



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we were joined by artist – Alix Smith, who worked with children in Autumn and Winter classes to produce some amazing portraits and sculptures. Photos of the children's work can be seen at https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&source=web&rct=j&opi=89978449&url=https://www.instagram.com/art_camp_london/&ved=2ahUKEwjdv7rw8SSAxVCWkEAHZN9LMIQFnoECFYQAQ&usg=AOvVaw158cILRj5Dd7CVpW4IcTid

Thank you to Ms Thomas for organising these exciting workshops. As part of this work Autumn Class also visited the National Portrait Gallery. Thank you to the parent helpers who were able to come along on this visit.

In school this week, we have been celebrating Children's Mental Health and E-Safety Week. We have been thinking about our place in the world and how we can keep safe both in the real world and the online world. Thank you to the parents who were able to join me for the parent meeting on Thursday morning looking at how we can be good online role models for our children. I hope you found it useful. Slides from the meeting and copies of the feedback from our KS2 Children's Survey has been sent out via email.

Next Friday, our PFA will be holding a **Pancake Breakfast** for children from **8:00-8:45**. Tickets will be on sale before school on 10th & 11th February and tickets cost £4. Please inform the PFA of any food allergies when you purchase your ticket and then your child off at the front entrance of the school.

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Ms J Iwanicki
Headteacher

"God is our refuge and strength, and ever-present help in trouble." – Psalm 46:1

Spring Class



This week in Spring Class, we explored the miracle of Jesus feeding the 5,000. We then had the opportunity to make our own bread, using measuring equipment and reading the scales carefully to make sure we had the correct amounts. It was lovely to see how excited the children were during this activity. We read 'Hospital Dog' and discussed, then wrote about, a time when someone helped us, sharing thoughtful and caring responses. As part of Children's Mental Health Week, we talked about places where we feel we belong. The children shared places where they feel safe, cared for and loved, leading to some very meaningful discussions.



Summer Class



In Maths this week, Summer Class have been clever counting in twos and identifying odd and even numbers. In English, we've enjoyed learning about command sentences based on our new book 'Tidy'. In RE we've been learning about how the guidance of the Torah is central to how Jewish people live their lives well. As part of E-Safety week we have been looking at how we can decide if information is real or fake and how to check web addresses for reliability.



Autumn Class



This week in Autumn Class, we visited the National Portrait Gallery. The children were able to see and respond to portraits in many different media, but with a particular focus on sculpture. This was followed on Tuesday by a day long workshop where the class were able to create their own abstracted portraits. They worked through the steps of the project with great enthusiasm and were able to practice their painting, collaging and pattern making skills to great effect. They seemed very proud of their final pieces. In addition, the children worked on building sentences with verbs in the present and past tense and used their reading to magpie words and phrases to support their writing next week.



Winter Class



This week in Winter Class, we have been exploring different non-fiction writing styles. We recapped the key features of a biography and then planned and wrote our own biographies based on the life of Kensuke. In Maths, we have been comparing fractions and learning how to find common denominators to help us do this accurately. On Monday, we had a fantastic day working with artist Alix Smith, who led a whole-day art project. In the morning, the class created brilliant tape portraits, and in the afternoon they focused on drawing and painting portraits. The children showed great creativity and enthusiasm throughout the day.



Golden Book

Spring Class

Romeo for being a fantastic role model to others.

Raya for her enthusiastic participation in Music.

Summer Class

Iuliia for her determination in investigating odd and even numbers.

Klea for her wonderful writing during our phonics lesson.

Autumn Class

Nayel for his excellent manners, and showing care for others.

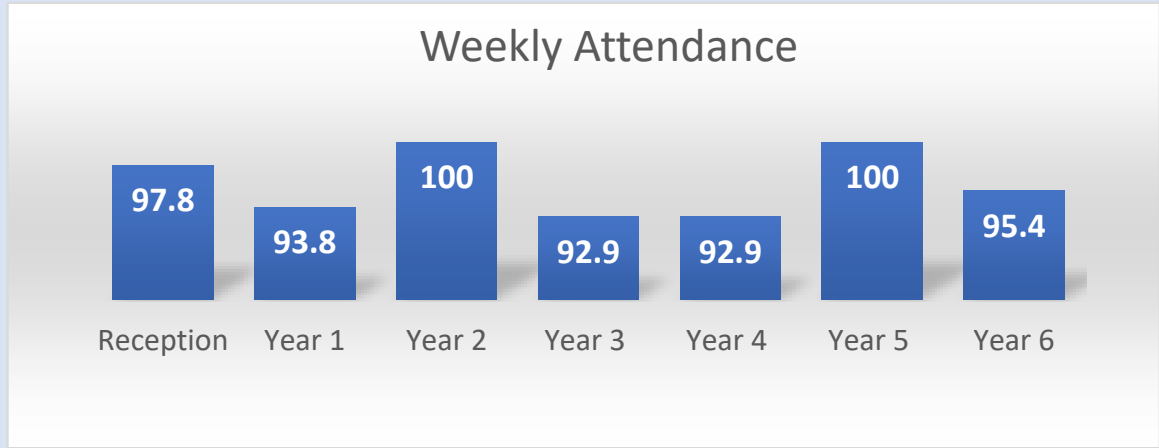
Ignacy for wonderful focus in reading and writing tasks.

Winter Class

Iakov for great effort with your handwriting this week in English.

Husaam for your hard work and dedication making our tape portrait.

Weekly Attendance



Year 2 & Year 5
With 100%



Achieved the highest attendance

Happy Birthday



Laisha in Summer Class



Ivy in Autumn Class

Iulia in Summer 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
2nd February	Autumn Class Trip – National Portrait Gallery
3rd February	Artist workshop with Alix Smith – Autumn Class
5th February	E Safety Meeting for Parents
W/C 9th February	Children's Mental Health Week & E Safety Week
11 th February	Year 6 Team - Maths Challenge
11 th February	Choir – Prom Praise Workshop
12th February	LDBS Schools Service at St Paul's Cathedral
13 th February	PFA Pancake Breakfast
16 th February	Half Term Break
25 th February	Spring Class Trip to Mill Lane Veterinary Surgery
26 th February	The Big Sing
3 rd March	Autumn Class Trip To Kew Gardens
5 th March	World Book Day – Dress as a Book Character
9 th -13 th March	Year 6 Residential - PGL Osmington Bay
17 th March	Choir - PP4S Royal Albert Hall
25 th March	Easter Bonnet Competition & 2:30 Easter Service

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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St Luke's CE School

Pancake Day Breakfast!

Hosted by the St Lukes' PFA

Friday 13th February

From 8.00-8.45am

Tickets £4

(Tickets on sale 10/11 February
at drop off)

Children will be in the care of the PFA.
Please alert the PFA of any allergies.

Children already attending breakfast club will be able to continue as usual and enjoy
pancakes too!

