



# St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.

21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been great to have our intrepid Year 6 children back in school after their residential trip last week. On Monday, they started their revision classes and Year 5 and Year 6 will split in the mornings in the run up to their SATs in May, to ensure they are ready to sit their tests. Year 5 will continue their usual lessons with Mr Leng. Thank you Year 5 for letting us use the classroom in the mornings.

On Monday, our KS2 Choir will be going to their cluster rehearsal for the Camden Music Festival at the Royal Albert Hall on 30<sup>th</sup> April. Thank you to those parents who very kindly relinquished their tickets to enable other parents to have an extra one.

We must also say a huge thank you to Summer Class for sharing their learning in our class assembly this week. The children spoke, sang and danced confidently and it was lovely to see so many of our parents in the audience to watch.

Next Friday, our wonderful PFA have organised a **School Disco** for the children. The KS1 & EYFS disco starts at 4:30 and the KS2 disco starts at 5:30. Parents are also welcome to stay in the 'grown-ups room' until the disco ends. Tech Club will go ahead as normal that evening.

Finally, I would like to share a few words of thanks from PACE Nursery, where our School Councillors went to share some books with the children on World Book Day. Oba writes, *"It was a joy to see your school councillors reading with great confidence and clarity. Early years children can at times be hard to engage in longer stories, but your children had them hanging on their every word! Please thank them from all of us for making our World Book Day 2025 that extra bit special."*

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Ms J Iwanicki

*'My children, our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action.'* **1 John 3:18**

## Spring Class



This week in Spring Class we have been investigating the signs of Spring in and around of our school grounds. The children took photographs and drew pictures of the signs of Spring that we saw, we then continued with this as part of our trip to Fortune Green. Our visit to Fortune Green was also an opportunity to look at maps of our local area, and to explore who uses parks and what they are used for. Back at school, the class had an opportunity to design their own perfect park, they each had some excellent ideas for the features that they would include. In RE, we discussed the symbol of the cross and its connection to Easter, and the children have been working really hard to learn our songs and poems for our assembly next week.



## Summer Class



The first part of the week was dedicated to rehearsing for our assembly. All the children worked hard to learn their lines and songs, and we hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did! In Science, we carried out an investigation to test a variety of objects—plastics, metals, wood, and bricks—for their absorbency. In Maths, we explored 3D shapes and their properties. We even went on a 3D shape hunt around our classroom and playground to find real-life examples. It has been a busy and exciting week of learning and performing!



## Autumn Class



This week in Autumn Class, we have been using characters from Stig of the Dump to script our own dialogue. The children worked collaboratively with their partners and were eager to share their ideas with the class. In Maths, we have been using the grid method to multiply two- and three-digit numbers by one-digit numbers. The children have done a fantastic job mastering the steps required to complete these multiplications successfully. In Science this week, we have been experimenting with magnets and recording our results. The children enjoyed making predictions and observing how magnets interact with different materials.



## Winter Class



In Winter Class this week, Year 6 have been busy revising for their SATs. In the meantime, Year 5 have been using the novel, Holes, to write a persuasive letter to the central character, Stanley, advising him of the dangers of escaping Camp Green Lake. This has involved taking part in a debate about what Stanley should do. In Maths, Year 5 have extended their knowledge of fractions to operations involving improper fractions and mixed numbers. In the afternoons, the whole class have been working on our RE unit on the Easter story, considering how it helps Christians understand the meaning of forgiveness and the value of hope. In Topic, we have been looking at volcanoes and locating them in the world using latitude and longitude.



# Golden Book

### Spring Class

**Francesco** for his excellent listening and behaviour on our trip to Fortune Green.

**Camilla** for her excellent listening and behaviour on our trip to Fortune Green.

### Summer Class

**Hidaya** for her enthusiasm and contribution in Science.

**Iuliia** for working collaboratively with her partner.

### Autumn Class

**Ezekiel** for his great descriptive ideas during English.

**Arun** for his effort in maths this week, using grid method for multiplication.

### Winter Class

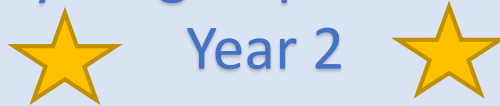
**Alex** for his positive approach to his learning this week.

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

# Weekly Attendance



Best year group this week is



## Happy Birthday



**Tristan in Spring Class**  
**Charlotte in Summer Class**  
**Zach in Autumn Class**  
**Dorina in Winter Class**



## Dates for Diary 2024

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

<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>
<del>7<sup>th</sup> March</del>	<del>World Book Day – Dress like a book character</del>
<del>10<sup>th</sup> Mar – 14<sup>th</sup> Mar</del>	<del>PGL Week</del>
<del>11<sup>th</sup> March</del>	<del>Autumn Class Assembly</del>
<del>18<sup>th</sup> March</del>	<del>Summer Class Assembly at 3pm</del>
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Choir rehearsal for Camden Music Festival
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Class Assembly at 3pm
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Inter School Sports at St Margaret's
28 <sup>th</sup> March	PFA After School Disco
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) at 2.30pm
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.

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

# DISCO!

Friday 28th March  
With LIVE DJ!

KS1 4:30–5:30pm

KS2 5:30–6:30pm

Chill-out room available for siblings

**£5 per Child** (Adults and Under 2's Free)

Children must be accompanied by a guardian  
Tickets on sale soon!

Squash  
included in  
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Drinks available  
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# EASTER CAMP

April STEAM Camp 2025 | Mon-Thur (4-Day Camp) | 3-Weeks Available

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## MNS April Easter STEAM Camp 2025 Info:

In this fantastic 4-day Holiday Science Activity Camp, your children will enjoy lots of safe, fun, hands-on, educational, chemistry, biology and physics science activities and special demonstrations with take home experiments (see below) - with outdoor activity play!

### Dates:

Week A: Mon 31 Mar to Thur 03 April 2025 (4 days)

Week B: Mon 07 Apr to Thur 10 April 2025 (4 days)

Week C: Mon 14 Apr to Thur 17 April 2025 (4 days)

- Open to Children: aged 5-12 years - Only
- Venues: across London (look right>)
- Times: 9am - 3:30pm (6.5hrs). Extended hours 8:30am-4pm.
- Day Places: limited day-places available to book online

## Brilliant Biology! - New STEAM for 2025!

### Day 1> Brilliant Bodies!

Getting To Know You!  
What's That Smell!  
What Big Teeth You Have!  
Bizarre Bodies!

### Day 2> Spring Has Sprung!

Plantacious!  
How Does Your Garden Grow?  
Stuck On You!

### Day 3> Amazing Animals!

Super Birds!  
Hop To It!  
Bouncing Bunnies!  
Busy Buzz!

### Day 4> Super Senses!

Noisence!  
See All You Can See! - Brainiacs!  
Easter Bonnet Parade Challenge!

and many, many more cool science demonstrations, experiments, games and quizzes! - see online for more info!

## VENUES Serving:

### NW London

- Barnet
- Brent
- Camden
- Ealing
- Harrow
- Hillingdon
- Westminster

### SW London

- Kensington  
Hammersmith  
and Fulham
- Hounslow
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Further courses available in Summer 2025.



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## *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 NW/3 7SU



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