



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.

23rd October, 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we are already at the end of our first half term. Our Reception children have successfully settled into our school routines and our older children are making friends in their new classes and getting to know their new teachers.

The weather this week has certainly turned, please can you ensure your child brings a coat in to school every day next half term to ensure they stay warm and dry.

This week, the children have been sharing some of their acts of kindness in collective worship. Some children have been helping to cook dinner at home, tidying their bedrooms and putting all their toys away by themselves. I hope you are noticing all the kindness they are putting out into the world. Don't forget the Kindness Challenge continues over half term and parents can log their own acts of kindness at:

<https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/b2HXXMcEDonations>. One of our parents has even offered to do their act of kindness by doing some odd jobs around the school. If this is something you would also like to do, please get in touch! Sponsorship money can be paid into your ParentPay account at <https://www.parentpay.com/>. So far we have raised £58 for Childline, but I'm sure there will be lots more donations before the Kindness Challenge ends on 7th November. One of parents has even offered to do their act of kindness by doing some odd jobs for the school. Thank you to our PFA volunteers for organising the Uniform Sale on Wednesday morning – we hope parents were able to snap up some bargains. Recycling pre-loved clothing is a great way for us to care for our planet and conserve natural resources, while also raising funds for the PFA.

Unfortunately, due to some technical glitches on their site, the NSPCC had to cancel their visit this week, but we have arranged for them to come back after half term to conduct the Speak out, Stay safe workshops.

Wishing you all a restful half term break,

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 the children went on a local walk to observe different aspects of nature, linking to the Creation Story. The children thought about what they could see, hear and feel during the walk, and considered what these experiences taught us about how we should look after and care for the natural world. We also discussed different family structures and how each family is special in its own way. The children enjoyed comparing their baby photographs from then and now, noticing how much they have grown and changed. As part of our Kindness Challenge, we collected leaves during our walk, which we will be using to make gifts after half term. In Phonics, the children have started to write CVC words. It has been lovely to see them listening carefully to the sounds they can hear to help them spell.



Summer Class



In Summer Class this week, we have continued our work on diary entries by planning and writing about a day in the life of an animal character. In Maths, we have been practising our number bonds to 10 and 20 using Numicon and number lines, as well as recording the number sentences and extending this to number bonds within 100. In Science this week, we completed a sound survey of the school working out if the noise to our ears was reduced if we wore hoods or earmuffs. We also classified fruits and vegetables using the senses of taste and smell. In PE, we have been combining jumps, rolls and balances to create a sequence of gymnastic actions.



Autumn Class



This week in Autumn Class, we have been working on developing a range of methods to support subtraction. In English we have been looking at developing our own characters for stories and learning about verbs and different types of adverbs. We completed our RE unit by revisiting the story of Ruth and making links between the old testament stories that we have learnt about this half term. In PE we completed our dance unit by choreographing a dance inspired by the wildlife of the Nile, and we started to put together our designs for jewellery inspired by ancient Egypt.



Winter Class



This week in Winter Class, we have been working systematically in Maths to solve a range of problems while consolidating our understanding of whole numbers and decimals. In Art, we have been sketching World War II planes, exploring different techniques such as shading and smudging with charcoal to enhance the detail and depth of our drawings. In Computing, we have been developing our coding skills by designing and creating our very own video games, combining creativity with logical thinking!



Golden Book

Spring Class

Arthur for his great focus on letter formation.

Nikos for showing excellent turn-taking during games.

Summer Class

Tristan for some imaginative diary writing this week.

Matthew for his excellent contributions in Science when describing and comparing fruits and vegetables.

Autumn Class

Zeynep for her excellent attitude to all areas of learning.

Ignacy for answering questions in class clearly and confidently.

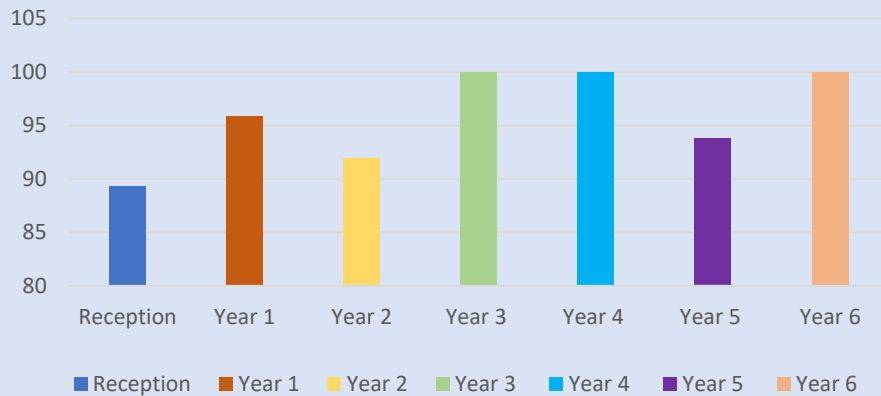
Winter Class

Leena for her detailed sketching and effort in Art this week.

Asia for her systematic approach to tackling mathematical problems and her fantastic team work.

Weekly Attendance

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Best year group this week is

Year 3

Year 4

Year 6



Happy Birthday



Frank

Ignacy

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
13th October	Tim visiting Summer Class
16th October	St Luke's Day – Kindness Challenge Launch
20th October	Flu Vaccination (TBC)
21st October	NSPCC Workshops
22nd October	PFA Uniform Sale (before school starts)
27th - 31st October	Half Term
3rd November	KS2 Netball Match Versus St Mary
5th November	Winter Class Trip – Junior Citizenship
11th November	Winter Class – Armistice Day Service
11th November	Winter Class Assembly
18th November	Summer Class Assembly
9th December	Autumn Class Assembly

Gardening Club News!



A **huge thank you** to Peter and the team at the **Camden Garden Centre** for their generous donation of vouchers which will be used to buy resources for **St Luke's CE School's Gardening Club**.

We look forward to restarting our lunchtime Gardening Club soon, and sharing the good news of what's growing!

Here's what the **Camden Garden Centre** say about themselves on their website:

Camden Garden Centre is an unusual Garden Centre.

We are a multiple award-winning urban garden centre in the heart of central London. We not only supply plants and gardening products of the broadest range and of the highest quality and give expert guidance and customer advice but we are also a charitable organisation offering employment, training and educational opportunities and donate funds to our parent charity.

Our trained, friendly and knowledgeable staff are renowned for going that extra mile to help London gardeners find plants and products which work best for their green spaces – inside or outside – be it pots or plot, basket, windowbox or balcony.

You can find out more here:

<https://camdengardencentre.co.uk/>



Camden
Garden Centre

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

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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
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 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: 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

