



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.



19th December 2025
Message from Ms Iwanicki



Dear Parents and Carers,

What an incredibly busy term we have had here at St Luke's. This year our class teachers all moved into new year groups and although this is important for their professional development it is always a challenge getting used to a new curriculum. However, in true SLS style they have embraced it with enthusiasm and dedication.

In September, we welcomed lots of new children to St Luke's, including our new Reception cohort, and it's been wonderful to see how well they have all settled into school life. We also voted in our new school councillors for the year and our new PFA members. The PFA have done an amazing job this term funding new core texts for each class, paying for our whole school pantomime and putting on a fantastic Christmas Fair that raised over £1377 in profit. Thank you to all of our PFA helpers for all of their continued hard work.

This term, we also took part in our Kindness Challenge that raised over £500 for NSPCC Childline as well as spreading kindness throughout our community. We also supported the PACE foodbank through our Harvest collection this year and celebrated how unique we all are during Odd Socks Day.

In the new year we are excited to have some coaches working with our KS2 children from Middlesex Cricket and Chance to Shine. These sessions will take place each Tuesday, so next half term children in Autumn and Winter classes will need to wear their PE kits to school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Thank you to those families that have provided evidence for illnesses this week. Attendance is a national issue at the moment and the Government and Local Authority is committed to tackling the issues that might cause some children to miss school unnecessarily. At St Luke's, we want the best possible outcomes for all of our children and being in school every day is important for your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development.

Don't forget we have INSET day on Monday 5th January so children will return to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Very best wishes,

Ms J Iwanicki
Headteacher

Weekly Attendance



Year 5



Achieved the highest attendance

Termly Attendance

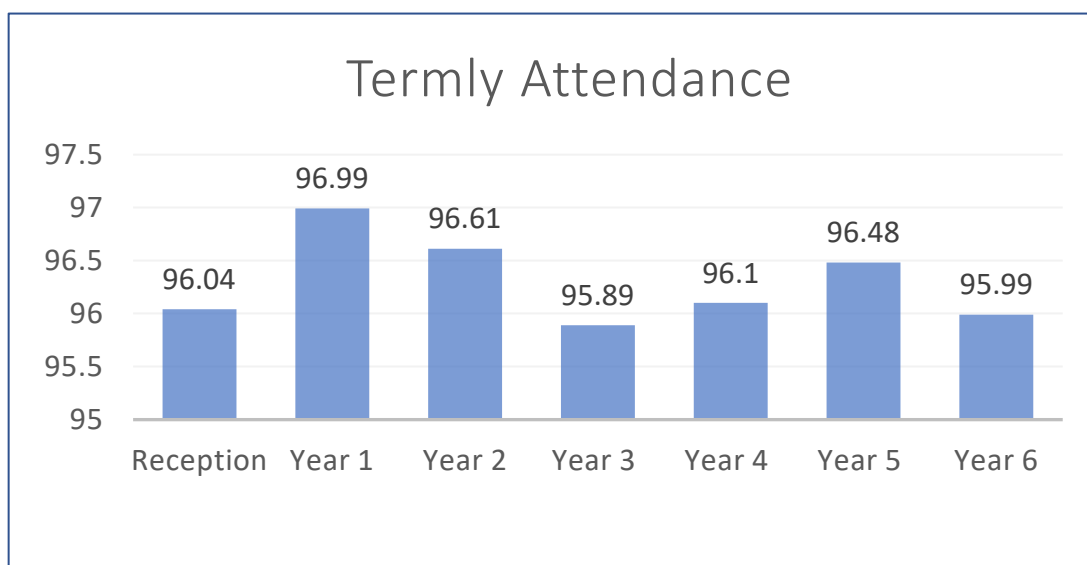
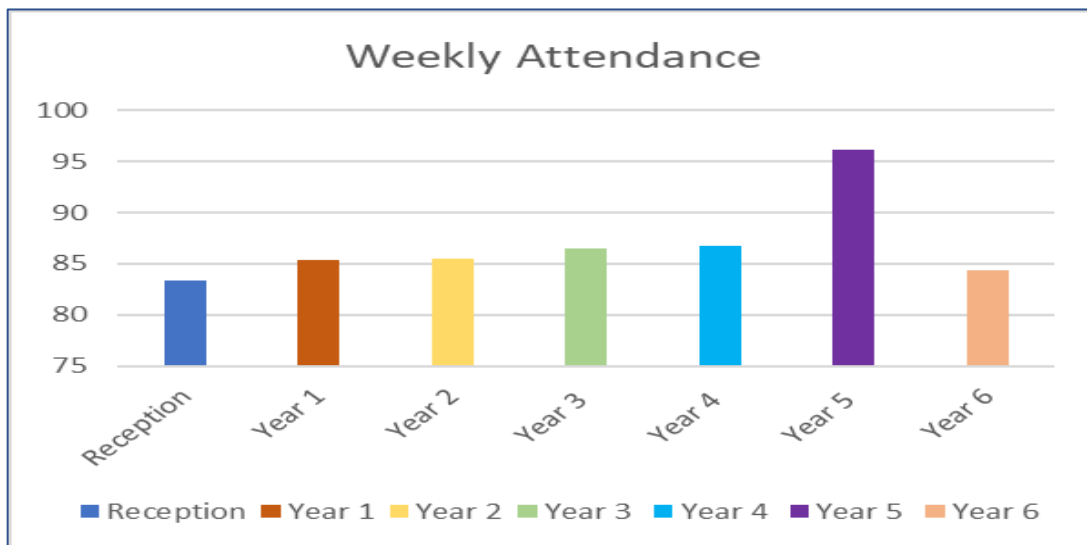


Year 1



Achieved the highest attendance





Happy Birthday



Adila – Summer Class

Gregor – Autumn Class

Emiliana – Winter Class

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)
5 th January	INSET Day
6 th January	Start of New term
12 th January	Afterschool Clubs Start
26 th January	CLC Winter Class Trip

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

Merry Christmas
From everyone at St
Luke's



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)