to Mr Dano, our Music teacher, and Ms Akthar, our Music Subject Leader, for organising all the logistics for this event. Please remember to pay for any school-booked audience tickets through your Parent Pay account and ensure you collect your child from the pickup point outside the Royal Albert Hall promptly at the end of the concert. If the area becomes too crowded, please be aware we may move slightly to ensure the safety of the children.

Next week, our teachers will be sending out their termly curriculum newsletters explaining what the topics are for each class this term. Please check your child's bag for your copy.

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Ms J Iwanicki

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." John 14:27

Spring Class



This week in Spring Class we have started our new topic, 'Traditional Stories', by reading and learning about Jack and the Beanstalk. We discussed Jack's feelings at different points in the story, and the children drew their own illustrations and wrote about what they would like to find at the top of a beanstalk. They have also been busy making clouds and golden eggs. In Maths, we have been working on ordering numbers to 20 and finding 1 more and 1 less than a given number. We studied and painted pictures of broad bean shoots and snails, and found out about rockpools in non-fiction books and through videos. In R.E., we have started our new topic, 'What makes a place special?' The children discussed which places are special to them and shared ideas about what makes somewhere special.



Summer Class



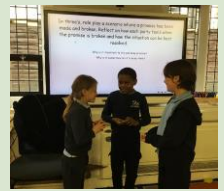
It was lovely to see the children back and ready for a new term of learning this week. In Art, we were inspired by the seascapes of J.M.W. Turner and used a variety of techniques to create different watercolour paintings, which we combined to make a sea-storm collage. In R.E., we started our new unit on Islam by exploring the Five Pillars and learning how Muslims show commitment in their daily lives. In English, we have been focusing on writing lists using commas and using apostrophes to indicate possession.



Autumn Class



This week in Autumn Class, the children have had a fantastic first week of swimming and are improving with each session. We have introduced our new R.E. topic 'What does it mean to be Jewish?' and have had great discussions around the subject of promises and covenant. In Maths, we have been exploring time and discovering how it can be represented in different ways. In English, we have been reading humorous poems, and have begun to plan our own.



Winter Class



In Winter Class, Year 6 have continued their preparation for their SATs, which has involved extra responsibilities in completing homework. While they have been hard at work, Year 5 have been busy completing, editing and improving a newspaper report in their English lessons. In Maths, we have been working on percentages and relating this to fractions and decimals. During the afternoons when the class has been back together, we have been completing our R.E. unit looking at how the resurrection story offers hope to Christians. We have also begun our new topic unit on the Vikings, looking at where they came from and researching aspects of Viking culture. In P.E., in keeping with the changing season, we have been playing cricket!



Golden Book

Spring Class

Ariella for her kindness and positive attitude to learning.

Laura for excellent listening and focus in Maths.

Summer Class

Idriss for his great effort in Writing this week.

Adila for her thoughtful contributions in RE.

Autumn Class

Freddie for his enthusiasm in swimming this week.

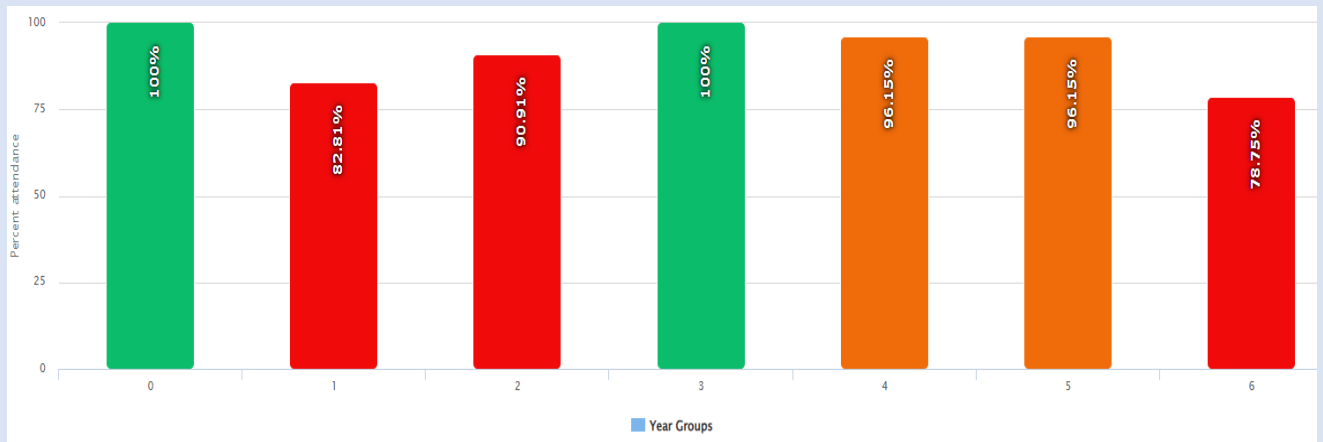
Mohsen for his thoughtful contributions during R.E this week.

Winter Class

Eva for her cheerful and positive outlook at the start of term.

Delisa for showing great enthusiasm in her learning and all activities.

Weekly Attendance



Best year group this week is
Reception



Year 3
with
100%



Happy Birthday



Ariella in Spring Class
Noah in Summer Class
Allegra in Autumn Class
Raphaelle in Autumn Class
Seraphina in Autumn Class
Aariya in Winter Class



Dates for Diary 2025

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

22 nd April	First day of summer term
30 th April	KS2 Choir – Royal Albert Hall
5 th May	Bank Holiday
7 th May	Start of Term Service in Church at 2:30pm
12 th – 15 th May	KS2 SATs Week (SATs Breakfast Club from 8am)
W/C 19 th May	D&T Week – ‘From Farm to Fashion’
26 th May – 30 th May	Half-term
2 nd June	Inset Day
4 th June	Whole School Photography
10 th June	Winter Class Assembly at 3pm
17 th June	Autumn Class Assembly at 3pm
24 th June	Sports Day
W/C 30 th June	Science Week
1 st July	Summer Class Assembly at 3pm
2 nd July	Classes meet their new teacher
8 th July	Spring Class Assembly at 3pm
16 th July	Year 6 Leavers’ Service
22 nd July	End of Term – School ends 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.

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