



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday we celebrated Odd Socks Day in school as part of Anti-Bullying Week. It was great to see everyone celebrating how different and unique we all are at St Luke's. Although we use our Christian values and Golden Rules in school to think about how we treat each other in person, many parents are concerned with cyberbullying that may happen in our own homes. More information on how you can use parental controls and which apps might be suitable for children to use can be found at:

<https://www.kidsonlineworld.com/parents--carers.html>

On Tuesday we were treated to a wonderful class assembly all about the weather. Thank you to Mr Leng, Ms Predko and all the children in Summer Class for sharing their learning with us.

I hope everyone who was affected by the Thames Water issue has now got running water back on in their homes. Although the problem affected several areas across London, I was both pleased and relieved it was all fixed in time for us to open this morning. Thank you to our PFA class reps for helping to circulate the message and thank you to our teaching staff who planned just in case we needed to move to remote learning.

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Ms J Iwanicki
Headteacher

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.' **Matthew 5:7**

Spring Class



This week in Spring Class, we enjoyed 'Woody's Week' and learnt about the days of the week. We also explored Woody's emotions and discussed how he was feeling throughout the story. In celebration of Odd Socks Day, we talked about its meaning and designed our own unique socks! To extend our previous RE lesson on how to prepare for a new born baby, we were delighted to have a special visit from Henry and his mum. Before the visit, we came up with thoughtful questions to ask Henry's mum, and she kindly answered them all for us. It was wonderful to see the children's curiosity and to hear the insightful questions they asked.



Summer Class



In Summer Class this week, we performed our first assembly of the school year. It took quite a bit of preparation but we hope all the audience enjoyed the acting and singing from the children as we demonstrated our understanding of different types of weather. Outside of our performance, children have been working hard on assessments showing their progress in phonics, reading and maths. In RE, we have been working on the Nativity Story thinking about the qualities that Mary and Joseph needed when chosen to be parents of Jesus. We are also beginning to prepare for our Nativity in Church on the 11th December.



Autumn Class



This week in Autumn Class, we have been focusing on grammar in English. We have learnt about verbs, the present perfect tense and the use of adverbials to add additional information to sentences. In Maths, we worked on using our knowledge of doubling and halving to multiply and divide by 4 and practised the grid method for multiplication. Also the children worked on a division investigation and learnt about 2D shapes and polygons. In RE, we learnt about the feast of the Epiphany and the clues it provides about Jesus' life. The children completed their jewellery by painting and stringing their beads, and in Science we discussed sources of light, and why the moon is not considered a source of light.



Winter Class



This In Winter class this week, we've been focusing on creativity and storytelling. The children have been planning and writing short stories inspired by the theme of hope. As they build their narratives, they've been incorporating relative clauses to add more detail and depth to their writing. On Thursday, we had a fantastic time attending a Practical Science session at UCS. The children took part in hands-on experiments, showcased their existing scientific knowledge, and expanded their understanding of various scientific concepts. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to engage with what science looks like in KS3.



Golden Book

Spring Class

Ari for his great work on reading sounds and blending.

Raya for showing fantastic curiosity and asking thoughtful questions.

Summer Class

Maria for continuing to show great progress in phonics.

Louie for his responsibility in learning his part for our assembly.

Autumn Class

Roman for developing more independence in his learning.

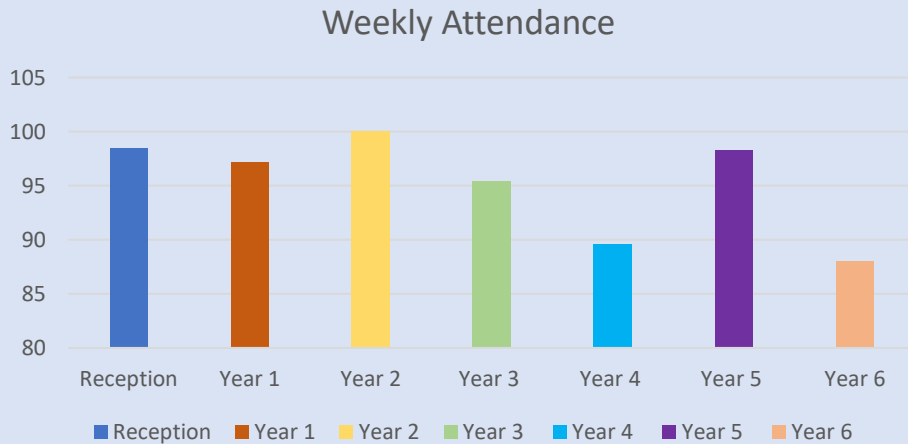
Mohsen for excellent listening and focus on his work.

Winter Class

Lorenzo for your contributions and focus during our Science session at UCS.

Zayn for your hard work involving challenging maths problems.

Weekly Attendance



Year 2
Achieved 100% Attendance



Happy Birthday



Zayn
Freddie
Arden
Ava
Xerxes
Henry



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
19 th 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
13 th October	Tim visiting Summer Class
16 th October	St Luke's Day – Kindness Challenge Launch
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
11 th November	Winter Class – Armistice Day Service
11 th November	Winter Class Assembly
17 th November	Odd Socks Day
18 th November	Summer Class Assembly
26 th November	Pantomime in School
2 nd & 3 rd December	Parents Evenings
8 th December	St Marys – Sports Match
9 th December	Autumn Class Assembly
11 th December	Nativity in Church
12 th December	Christingle
17 th December	Christmas Carol Service in Church (6pm)
18 th December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
19 th December	End of Term (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

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 13th December
12:30 to 3:30pm

Santa's Grotto - Raffle - Sausage Rolls - Tombola
Pizza - Face Painting - Hot Chocolate - Mulled Wine
Biscuit Decorating - Festive Games and more!

£3

Santa's Grotto
(includes a gift)

Purchase your entrance tickets, raffle tickets and
Santa's Grotto the week before, or pay on the day.
Volunteers needed! Please speak with your Class Rep
if you can help on the day.

£1

Entry per Child
£2 Adult or
£5 Family ticket

