



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 lots of extra curricular events happening. On Wednesday, we were visited by three of the musicians who will be accompanying the choir at our up coming performance at the Royal Albert Hall. As well as performing for the choir, the children also played along to a piece of music.

Also this week, four of our Year 6 Mathematicians attended the Camden Maths Challenge at The Rosary. The children were great competitors and managed to come 5th overall. Thank you to Ms Thomas for organising this event and a huge congratulations to: Lily-Rose, Lorenzo, Arhan & Felix.

On Thursday, our KS1 & KS2 School Councillors represented the school at the LDBS School's Service at St Paul's Cathedral. They were all fantastic ambassadors for our school and our Year 6 banner-bearers did an excellent job processing through the cathedral.

Finally, a huge thank you to our wonderful PFA helpers for cooking a delicious pancake breakfast for everyone this morning.



Wishing you all a restful half term,

Ms J Iwanicki
Headteacher

Psalm 62:1: "Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him".

Spring Class



This week in Spring Class, we read 'The Little Red Hen' by Susanna Davidson. It was interesting to hear the children's thoughts about how they felt about the Hen doing all the work by herself. The children then wrote character descriptions, thinking carefully about the characters' actions and personalities. In maths, we have been measuring and comparing lengths. We also learnt about Jesus' miracle of healing the paralysed man and explored what this story teaches us about loving and helping others.



Summer Class



This week in Summer Class we have been reading 'Too Much Stuff' and learning about different kinds of sentences. We used the suffixes -ed and -ing to change verbs from the past to the present tense and even made puppets of one of the main characters - Pete The Badger. In Maths, we have been exploring multiplication and division by sorting objects into groups of the same amount. We have also used skip counting to count up in 5s and 10s.



Autumn Class



This week we have been working on multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. The children practised by using a place value grid to understand the change in place value when multiplying and dividing by 10. In English, we worked on understanding what a character might say could be different from what they are thinking. We also found synonyms for 'said' and thought about the kind of old fashioned language that might be used by a character like Rumpelstiltskin. In RE we continued to learn about Hinduism by exploring the concept of Ahimsa, showing care and non-violence to all living things. The children had time to complete their islands of belong in PSHE and worked on balancing activities with a partner in PE.



Winter Class



This week we have been focusing on persuasive texts. We have been learning how to use modal verbs to strengthen our arguments and make our writing more convincing. Using these skills, we are creating a brochure for the holiday of a lifetime, thinking carefully about how we can persuade our readers to visit our chosen destination. In Maths have been finding equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages, and exploring how they link together to deepen our mathematical knowledge. In RE, we have been researching Sikh weddings and writing diary entries describing what we might expect to see at a Sikh wedding ceremony. We have also been learning about the importance of this ceremony to many Sikhs and why it is such a meaningful and special occasion.



Golden Book

Spring Class

Frank for great independent writing.

Ellinor for using amazing imagination during play.

Summer Class

Anna for her thoughtful design of a 'special meal' in RE.

Matthew for consistently displaying our 'Golden Rules'.

Autumn Class

Isaac for hard work and good ideas in English this week.

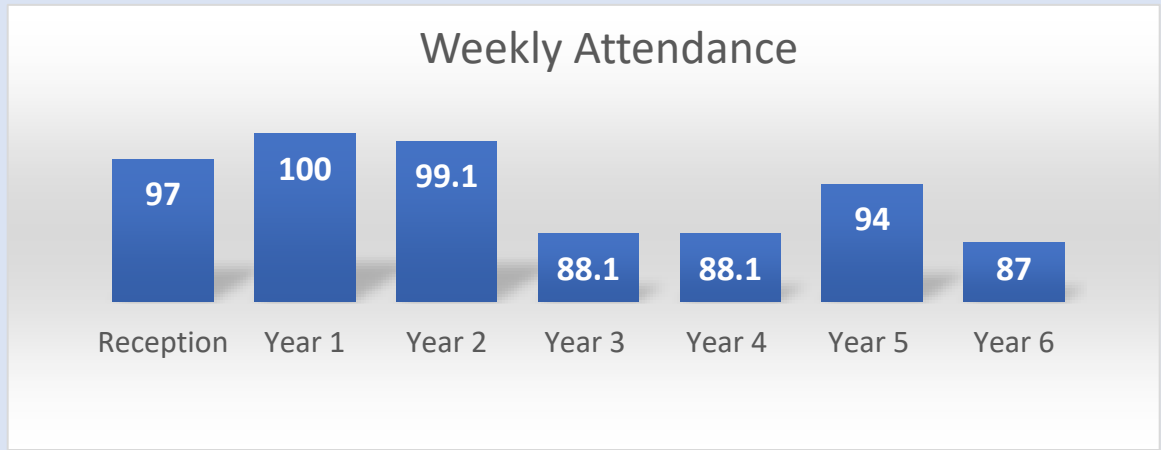
Raphaelle for showing Rumpelstiltskin's character in her writing.

Winter Class

Leena for your great contributions to class discussions.

Freddie for your focus and independence in RE this week.

Weekly Attendance



Year 1
With 100%



Achieved the highest attendance

Happy Birthday



Sarah in Autumn Class

George in Autumn 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
11th February	Year 6 Team Maths Challenge
11th February	Choir – Prom Praise Workshop
12th February	LDBS Schools Service at St Paul's Cathedral
13th February	PFA Pancake Breakfast
16th February	Half Term Break
25th February	Spring Class Trip to Mill Lane Veterinary Surgery
26th February	The Big Sing
3rd March	Autumn Class Trip To Kew Gardens
5th March	World Book Day – Dress as a Book Character
9th-13th March	Year 6 Residential - PGL Osmington Bay
17th March	Choir - PP4S Royal Albert Hall
25th 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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Branch
Classes

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Saturday
10th January



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Dolly Parton's Imagination Library launches in Camden



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has launched in Camden!

The free book-gifting programme sends children an age-appropriate book to their home every month, from birth until their fifth birthday.

This borough-wide offer supports early literacy and encourages families to read together at home. Please share this opportunity with parents and carers.

Families can register at camden.gov.uk/imagination-library.