



# St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

*Educating through faith, hope and love.*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our parent consultation evenings this week. We know ten minutes is never enough time to talk about each child. But we hope that you have gained some insight into how they have settled into their new classes this term and what their current targets are. If you still need to book an appointment, please contact the school office to arrange another time. Thank you also to everyone who has already brought in prizes for our **Christmas Fair on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. We are still looking for items to go in hampers for the raffle, bottles for the grown-up's tombola and prizes for the children's tombola, festive jars, or pre-loved Christmas Jumpers. Our core PFA members have been working extremely hard over the last few months to ensure this year's Christmas Fair is a success, but if you are able to help out on the day please contact [pfa@stlukesschool.org.uk](mailto:pfa@stlukesschool.org.uk)

Next Tuesday, Autumn Class will be sharing their learning in their class assembly at 3:00pm in the school hall, and we also look forward to welcoming KS1 and Reception parents in to church on Thursday for our retelling of the Nativity story at 2:30pm.

Next Friday, we will be celebrating Christingle in school. Each child will make their own Christingle in class and we will light the candles during collective worship. Please ensure children with long hair have it securely tied back for safety.

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Ms J Iwanicki  
Headteacher

*'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.'* **John 3:16**

## Spring Class



This week in Spring Class, the children have been working hard on learning the songs for our Nativity. We can't wait to share our lovely singing with everyone next Thursday, along with Summer Class. We have been recapping all the sounds we have learnt this half term and practising writing CVC words. It was also wonderful to share the children's learning with parents during parents evening. The children have been making great progress, and we are very proud of them. In RE, we discussed how Mary and Joseph might have felt about having a baby, thinking about their emotions and the importance of their role in the Nativity story.



## Summer Class



In Summer Class this week we have been busy practising for the Nativity. Children have been learning their lines, songs and actions and we're looking forward to performing it in Church next week. In Maths, we have been looking at the properties of 2D shape and in English, we have used the poem, 'The Jumblies' to write sentences containing prepositions and adjectives. In RE, we have focussed on the traits of characters from the Nativity story and how we might see different examples of those traits in ourselves and others. Some of Year 2 have also begun working on reading tasks during phonics lessons and have shown great independence when doing this!



## Autumn Class



This week in Autumn Class, the children have worked really hard to write and edit their stories inspired by 'The Wolf's Secret'. They have been developing their use of descriptive language to describe settings and characters and have started to work on editing and redrafting. In Maths they have continued to learn about fractions. They are developing their understanding of comparing fractions, equivalent fractions and mixed numbers. In Science, the children developed their understanding of reflection and worked together to build a mirror maze. They also did further research about Ancient Egypt and wrote our class assembly.



## Winter Class



This week in Winter Class, we have continued exploring accounts from various explorers claiming to be the first to reach the North Pole. The children have been using modal verbs to express certainty about these claims and to share their own opinions. They also enjoyed role-playing in character as their chosen explorer. In Maths, we have been revisiting fractions and using our knowledge of common multiples to compare different fractional amounts. In RE, the children have created their own beautiful pieces of art inspired by the Nativity story, demonstrating both creativity and thoughtful reflection.



# Golden Book

### Spring Class

**Aris** for great independent writing.

**Yiannis** for great work on reading sounds and blending.

### Summer Class

**Xerxes** for showing great concentration during Nativity practice.

**Charlotte** for her thoughtful work on characters in the Nativity story.

### Autumn Class

**Aahil** for great focus on story writing in English.

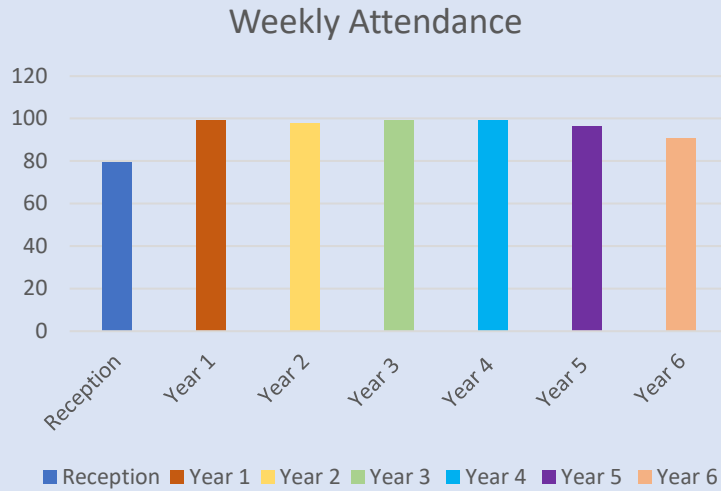
**Allegra** for developing her use of descriptive language in her story.

### Winter Class

**Emiliana** for her hard work on fractions this week in Maths.

**Sam** for his enthusiastic role play and effective script writing in English.

# Weekly Attendance



Year 4

Achieved the highest attendance



# Happy Birthday



Samuel



# 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 <sup>th</sup> September	PFA Meeting 9am
25th September	E Safety Meeting
W/C 22nd September	Reception children in all day
23rd September	Individual School Photographs
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Winter Class Trip – National Army Museum
8 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival St Luke's Church 2.30pm
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Tim visiting Summer Class
16 <sup>th</sup> October	St Luke's Day – Kindness Challenge Launch
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Vaccination (TBC)
21 <sup>st</sup> October	NSPCC Workshops
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	PFA Uniform Sale (before school starts)
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Half Term
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	KS2 Netball Match Versus St Mary
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Winter Class Trip – Junior Citizenship
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Winter Class – Armistice Day Service
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Winter Class Assembly
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd Socks Day
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Summer Class Assembly
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Pantomime in School
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Parents Evenings
8 <sup>th</sup> December	St Marys – Sports Match
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Autumn Class Assembly
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity in Church
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carol Service in Church (6pm)
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
19 <sup>th</sup> 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



# Art

- WEEKLY CLASSES
- HOLIDAY CAMPS
- WORKSHOPS

FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS  
IN HIGHGATE



UNIT 1, BROADBENT CLOSE,  
N6 5JW, HIGHGATE

**PAINTING**  
**DRAWING**  
**AIR-DRY CLAY**  
**COLLAGE**  
**EMBROIDERY**  
**PAPER MACHE**  
**PASTELS**  
**WATERCOLOURS**  
**AND MORE**



[LALAARTSPACE.CO.UK](http://LALAARTSPACE.CO.UK)

*st luke's*

*hampstead*

# *adventurers*

## **After-School Club**

**Adventures Club is back!**

**At Adventurers, children will have the opportunity to make different crafts each week, sing songs, play games together and hear stories from the Bible!**

**Sign up by emailing [josh@stlukeshampstead.org](mailto:josh@stlukeshampstead.org) or through the school office.**

**Where: St Luke's Church**

(children are collected from their classrooms by the team at the end of the school day. Parents pick up from St Luke's Church)

**When: Thursday 3.30 - 4.30pm**

**Ages: Years R - 3**

**Date: 15<sup>th</sup> Jan - 19<sup>th</sup> Mar (excluding half term)**

**Cost: £15 per term (paid directly to St Luke's Church)**