



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy World Book Day to everyone! It was great to see everybody dressed up as their favourite book character today. This year's theme has focussed on the work of an illustrator and everyone in school has drawn an illustration for a story, along with a title, that they will give to another child in school to write the story to go with it. The children have come up with some exciting illustrations and I can't wait to see what stories are written to match them. Also, as part of World Book Day, Winter Class has joined up with some Year 5 & 6 children from UCS to take part in a workshop with the illustrator Pippa Pixley. More information about her work can be found at: <https://pippapixley.co.uk/> Thank you to our English Subject Leader, Mrs Wickham, for organising this exciting event for both of our schools.

Next week, our Year 6 children will be off to their residential trip at Osmington Bay PGL. The children and adults are all very excited, and I shall be joining them on Wednesday for the second half of the trip. Don't forget to look at the Latest News page on the school website to see what they have been up to each day. <https://www.stlukesschool.org.uk/latest-news/> Finally, we were saddened to see that someone living nearby has fly tipped by the school bins. We hope that our neighbours would be respectful of the school and not leave their rubbish on our site. Please let the school office know if you ever see any suspicious behaviour nearby.

Have a wonderful weekend

Ms J Iwanicki
Headteacher

Proverbs 16:24 "Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones."

Spring Class



This week in Spring Class, we have been reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. We also explored the story of Palm Sunday and discussed what we might have said to Jesus if we had been there when he entered Jerusalem. In maths, we have been comparing weight, using a balance scale and talking about which objects are heavy and which are light. We had a wonderful World Book Day in school. It was lovely to see the children dressed as their favourite book characters and sharing their outfits with each other. As part of a whole-school activity, the children thought of a story and created an illustration for it—it was fantastic to hear their imaginative ideas.



Summer Class



This week in Summer class we have been busy germinating runner beans during science. Each day we are eager to check our beans on the window to record any growth. In maths we have been focusing on reading the time on an analogue clock. We have been reading and representing o'clock times and half past times on mini analogue clocks. We have also been busy reading poems from our English text - Caribbean Dozen, with the focus being on understanding and identifying adjectives and prepositional phrases. We have also been learning about change in PSHE; looking at some of our baby photos and discussing the changes we have experienced from being an infant to now.



Autumn Class



This week in Autumn Class, the children have worked very hard on their Spring assessments. They have shown excellent focus and a positive attitude to all they have been asked to do, well done to them all for this. On Tuesday, the class enjoyed their trip to Kew Gardens, especially the visit to the beautiful orchids exhibition. They got to experience the difference in climate between the temperate and tropical greenhouses, and they did a great job of identifying spring flowers that were starting to bloom. Their cricket skills have to the point that they are playing as teams. In preparation for World Book Day the class honed their illustration skills, creating images for other children to write stories based on. We look forward to reading the stories they inspire!



Winter Class



This week in Winter Class, we have been learning about the significance of Palm Sunday and exploring what happens in churches on this special day. In English, we have been focusing on different spelling rules and practising these each morning to help build our confidence and accuracy. In Computing, we have been creating short films and exploring a range of filming techniques, thinking carefully about the impact they can have on the viewer. Earlier in the week, the children worked incredibly hard to create and deliver their class assembly in a very short amount of time. They did a fantastic job and were very proud to share their learning with you all.



Golden Book

Spring Class

Arthur for his excellent focus and enthusiasm in phonics.

Freddie for his fantastic independent writing.

Summer Class

Naomi for listening carefully during our science activity

Robyn for excellent descriptive writing

Autumn Class

Ezekiel for excellent work learning our assembly songs.

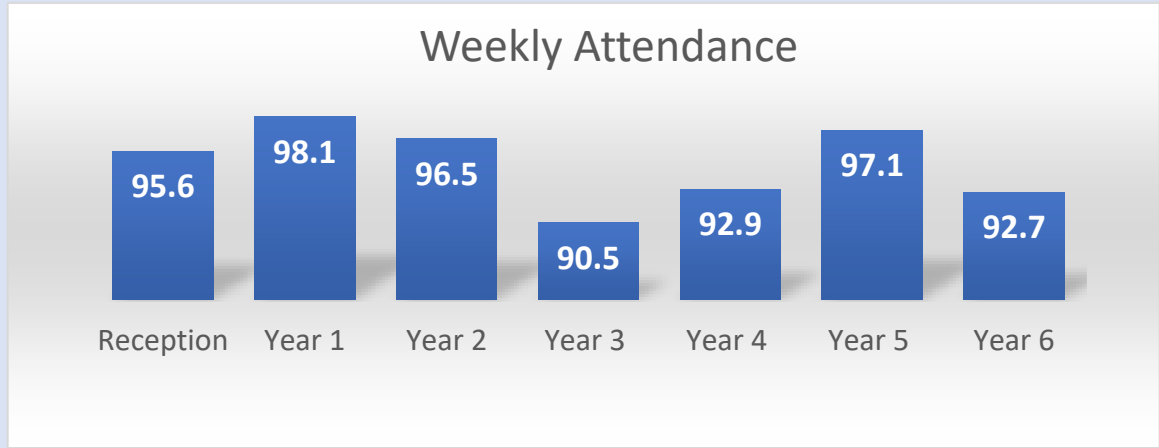
Arshia for excellent effort in spelling and writing.

Winter Class

Zara for all of her effort in assessments this week.

Emiliana for her positive attitude towards all of her learning.

Weekly Attendance



Year 1
With 98.1 %



Achieved the highest attendance



Happy Birthday



Sophia – Summer Class

World Book Day 8th March, 2026



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 (Prom Praise)
25th March	Easter Bonnet Competition & 2:30 Easter Service
27th March	End of 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

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.

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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