



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is beginning to feel very Christmassy here at St Luke's. Our Christmas tree has been decorated and our children have been busy making their Christingles ready for our special celebration in collective worship this afternoon.

On Thursday our KS1 and EYFS children gave us a delightful retelling of the Nativity story in church. The children sang, spoke and danced with confidence and it was a thoroughly enjoyable performance. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us in church.

Next week, our KS2 children will have their chance to shine at our evening Carol Service in St Luke's Church. The service will begin at 6:00pm. Please drop your child off at the school door at 5:30pm in school uniform, and we will bring the children up to church altogether. It is helpful if you can keep your child's coats with you in church so they have more room on the benches. This year we will be singing a special carol with lyrics written by the children in Winter Class.

Next Thursday is Christmas lunch in school and children are allowed to come into school wearing their Christmas jumpers.

Please don't forget that there are no afterschool clubs next week and children finish school on Friday at 1:30pm.

I look forward to seeing you all tomorrow at our Christmas Fair from 12:30pm

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Ms J Iwanicki
Headteacher

'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.' John 1:5

Spring Class



This week in Spring Class, it has been a very busy and exciting one! We performed our Nativity with Summer Class and had a wonderful time singing and adding actions to go with our songs. We hope everyone enjoyed our performance. I am super proud of Spring Class, as it was their first time performing in front of an audience — well done! In RE, we explored different Advent symbols and discussed why they are special. The children then made their own Advent wreaths with great care. Lastly, we made Christingles and talked about the meaning behind each part. The children created thoughtful and detailed Christingles.



Summer Class



In Summer Class this week, we have been busy practising for our Nativity performance. The children worked very hard on their acting and singing and we hope our audience enjoyed the show! In Maths, we have been working on shape including finding symmetry in shapes. Our Topic work has involved looking at symbols on maps and using it to create our own fantasy island map. In RE, we considered the gifts that were given to Jesus and used collage to create our own ideas for gifts we could give incorporating values such as faith, hope, love, kindness and friendship.



Autumn Class



This week in Autumn Class, the children have been doing lots of pair and group work. It is impressive how they work together to share resources and work on investigations together. In Science they completed an investigation into the shadows that are made by different materials. In Maths we have been learning about unit and non-unit fractions of amounts and looking at the properties of 3D shapes. In Computing, we have been building up our coding skills using scratch and they also did some excellent teamwork to prepare for our class assembly. Well done to them all for an excellent performance.



Winter Class



This week in Winter Class, we have been busy writing newspaper articles reporting on adventurous journeys from around the world. The children have focused on using modal verbs effectively and selecting key information to create clear, engaging reports. In Maths, we have continued our work on fractions, with pupils learning how to convert and find equivalent fractions with increasing confidence. In RE, Winter Class have shown wonderful creativity and dedication as they worked hard to write their own Christmas carol. Their thoughtful lyrics and teamwork have made us very proud!



Golden Book

Spring Class

Rayan for his great focus in all areas of learning.

Freddie for showing great imaginative play with a partner

Summer Class

Aiyana for being a great team player during our Nativity rehearsals.

Marco for his hard work learning his lines for the Nativity.

Autumn Class

Ivy for good team work in Science and Computing.

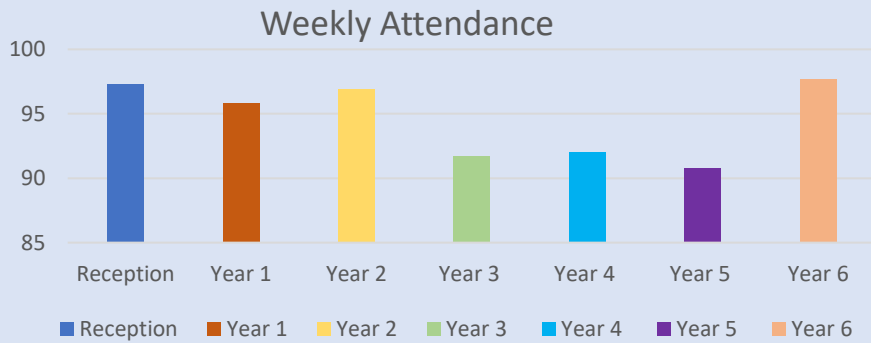
Seraphina for a confident and enthusiastic performance in our class assembly.

Winter Class

Zara - for her effort working on fractions this week.

Lily-Rose - for contributions during R.E this week

Weekly Attendance



Year 6



Achieved the highest attendance

Happy Birthday



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Dates for Diary 2025

Term dates are on the school website. Additions are in [blue](#); Changes are in [red](#).

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| 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.

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| 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



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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 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: 15th Jan - 19th Mar (excluding half term)

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