



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.

26th September, 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our library volunteers started our lunchtime library club. The volunteers have been busy scanning and organising the books and tidying up the library in preparation – thank you volunteers for all your hard work.

On Tuesday, the children had their individual school photos taken. Photographs are order through Churchbury using the QR code on the slip that was sent home with your child on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, our Reception children had their first visit to St Luke's Church. Thank you to Josh and Tim for showing the children around.

Thank you to everyone who has returned their updated information form, it is helping us enormously to check through the data on our new system. This may take a little while, so please do bear with us while we cross check everyone's information.

On Thursday, Mrs Wickham introduced our Harvest Festival collection to the children. This year we are collecting items for the foodbank at Fortune Green PACE and we are particularly looking to donate:

- Tinned foods for cooking
- Healthy children's snacks e.g. bars/rice cakes
- Nappies (bigger sizes please!)
- Toilet roll
- Washing powder /liquid

There will be a collection box outside during drop off and pick up times to put your items into. We hope you will all be able to join us in church on Wednesday 8th October at 2:30 as we celebrate Harvest together.

Wishing you a restful weekend,

Ms J Iwanicki

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:32

Spring Class



This week in Spring Class, we have been reading and acting out 'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak. Our classroom has transformed into a forest, just like Max's room! We even made a boat to sail across the ocean like Max and spotted some Wild Things hiding in our classroom. The children helped to create vines by cutting and sticking paper chains to decorate our forest. In Phonics, we have been learning how to read and write the sounds s, a, t and p. The children have also been getting to know each other's names, as well as learning to read and write their own. In Maths, we have been practising counting using different objects.

It has been a fun and imaginative week full of creativity and learning!



Summer Class



In Summer Class this week, we have been using the book 'Rabbityness' by Jo Empson to describe characters and their feelings when things change as well as describing settings. In our Maths, we have been ordering and comparing numbers as well as finding 1 or 10 more or less than a given number. In RE, we have been considering how we show stewardship of God's creation by creating posters of how we look after the different parts of our school. This has linked with our PSHE, where we have been working on how to create a safe classroom environment by working on how to demonstrate good listening skills.



Autumn Class



This week in Autumn Class, the children have continued writing recipes focussing on writing titles and introductions which engage the reader, and have been self-assessing and editing their work. In Maths, we have been using a range of resources to practise times tables, and continued working on addition and subtraction within the context of place value, including crossing 10s, 100s, and 1000s. In History, our focus was on the beginnings of the Ancient Egyptian civilisation, and in PE the children worked in pairs to choreograph a dance related to our History topic. Moses and his 'calling' by God was the subject of our RE lesson and we started to connect this to the idea of vocation.



Winter Class



This week in Winter Class, we have been practising our column addition and subtraction methods. Later in the week, we used these skills to help us solve multi-step mathematical reasoning questions in a variety of contexts. In English, we have been making predictions and inferences about our new class book 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas'. In History, our focus was on Winston Churchill, and the children carried out detailed research to better understand his life and his role in World War II. In PE, the children enjoyed developing their passing and ball control skills during hockey matches.



Golden Book

Spring Class

Freddie for always trying his best in every activity.

Ellinor for making great contributions during group discussions

Summer Class

Aiyana for setting a great example in how to show great listening skills.

Naomi for some excellent work in describing characters and settings in her writing.

Autumn Class

Noah for showing a great attitude to learning across the curriculum.

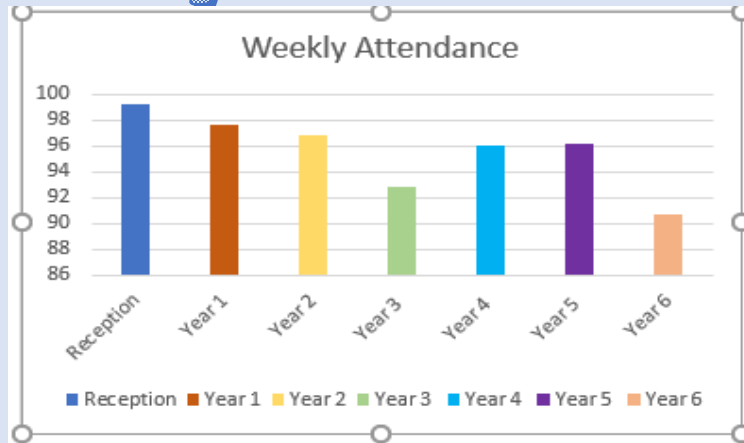
Skye for being an attentive learner and an excellent role model for here classmates.

Winter Class

Emily - for your inference writing this week and your use new vocabulary.

Sophia - for your hard work in Maths this week using column subtraction.

Weekly Attendance



Best year group this week is



Reception

with

99.30%



Happy Birthday



Summer Class

Robyn

Dates for Diary 2025

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

W/C 8th September	Reception children start and collected at 12pm
10th September	Start of Term service in Church at 2.30pm
12th September	Secondary Transfer Zoom Meeting at 10.30am
19th September	Class Curriculum Newsletters to parents
W/C 15th September	Reception children collected at 1pm
17th September	Reading Parents Meeting
19th September	PFA Meeting 9am
25th September	E Safety Meeting
W/C 22nd September	Reception children in all day
23rd September	Individual School Photographs
3 rd October	Winter Class Trip – National Army Museum
8 th October	Harvest Festival St Luke's Church 2.30pm
20 th October	Flu Vaccination (TBC)
27 th - 31 st October	Half Term

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

Women's Bible Study

Each Monday during term time at 9:45am-11am.

