



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our choir attended the Big Sing – a chance to practice some of the songs they will be performing at the Royal Albert Hall with some other London schools. Mr Dano and Ms Akthar report that the children did a fantastic job and were excellent ambassadors of our school. Thank you to Ms Akthar for organising this visit.

On Wednesday, Spring Class visited a local veterinary surgery as part of their learning and saw where animals go to feel better. Thank you to our parent helpers for joining us on this trip.

Throughout this week our Year 6 children have had their first taste of Year 6 SATs tests. They have worked extremely hard all week, and our revision lessons will start in full after their residential trip to PGL Osmington Bay in March.

Don't forget that next Friday we will be celebrating World Book Day in school and children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. If you have any costumes that you no longer need and would like to donate them, our PFA will be selling second hand uniform and pre-loved costumes on Wednesday 4th at 9:00 in the school hall. Please hand in any costume donations to the school office by Tuesday 5th March.

Wishing you all a restful half term,

Ms J Iwanicki
Headteacher

Proverbs 3:5 *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding."*

Spring Class



This week in Spring Class, we have been measuring and estimating capacity, using key vocabulary such as full, half and empty.

We went on a class trip to Mill Lane Veterinary Surgery to learn about what vets do. The children thought of different questions to ask, and it was lovely to see many of them confidently putting their hands up to answer questions. We also explored what Jesus meant when he said 'love one another' and discussed how we can show love and care for each other in our daily lives.



Summer Class



This week in Summer class we have been exploring a collection of poetry in the book titled, A Caribbean Dozen. The children then wrote their own poems about their favourite food. The children have also been busy in Maths focusing on the topic 'money', particularly identifying and counting collections of coins. In RE we have been focusing on the big question, 'Why is Easter the most important festival for Christians?' We listened to stories about Palm Sunday and made our own Palm leaves with welcoming messages to Jesus. In Science we have been exploring the plants we find growing around our school.



Autumn Class



This week in Autumn Class, the children have been drafting, editing and proofreading their alternative fairy tales. They have worked really hard on selecting words and phrases that will interest the reader, and at starting their sentences in a variety of words including using fronted adverbials. In Maths, we have been estimating and measuring weight in grams and kilograms. We investigated the weight of a range of toys and worked on presenting data in tables and charts. In Music, the class have continued learning a range of chords on the ukuleles and have built on their Cricket skills in PE.



Winter Class



This week in Winter Class, the children have been working incredibly hard completing their Spring Term assessments. In Topic, we have been comparing different countries and exploring their human and physical geography. The children have enjoyed learning about how landscapes, climates and populations differ around the world, and they have demonstrated thoughtful comparisons in their work. In P.E., we have started our new unit on netball. The children have been practising their teamwork skills, as well as developing their passing, movement and communication on the pitch.



Golden Book

Spring Class

Ari for confidently answering questions and contributing brilliantly on our class trip.

Yiannis for enthusiastically taking part in measuring capacity.

Summer Class

Camilla for displaying empathy and care toward others.

Tristan for his enthusiasm and sportsmanship during PE.

Autumn Class

Mohsen for excellent focus and achievement in writing.

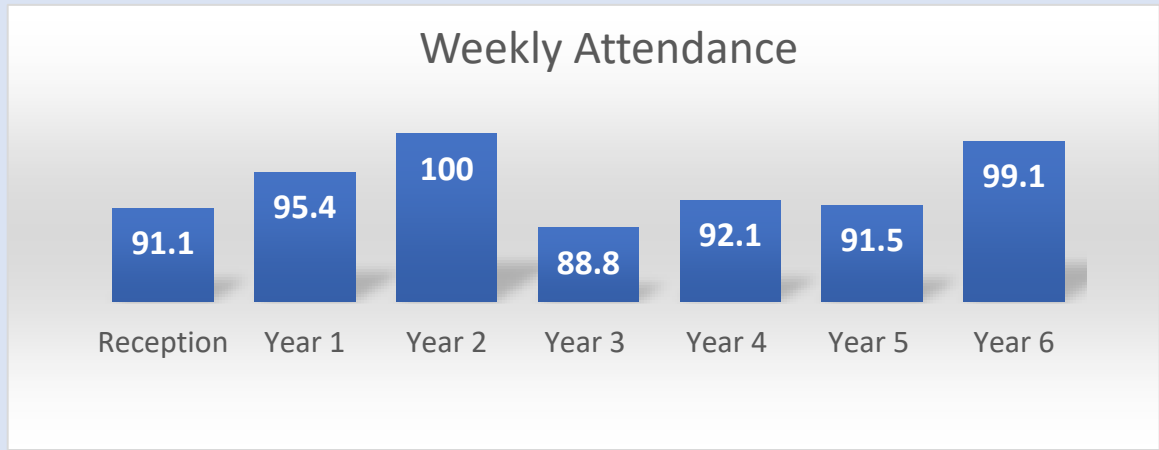
Skye for great work editing and improving her story.

Winter Class

Lorenzo for his positive attitude to all his learning this week.

Dorina for her effort in maths and good use of mathematical vocabulary.

Weekly Attendance



Year 2
With 100%



Achieved the highest attendance

Happy Birthday



Roman - Autumn

Iuliia - Spring

Lina - Spring

Romeo – Spring



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
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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ACTING, SINGING, DANCE & FILM CLASSES

4 - 6 YEARS | 7 - 18 YEARS

CAMDEN | DOCKLANDS | GREENWICH | HACKNEY | STRATFORD | LOUGHTON

Camden
Branch
Classes

Taster Day
Saturday
10th January



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Celebrating 25 Years!

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Potentially land roles on TV, in Film and the West End via our Talent Agency



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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.