



# St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

*Educating through faith, hope and love.*

**17<sup>d</sup> October, 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we announced our Kindness Challenge to the school. Starting on Monday, and running through until next half term, the children will be completing acts of kindness to help raise money for NSPCC Childline. Childline supports children and young people both on line and over the phone. Their counsellors are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and more information about their work can be found at: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/our-services/childline/>. You can either sponsor your child per act of kindness or make a one off donation through your ParentPay account. Don't forget to log on to our survey to record your own acts of kindness too.

Unfortunately, due to illness, we will have to postpone Summer Class' Assembly next week and this will now take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 3:00pm. We look forward to seeing our KS1 parents then.

On Tuesday, our KS2 School Councillors did a fantastic job taking our Harvest Collection down to the food bank at Fortune green PACE. The children joined in with the Nursey's circle time and our Winter Class councillors read a story to the children. Thank you again for all your generous donations. Finally, don't forget that our PFA will be holding a uniform sale in the morning before school on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Ms J Iwanicki  
Headteacher

*"Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. " Matthew 11:28*

## Spring Class



This week in Spring Class, we continued to explore the Creation Story and discussed our favourite parts of it. It was lovely to hear the children's thoughtful responses. We painted pictures of owls using forks, and explored mixing colours. The children enjoyed experimenting with different combinations of paint to create unique shades and tones for their owl feathers. Building on this, the children created their own owl collages. They carefully thought about the patterns and colours of owl feathers, using a variety of shapes, textures and materials to make their designs stand out.



## Summer Class



In Summer Class this week our Maths work has involved using Numicon to investigate, and record addition facts including learning and practising number bonds. In English, we have used the text, 'The Cat's Journey' by Ruth Merttens & Anne Holm Petersen to create our own diary entries based on a character. In RE, Tim from St Luke's Church joined our class to answer questions on how the church works to uphold God's creation, and maintain the beauty of the world. In PSHE, we have been thinking about different emotions we feel and how we manage difficult feelings.



## Autumn Class



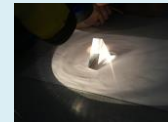
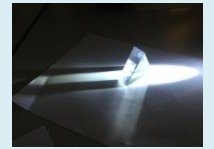
This week in Autumn Class, we have been writing first person narratives from the viewpoint of Hogarth in 'The Iron Man', by Ted Hughes. The class have shown excellent understanding and focus on their written work, and have produced some impressive written work. In Maths we have been looking at using number facts to support addition and subtraction. Working on these skills in the context of money. In Art and Design the children have designed their own 'pectoral' based on Ancient Egyptian examples and looked at methods for creating them in 3D. They have also enjoyed the new additions to the class library from the Reading Road Map and West End Lane Bookshop.



## Winter Class



This week in Winter Class, we have been learning about the lives of children during World War 2, exploring their experiences through a series of recounts. In Science, we continued our topic on light and the colour spectrum, creating our own rainbows by experimenting with refraction. In Maths, we focused on developing our mental calculation skills with 2- and 3-digit numbers, using our knowledge of multiplication facts to solve problems efficiently. In English, we have been editing and refining our short stories, and many of us have now begun publishing our polished final pieces.



# Golden Book

### Spring Class

**Daniel** for being gentle and respectful with classroom resources.

**Romeo** for joining in with discussions and sharing great ideas.

### Summer Class

**Camilla** for continuing to work hard on her writing.

**Lina** for her excellent work in phonics this week.

### Autumn Class

**Arshia** for great focus on learning activities.

**Nefeli** for excellent engagement in English this week.

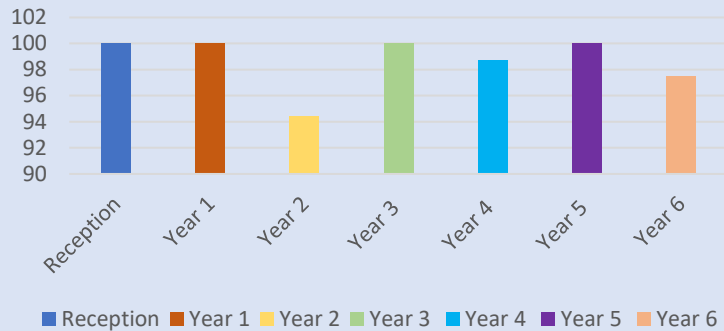
### Winter Class

**Zara** for her thoughtful contributions during class discussions.

**Ava** for her effort in editing and publishing during writing this week.

# Weekly Attendance

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Best year group this week is