15 Sep	Prayer meeting
22 Sep	James 1:1-18
29 Sep	James 1:19-27
6 Oct	James 2:1-13
13 Oct	James 2:14-26
20 Oct	James 3:1-18
27 Oct	Half term
3 Nov	James 4:1-12
10 Nov	James 4:13-5:6
17 Nov	James 5:7-20
24 Nov	Prayer meeting
1 Dec	Christmas social

Contact: heid@stlukeshamstead.org

Women's Events

Grow North Women's Teaching Day: North London Women's convention, Saturday 4th October at St Peter's Church, Muswell Hill, 10am - 3:45pm. Carrie Sandom will be speaking on Mark 8-10. Tickets on sale now. Speak to Heidi for more details.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday 27th September, 9:30-11am
in the Lambert Hall

Church Praise and Prayer Meetings

Church Praise and Prayer Meetings are our most important meeting of the month, where we praise God in song and speak to him in prayer. This term we are meeting on Sunday evenings. Everyone is warmly welcomed and encouraged to come at 6pm for dinner and stay from 6:30-7:30pm for prayer.

7 Sep, 5 Oct, 2 Nov, 7 Dec

Contact: tim@stlukeshamstead.org

Bonfire Night - Guest Event

Saturday 1st November, 5:30-7:30pm

Please join us for an evening of marshmallows, sparklers and food around the bonfire!

Book of the Term - 23rd Nov 7-8pm



Therefore I have Hope
by Cameron Cole

Please order your own copy. Discussion at the Vicarage.

Christmas

7 Dec	Family Carols at 10:30am
12 Dec	Christingle Service at 3:30pm
14 Dec	Carols by Candlelight at 6pm
17 Dec	Cemetery Carols
24 Dec	Christmas Eve Service at 3pm
25 Dec	Christmas Day Service at 10:30am

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"To know Christ and to make him known"

Sunday Mornings at 10:30am

7 Sep	Return to the Lord Zechariah 1:1-6
14 Sep	Return to Jerusalem Zechariah 1:7-2:13
21 Sep	Right to Room Zechariah 3:1-10 (Church Family lunch)
28 Sep	Lord of the world Zechariah 4:1-6:8
5 Oct	The temple builder Zechariah 6:9-15
12 Oct	The faithful city Zechariah 7:1-8:23
19 Oct	Peace to the nations Zechariah 9 (Church Family lunch)
26 Oct	Abas wept John 11:35
2 Nov	All Age Service
9 Nov	The good shepherd Zechariah 10:1-11:17
16 Nov	The fountain Zechariah 12:1-13:9 (Church Family lunch)
23 Nov	King of the world Zechariah 14
30 Nov	The Messiah Matthew 1:1-18
7 Dec	The word John 1:1-5 (Family Carols)
21 Dec	The light John 1:6-13
28 Dec	The Son John 1:14-18

† Lord's Supper

Growth Groups

These groups are for everyone in our church family for Bible study, prayer, and friendship. This term we are introducing Growing Deeper evenings - on these evenings our Growth Groups will divide into single-sex groups, and we'll be helping each other connect what we've been learning in the Bible to our lives.

3 Sep	Leaders' Training
10 Sep	James 1:1-18
17 Sep	No Growth Groups
24 Sep	Growing Deeper evening
1 Oct	James 1:19-27
8 Oct	James 2:1-13
15 Oct	James 2:14-26
22 Oct	Growing Deeper evening
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3 Dec	James 5:7-20
10 Dec	Growing Deeper evening
17 Dec	Growth Group Socials

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For more information, please contact the church office on 020 7431 6317 or admin@stlukeshamstead.org



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Children and Young People

Midweek

Pre-school:	Super Lukes, Wed 10-11:15am
YR-Year 2:	Adventurers, Thu 3:30-4:30pm
Years 3-5:	Kidderpore Kids, Fri 6:00-7:00pm
Years 6-9:	Pathfinders, Fri 7:00-8:15pm
Years 10-13:	EPIC, Fri 8:00-9:00pm

(10th September-10th December excluding half term)

Sunday Mornings at 10:30am

Sunday Younger Kids: Reception - Year 3
Sunday Older Kids: Year 4 - Year 8

All groups meet in the main church building.
Groups run throughout the school term.
Contact: josh@stlukeshamstead.org

Youth Events

SORTED (age 14-18)
Saturday 8th Nov

Contact: josh@stlukeshamstead.org

Evergreens

A monthly meeting on Wednesdays from 3:00-4:30pm for over 50's. Includes a tea party, a short service and an interesting talk or activity.
24th September, 22nd October and 26th November
Contact: alastair.treskider@gmail.com



SLS Harvest Appeal 2025



Play, Adventure & Community Enrichment

PACE Fortune Green Foodbank

- Tinned foods for cooking
- Healthy children's snacks e.g. bars/rice cakes
- Nappies (bigger sizes please!)
- Toilet roll
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*Please place all donations in the box outside church
at school drop off or pick up.*

Thank you for your generosity!