



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our apologies for the mix up with Animation Club this week, it slipped on to our clubs list rather than go out as an expression of interest. For the club to run we do need a minimum number, so please email the school office if this is something your child would be interested in doing.

Sadly, we found out that our Sports Coach, Tariq, will be leaving us this week. 'Coach T' has done a fantastic job leading PE lessons, running after school clubs and mentoring children over the last couple of years and I would like to thank him for all his hard work and dedication to the children here at St Luke's. In the short term 'Coach Dan', the director and lead coach for Fun4Sports, will be teaching our PE lessons.

In other sporting news, we were joined by a cricket coach from Middlesex cricket club this week to coach our KS2 children. Thank you to Mrs Wickham for organising this great opportunity.

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us in church this week for our Start of Term Service. As always, the children read and sang beautifully and it was a great way to celebrate the start of a new year.

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Ms J Iwanicki
Headteacher

'Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.' **Philippians 4:8**

Spring Class



This week in Spring Class, we have been working hard on our number formation. We also started our new RE unit, 'Why do Christians believe that Jesus is special?' We began by talking about someone special to us and sharing the reasons why they are important. In Literacy, we read 'Dear Zoo' and discussed what type of pet we would like to have. Our home area was transformed into a Veterinary Surgery, and it was lovely to see the children engaging in imaginative role-play with their friends.



Summer Class



In Summer Class during English lessons we have been looking at the stories of Beatrix Potter and using them to write our own descriptive sentences. In Maths, we have worked on counting in tens and finding ten more or less than given numbers. In Science, we have been sorting objects by the materials they are made from. In Topic, we have been looking at things that might be found on a holiday to a British seaside. In Art, we have worked on making lines using the artist, Andy Goldsworthy as inspiration. We have also experimented with watercolours to show seaside images and illustrate Beatrix Potter characters.



Autumn Class



This week in Autumn Class, the class have been working on broadening their vocabulary, reading poetry, developing their understanding of alphabetical order and using a dictionary. In PE, we worked on gymnastics challenges and started our unit on cricket. In Maths, the children have adding and subtracting multiples and near multiples of 1, 10 and 100, and using their understanding of place value to support this. We also started work on measures looking at length and perimeter, using a ruler and converting measures. In Spanish the children have been practising days of the week and months of the year, and we started to look at the characteristics of living things in our new Science topic, Habitat Helpers.



Winter Class



This week in Winter Class, we have been enjoying reading our new class novel Kensuke's Kingdom. We have used the opening chapters to write in role, exploring the main character's thoughts and feelings and making inferences from the text. The children are thoroughly enjoying this exciting adventure story, and this enthusiasm has clearly translated into their writing. In maths, we have been developing our understanding of negative numbers and place value through a range of practical and meaningful contexts. In geography, we have been creating maps of our local area and designing clear keys to ensure our maps are easy to read and understand.



Golden Book

Spring Class

Kylo for excellent focus and enthusiasm in phonics.

Arthur for showing excellent imaginative play with others.

Summer Class

Aiyana for an excellent piece of writing using the Tale of Two Bad Mice

Laisha for great work on using hundred squares to find ten more.

Autumn Class

Sarah for showing a great attitude towards her learning in English.

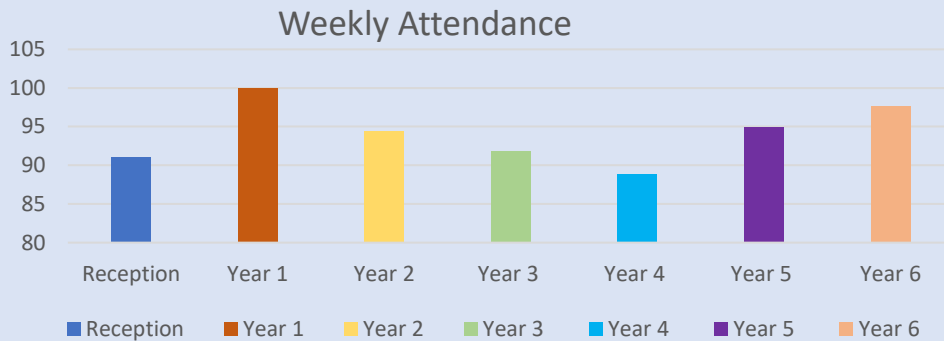
Aryan for great work on the presentation of his work in his books.

Winter Class

Ava- for your creative writing and effort in all your English work this week.

Emily- for always supporting and encouraging others.

Weekly Attendance



Year 1



Achieved the highest attendance

Happy Birthday



Emily
Arthur
Maya



Dates for Diary 2026

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

6th January	Start of New term
12th January	Afterschool Clubs Start
26th January	CLC Winter Class Trip
13th January	Middlesex Cricket in the Community (KS2 weekly)
14th January	Start of Term Service 2:30 St Luke's Church
28th January	Fluoride Varnish Treatment Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
2nd February	Artist workshop with Alix Smith – Winter Class
2 nd February	Autumn Class Trip – National Portrait Gallery
3 rd February	Artist workshop with Alix Smith – Autumn Class
W/C 9 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
11th February	Safer Internet Day
11 th February	Year 6 Maths Challenge TBC
11 th February	Choir – Prom Praise Workshop TBC
12th February	LDBS Schools Service at St Paul's Cathedral
16 th February	Half Term

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



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AND MORE



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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)



TAI SABAKI

KS2 (Years 3-6) Karate Club

KS2 Karate Club, new name same club, will be recommencing in Spring term from January 12th to March 23

Classes will run at £8 per class (10 weeks) totalling £80

Please email (or text) directly to reserve a place.
Places will be secured on a first come, first served basis.

N.B Existing students are given priority, provided they enrol asap.

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