



# St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

*Educating through faith, hope and love.*

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great start to our Summer Term it has been here at St Luke's. It's been lovely to see the children back in school and ready to learn. At this point in the year we begin revision sessions with our Year 6 children, so Winter class will split up in mornings. This enables our Year 6 children to focus on their SATs revision whilst our Year 5 children continue with normal English and Maths lessons. Unfortunately swimming lessons this week had to be cancelled due to a mix up with UCS and the swimming instructors. Sometimes, even when things are booked well in advance, admin errors happen that are beyond our control. The dates for next week's swimming should go ahead as planned and extra dates to make up for lost sessions are currently being negotiated. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

We will be holding our Start of Term Service next Wednesday at 2:30pm in St Luke's Church, we hope you will be able to join us in celebrating our new term.

Don't forget, after school clubs will start again next week. Please ensure you have signed up with the school office or the external provider that runs the club.

Finally, I would like to remind parents that holidays and trips to see family and friends are not considered 'exceptional leave'. Unauthorised holidays are referred on to the local authority and may result in a fine or legal action.

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Ms J Iwanicki  
Headteacher

**Ephesians 4:32:** *"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you".*

## Spring Class



This week in Spring Class, it was lovely to see the children back from their holidays, excited to share their news. We read 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and recapped the first part of the story, before writing about it. We also began our new RE unit, 'What makes a place special?' The children talked about places that are important to them and explained why these places are special. We used Bee-Bots and discussed how they move by following simple instructions. The children explored the importance of giving clear and precise directions to ensure the Bee-Bots moved correctly.



## Summer Class



In English this week we have been exploring the poetry of Valerie Bloom. We have been finding rhyming words (including those which are spelt differently), performing a poem as a group and planning our own kennings about an animal. In Maths, we have been comparing the size of numbers and using the mathematical symbols = < and >. In RE, we have begun to learn about the importance of the Qur'an for Muslims and we welcomed Miss Akthar to our class to explain where she keeps the Qur'an at home and what she does to treat it with respect.



## Autumn Class



This week in Autumn class we have started our new topic, 'The Romans in Britain'. Before delving into the history of the Roman era we have been learning about the legacy of Roman times in our language and culture, including Roman numerals and the Latin roots of some English vocabulary. The children also learned about mosaics and had a go at making some of their own designs for mosaics. Buddhism is our RE topic for this term. The children will be learning what Buddhists learn from the teachings of the Buddha. Autumn class learnt some key facts about Buddhism, and the early life of Siddhartha Gautama.



## Winter Class



This week in Winter Class, we have begun exploring our new topic on the Anglo-Saxons. We have been learning about this period in history and where it fits on our wider historical timeline. In RE, we have started our Buddhism topic, focusing on recapping and building on our previous knowledge. Year 6 have been writing poems about their favourite foods and have been developing their skills in solving division word problems in maths. Our Year 6 children have started on their revision sessions and have been focussing on a variety of reading skills and strategies to tackle different types of questions.



# Golden Book

### Spring Class

**Manta** for great independent writing.

**Romeo** for his great focus on letter formation.

### Summer Class

**Adila** for her willingness to share how she uses a prayer mat at home

**Emiko** for always trying her hardest in every lesson, every day

### Autumn Class

**Hidaya** for thoughtful ideas and enthusiasm in English.

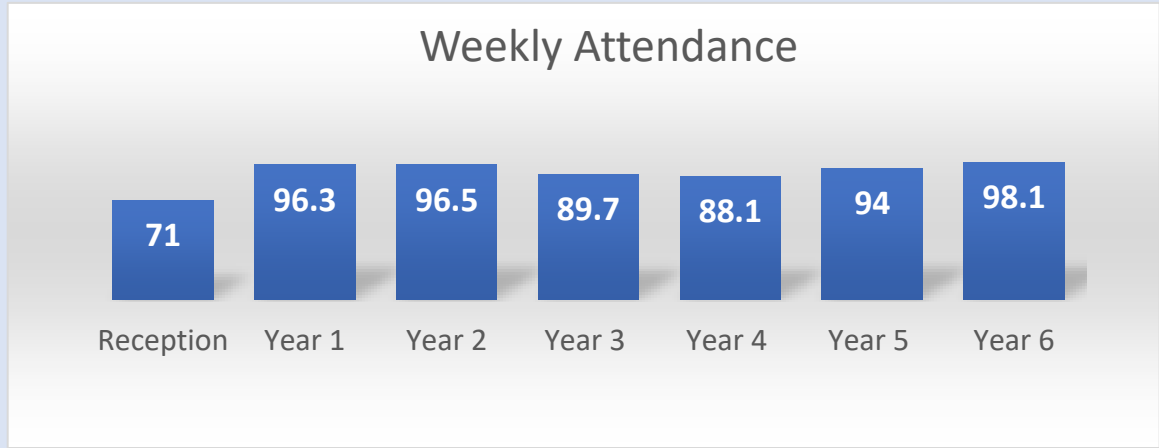
**Aahil** for showing compassion and kindness.

### Winter Class

**Asia** for her input and sharing of ideas during SATs revision.

**Zara** for her creative ideas in poetry this week.

# Weekly Attendance



Year 6  
With 98.1



Achieved the highest attendance



## Happy Birthday



## Raya – Reception Class

# Dates for Diary 2026

Term dates are on the school website. Additions are in [blue](#); Changes are in [red](#).

13 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Term
W/c 13 <sup>th</sup> April	No After School Clubs this week
<a href="#">Tues 21<sup>st</sup> April</a>	<a href="#">School Swimming Lesson Start for Year 3 &amp; 4</a>
W/c 20 <sup>th</sup> April	After School Clubs Start
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Start of term service
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs Week and Year 6 Breakfast Club
<a href="#">20<sup>th</sup> May</a>	<a href="#">The Silver Trail</a>
<a href="#">25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May</a>	<i>Half Term Break</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> June	INSET Day
2 <sup>nd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Start of term for the children
<a href="#">2<sup>nd</sup> June</a>	<a href="#">Prayer Space in the Library</a>
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day at Hampstead Heath
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Evergreens Tea
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Fair
8 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Production TBC
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Service
17 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term 1:30pm

# 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