Reception, Year 1

Year 3 & Year 5

All classes achieved 100%



## Happy Birthday



**Daniel Burg, Elinor Burg**

**Arion Elezi**

# Dates for Diary 2025

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

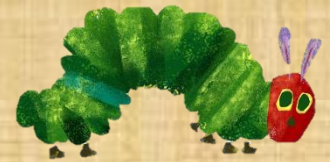
<del>W/C 8th September</del>	<del>Reception children start and collected at 12pm</del>
<del>10th September</del>	<del>Start of Term service in Church at 2.30pm</del>
<del>12th September</del>	<del>Secondary Transfer Zoom Meeting at 10.30am</del>
<del>19th September</del>	<del>Class Curriculum Newsletters to parents</del>
<del>W/C 15th September</del>	<del>Reception children collected at 1pm</del>
<del>17th September</del>	<del>Reading Parents Meeting</del>
<del>19<sup>th</sup> September</del>	<del>PFA Meeting 9am</del>
<del>25th September</del>	<del>E Safety Meeting</del>
<del>W/C 22nd September</del>	<del>Reception children in all day</del>
<del>23rd September</del>	<del>Individual School Photographs</del>
<del>3<sup>rd</sup> October</del>	<del>Winter Class Trip – National Army Museum</del>
<del>8<sup>th</sup> October</del>	<del>Harvest Festival St Luke's Church 2.30pm</del>
<del>13<sup>th</sup> October</del>	<del>Tim visiting Summer Class</del>
<del>16<sup>th</sup> October</del>	<del>St Luke's Day – Kindness Challenge Launch</del>
<del>20<sup>th</sup> October</del>	<del>Flu Vaccination (TBC)</del>
<del>21<sup>st</sup> October</del>	<del>NSPCC Workshops</del>
<del>22<sup>nd</sup> October</del>	<del>PFA Uniform Sale (before school starts)</del>
<del>27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> October</del>	<del>Half Term</del>
<del>3<sup>rd</sup> November</del>	<del>KS2 Netball Match Versus St Mary</del>
<del>5<sup>th</sup> November</del>	<del>Winter Class Trip – Junior Citizenship</del>
<del>11<sup>th</sup> November</del>	<del>Winter Class – Armistice Day Service</del>

# The KS2 School Councillors took our Harvest Donations to Fortune Green PACE.



Oba shared the meaning of Harvest with the PACE children.

GIVE  
THANKS  
with a  
GRATEFUL  
heart



We read the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar



# 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> November, 5:30-7:30pm

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

## Book of the Term – 23<sup>rd</sup> 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



Kidderpore Avenue,  
NW3 7SU

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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 †	Absa 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

Contact: tim@stlukeshamstead.org

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

10<sup>th</sup> September-10<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.  
24<sup>th</sup> September, 22<sup>nd</sup> October and 26<sup>th</sup> November  
Contact: alstair.treskider@gmail.com

# EMOTION COACHING

This is a two-part workshop; both sessions need to be attended

The workshop is interactive, a mixture of discussion, reflection & presentation

The workshop aims to support parent/carers to understand and validate their child's emotions, respond more helpfully during moments of heightened emotions, and implement appropriate boundary setting



Sign up with the QR code below:



Thursday 4th & 11th December,  
12.00 to 2.00pm,  
Tavistock & Portman Trust,  
120 Belsize Lane, NW3 5BA

