



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.

10^d October, 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week here at St Luke's. On Tuesday we had a visit from the Camden School Inclusion Support Officer to look at our attendance. Please remember that attendance that falls below 90% is considered persistent absenteeism and our school target is 96.5% attendance for all children.

In Winter Class the children had a visit from Tim, the curate at St Luke's Church, to talk about vocations. The children asked lots of questions and Tim shared his special calling with the children.

On Wednesday, we celebrated Harvest Festival in church. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us and to everyone who donated goods for our Harvest collection. Our KS2 school councillors will help take the donations down to the foodbank at Fortune Green PACE next week.

As we get closer to the end of half term the children (and the adults) can become tired and it becomes that little bit harder to do the right thing. It is at this point in the term that our children will need lots of reminders of our Golden Rules. If you would like to look at them with your child at home you can find them on the school website at: <https://www.stlukesschool.org.uk/pupils/golden-rules/>

Finally, I would like to share some lovely news with you, St Luke's has made the Top 10 Best Primary Schools in London. <https://www.timeout.com/london/news/the-10-best-primary-schools-in-london-for-2026-100725>

Thank you to all our amazing staff for all their continued hard work.

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Ms J Iwanicki
Headteacher

*"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" **Philippians 4:7***

Spring Class



This week in Spring Class, we read 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell and explored the different emotions we noticed in the story. We talked about the emotions we feel and what we can do to help ourselves when we experience them. We went on a walk around the school playground to collect leaves and twigs to build a nest for the owl babies. Using mirrors, we looked carefully at our faces and created our own wonderful self-portraits. The children loved drawing pictures of themselves, as well as pictures of their friends and family. Furthermore, in RE, we explored the Creation Story and discussed what it teaches us about the world around us.



Summer Class



In Summer Class, we have been looking at features of a diary using the book, 'Diary of a Wombat.' We have been using time words to create our own diary sentences. In Maths, we have been deepening our understanding of place value by using equipment to make numbers as well as count, compare and order larger numbers. In science we measured our feet to and compared it to the size of our hands. In Topic, we looked at the times of Queen Victoria, comparing those with our own. In RE, we have been preparing questions about what the church does for the wider community in preparation for a visit from a member of the church.



Autumn Class



This week in Autumn Class, we have been working on mental strategies for addition and subtraction in Maths. The children have been working on drawing number lines to support their calculations. In English, the class went outdoors to use nature as inspiration to write their own noun phrases. We have been creating writing related to 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes, and are using the viewpoint of Hogarth to describe the early scenes of the book. In RE this week, we invited Tim, from St Luke's Church, to come in and answer the children's questions about his vocation. In Art, the children learnt how to make beads from paper to help them to create their own jewellery.



Winter Class



This week in Winter Class, we have been putting our knowledge from our visit to the National Army Museum to good use by creating informative fact cards about World War II. In English, the children have been working hard to write their own short stories inspired by events from 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas'. In Maths, we have been exploring different methods of multiplication, including the grid method and short multiplication. The children have shown great perseverance as they build their confidence with these strategies. In Design and Technology, we have begun practising our sewing skills, learning how to thread a needle and experiment with different stitches.



Golden Book

Spring Class

Ari for showing confidence in speaking in front of others.

Kylo for showing fantastic teamwork during group activities.

Summer Class

Francesco for his good use of time words when looking a diary writing.

Arion for his imaginative work when writing a diary this week.

Autumn Class

Karim for working hard to improve his handwriting.

Myla for excellent concentration during written tasks.

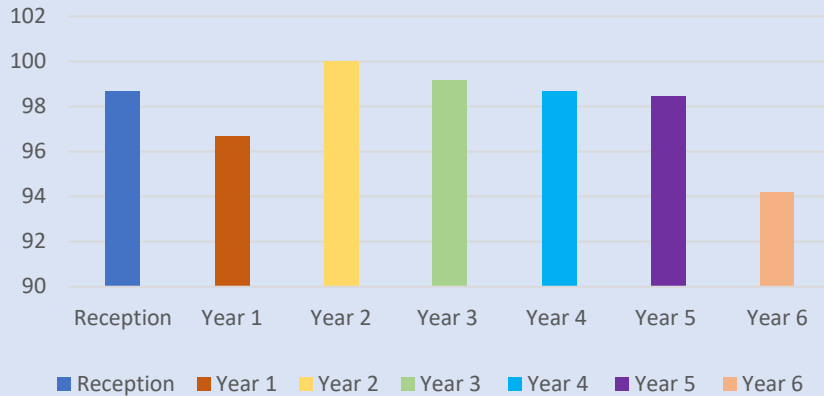
Winter Class

Felix for his focus and positive attitude to learning.

Luciano for his great work in maths this week with short multiplication.

Weekly Attendance

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Best year group this week is
★ Year 2 with ★
100%



Happy Birthday



Daniel & Elinor

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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
3rd October	Winter Class Trip – National Army Museum
8th October	Harvest Festival St Luke's Church 2.30pm
13 th October	Tim visiting Summer Class
16 th October	St Luke's Day – Kindness Challenge
20 th October	Flu Vaccination (TBC)
21 st October	NSPCC Workshops
22 nd October	PFA Uniform Sale (before school starts)
27 th - 31 st October	Half Term
3 rd November	KS2 Netball Match Versus St Mary
5 th November	Winter Class Trip – Junior Citizenship
7 th November	Skipping Workshop
11 th November	Winter Class – Armistice Day Service



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: heidi@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

st luke's Autumn term 2025



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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 3:1-30 (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 †	Absol 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
29 Oct	Half term
5 Nov	James 3:1-18
12 Nov	James 4:1-12
19 Nov	James 4:13-5:6
26 Nov	Growing Deeper evening
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 7437 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: alstair.treskider@gmail.com

Art

- WEEKLY CLASSES
- HOLIDAY CAMPS
- WORKSHOPS

FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS
IN HIGHGATE



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