



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our KS2 Choir gave an excellent performance at the Royal Albert Hall, singing as part of the massed choir at Prom Praise 4 Schools. The children helped to retell events from the Bible – from the Creation story to the Easter story – travelling through time to each event. A huge thank you to Ms Akthar and Mr Dano for organising this event and for preparing the songs with the children.

On Thursday, our school nurse visited our Year 6 and Reception children as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. More information about the school nursing service can be found at: https://www.cnwl.nhs.uk/application/files/1115/7848/3410/Camden_School_Nursing_Service.pdf

Next week, we will be holding our Easter service in St Luke's Church at 2:30pm on Wednesday 25th March. Don't forget that we will be holding our annual Easter Bonnet competition on that day and as an extra treat the PFA will be raffling off a special Easter Hamper filled with goodies. Tickets cost £1 and will be on sale on Monday and Tuesday, before and after school and then on Wednesday morning.

Finally, I would like to remind parents to sign up for a parent's evening slot on Tuesday and Wednesday after school. Mrs Wickham will be hosting Summer Class meetings and we will also be displaying some of the children's wonderful art work in the school hall for you to look at while you wait.

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Ms J Iwanicki
Headteacher

Psalm 13:5 'But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.'

Spring Class



This week in Spring Class, the children explored the story of Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane and talked about why he went there. We discussed what helps us when we feel worried and shared our own ideas and experiences. We also explored the story of when Jesus died and thought about the meaning of the cross for Christians. The children reflected on how the cross is a symbol of love, forgiveness and hope. We have been busy practising for our class assembly. The children have been learning a new song and poem and are very excited—they cannot wait to share their learning with you!



Summer Class



This week in Maths, the children have been learning about mass and capacity. We used balancing scales to weigh out our snack time fruit and used sorting bears to compare 'heavier' and 'lighter'. To measure capacity we went to the Reception playground and used their water trays to measure how much liquid would fit in different containers. In Computing we have been programming Beebots to move around the school hall. In English this week, we have begun to look at non-fiction texts. We have read information books about animals and have even written our own animal facts to create fact files. In Science our beans have germinated and continue to grow bigger.



Autumn Class



This week in Autumn Class, the children have been reading and writing about rainforest animals. We looked at examples of non-fiction writing to identify features, which then supported our planning of our own text about an animal. We also looked in more detail at the meaning of key words and phrases so that we can use them in our own writing. Our work in English has also helped the class to develop a deeper understanding of the various habitats in the rainforest, and to consider why deforestation is such a threat to so many creatures. In PE the children worked on skills for basketball, and are now able to use their knowledge of cricket to play a game. In Maths, we have worked on strategies for multiplication, doubling and halving and fractions of amounts.



Winter Class



This week in Winter Class, Year 5 have continued exploring their new class text, How to Train Your Dragon. They have been focusing on using ambitious vocabulary and expanding their understanding of new words. Year 6 have been concentrating on grammar this week, revising different sentence structures to strengthen their writing skills. In Computing, the children have continued filming their short films, with a particular focus on camera angles and using a variety of shots to create different effects. In RE, we have been learning about what happens in churches on Maundy Thursday and discussing how this impacts a believer's life today.



Golden Book

Spring Class

Aris for his great effort in phonics.

Daniel for showing fantastic curiosity and asking thoughtful questions in RE.

Summer Class

Camilla for showing honesty and caring for others.

Marco for being an excellent role model and working hard at everything.

Autumn Class

Isaac for great focus on reading comprehension this week.

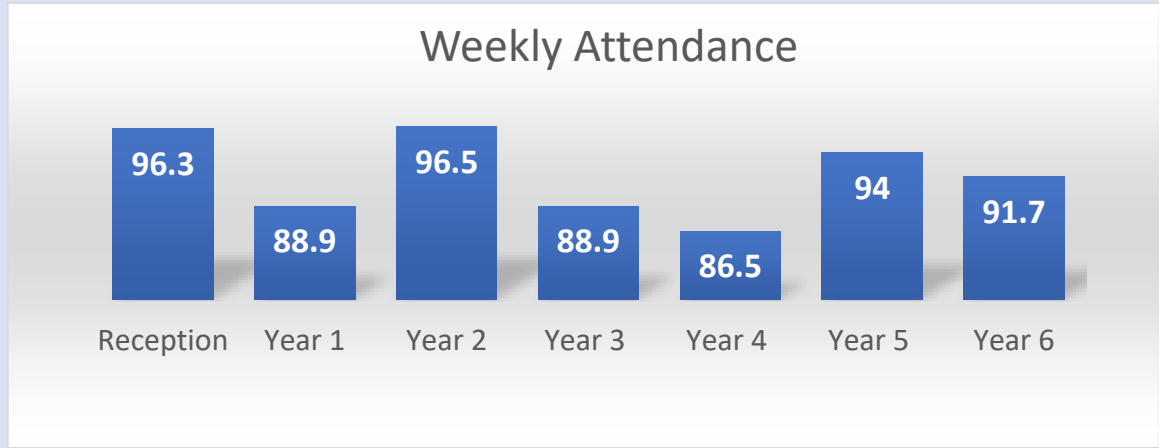
Zeynep for great work on our class prayer about peace.

Winter Class

Lily Rose for confidently sharing ideas and contributing thoughtfully to discussions.

Eva for tackling challenging problems with confidence

Weekly Attendance



Year 2
With 96.5 %



Achieved the highest attendance



Happy Birthday

Dorina – Winter Class

Manta – Reception

Zach - Autumn

Tristan – Summer



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
6th March	World Book Day – Dress as a Book Character
9th – 13th March	Year 6 Residential – PGL Osmington Bay
10th March	Autumn Class Assembly
17th March	Choir – PP4S Royal Albert Hall
25th March	Easter Bonnet Competition & 2:30 Easter Service
24th March	3:00pm - Spring Class assembly
24th March	3:45pm-6:00pm - Parents' Evening
25th March	3:45pm-6:00pm - Parents' Evening
23rd March	No afterschool clubs this week
27th March	End of Term 1:30

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

ROMANS AND ROAD TRIPS



AN ADVENTURE
THROUGH ACTS



Easter Holiday Club

1st - 2nd April

9.30am - 3.00pm

Reception - Year 6

Sign up via the QR code



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EASTER RAFFLE!

To be drawn Wednesday 25th March, after Easter Church Service
Tickets on sale from Monday 23rd

Win an Easter Hamper!

£1 per
ticket

