



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy week here at St Luke's with the children really engaging with their new topics. One of the real privileges of being a headteacher is when children come and show me their wonderful work and I am able to give out some special headteacher stickers. From beautiful paintings of butterflies to stories about naughty mice, it's always a joy to see such fantastic work going on.

Next Monday, Winter Class will be visiting the Camden City Learning Centre as part of their computing unit and Summer Class will spend the morning visiting a local synagogue as part of their learning in RE. Please let the school office know if you are available to support these trips as a parent helper.

Unfortunately, the school nurse had to cancel the Reception Class health reviews this week but a new date will be sent out very soon. Next Wednesday, we will have the school dental team in to do fluoride varnish treatment for children in Reception up to Year 2. You can sign up online using the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/G02MqMaT2W>

Finally, thank you to our PFA members that met this morning to discuss further fundraising activities. The next event they are planning is a 'Pancake Breakfast'. As Shrove Tuesday will fall in the half term holiday, we will be celebrating early with a special pancake breakfast from 8:00am on Friday 13th February. This is such a well attended event we will need LOTS of adult helpers on the day to help us serve the pancakes. If you are able to help out, please contact the PFA at pfa@stlukesschool.org.uk

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Ms J Iwanicki
Headteacher

Ephesians 4:32: "Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you".

Spring Class



This week in Spring Class, we enjoyed reading 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea.' We talked about how Sophie and her mum felt during the story and practised our writing skills by creating a shopping list. The children then had a lovely tea party in the classroom, making simple tea sandwiches together. We also explored the parable of the Lost Sheep, discussing how the Shepherd might have felt when he couldn't find the last sheep, and how he felt once it was safely found. We reflected on our own experiences of losing something and how it made us feel.



Summer Class



In Summer Class this week, we have been planning and writing a continuation of 'The Tale of Two Bad Mice' by Beatrix Potter. We have also sketched illustrations in preparation for turning our stories into books. In Maths, we have been deepening our understanding of tens and ones using money as well as other Maths equipment. In Science, we have been describing properties of different materials. In RE, we have been finding out about objects that are important in the Jewish faith ready for our visit to Hampstead Synagogue next week.



Autumn Class



This week in Autumn class, we have been working on our understanding of positive and negative numbers, including in the context of problem solving. The children also revisited telling the time on an analogue, and digital clock and built their understanding of the language related to time. In Science, we learnt about the classification of living things and developing our knowledge of vertebrates and invertebrates. In English the children had the chance to revisit well known fairy tales and consider the key ingredients of fairy tales, and created their own shape poem about the Big, Bad Wolf. In PE, the children practised bowling in cricket and in gymnastics developed rolling and climbing skills.



Winter Class



This week in Winter Class, we have been researching rural living and weighing up the benefits and disadvantages. In Maths, we have been revising and learning the BIDMAS rule, with lots of opportunities to practise our skills. In English, our focus has been on comprehension, carefully unpicking the interactions between Michael and Kensuke and using evidence from the text to support our ideas. In PE, with the coach, the children have been creating choreography, using dance to tell stories.



Golden Book

Spring Class

Nikos for his great focus on letter formation.

Daniel for his great effort in Phonics.

Summer Class

Xerxes for some fantastic ideas in his writing this week.

Charlotte for some great writing based on The Tale of Two Bad Mice.

Autumn Class

George for great listening and engagement in learning.

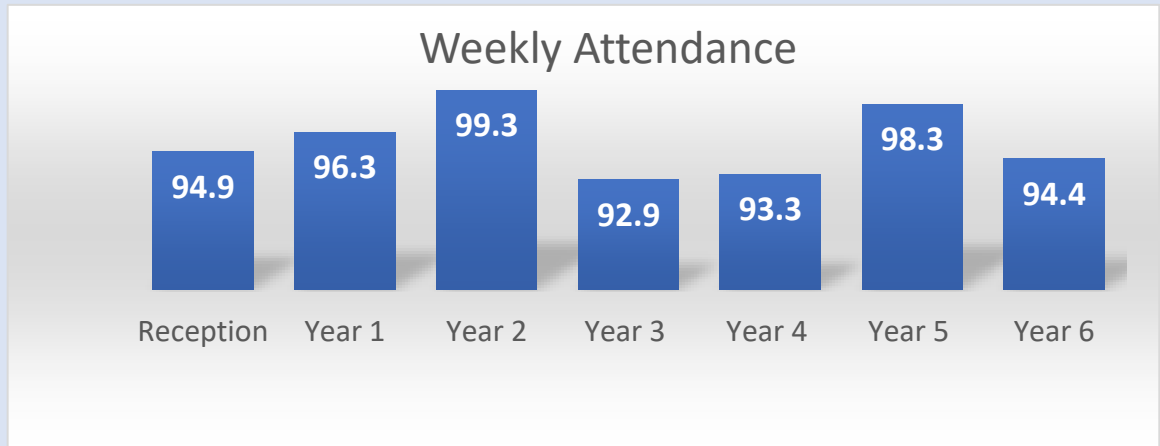
Francesca for thoughtful contributions and excellent focus.

Winter Class

Aariya for your thoughtful contributions across all our learning.

Henry for your enthusiasm tackling maths challenges this week.

Weekly Attendance



Achieved the highest attendance



Happy Birthday



Aryan in Autumn Class

Leena in Winter Class

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
13th January	Middlesex Cricket in the Community (KS2 weekly)
14th January	Start of Term Service 2:30 St Luke's Church
26th January	CLC Winter Class Trip
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 & E-Safety 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
16th 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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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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