



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy new year and welcome back to school. On Monday the teachers were in school for an INSET day, but it was lovely to see the children return on Tuesday. Although we only had a sprinkling of snow, we all had great fun playing outside and building miniature snowmen.



Thank you to our Year 6 parents who were able to join me for our PGL Residential Trip meeting today, more information will come out over the next few weeks.

Next Wednesday, we will be holding our start of term service in St Luke's Church. Please join us at 2:30 as we celebrate our new school term.

Next Friday, we will be sending out our curriculum newsletters to keep you informed of this term's topics in each class.

Finally, 2026 is the National Year of Reading which aims to bring reading closer to culture; reconnecting reading with the things that inspire us and ensuring reading fits into all our lives.

The following website has some top tips for sharing stories at home:

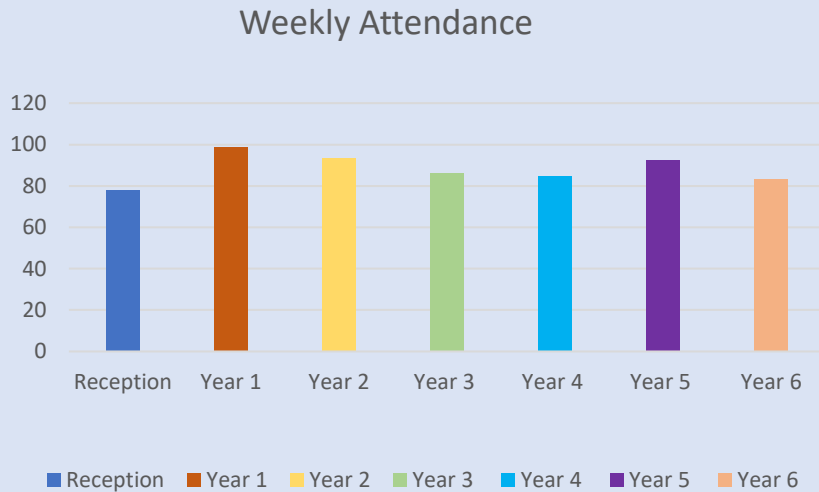
<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/activities/sharing-stories-together/>

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Ms J Iwanicki
Headteacher

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Philippians 2:3-4

Weekly Attendance



Achieved the highest attendance



Year 1



Happy Birthday



Ari Moaz Cohen
Myla Wilson Reid
Gregor Migurk
Adila Zazai



Dates for Diary 2026

Term dates are on the school website. Additions are in **blue**; Changes are in **red**.

6 th January	Start of New term
12 th January	Afterschool Clubs Start
26 th January	CLC Winter Class Trip
13 th January	Middlesex Cricket in the Community (KS2 weekly sessions)
14 th January	Start of Term Service 2:30 St Luke's Church
28 th January	Fluoride Varnish Treatment Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
2 nd February	Artist workshop with Alix Smith – Winter Class
11 th February	Safer Internet Day
12 th February	LDBS Schools Service at St Paul's Cathedral

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

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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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 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)