



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week it has been! I hope you are all surviving the hot weather. On that note I wanted to say a huge thank you to our staff who have braved some incredibly long journeys into work this week, to ensure the school was fully staffed. Thank you also to our PFA for providing ice-pops this week as afternoon treats for the children. Keeping the school cool and giving the children some respite from the heatwave has been our main priority this week, but we hope they have had some fun too.

The school councillors had invited the seniors group from St Luke's Church –The Evergreens – in for tea this week. Unfortunately, due to the heat, it was unsafe for them to travel, but the children still cooked their dishes and had fun taste testing their cooking creations.

On Tuesday, we had a visit from our Camden advisor to look at Science teaching and learning. It was lovely to see such a broad range of science enquiry skills being used and children answering questions with accurate scientific vocabulary.

I would also like to announce the class teachers for next year. Teaching Assistants will be placed according to need and will be announced at a later date.

Ms Thomas Winter Class Year 5&6

Ms Butler Autumn Class Year 3&4

Ms Amoako Summer Class Year 1&2

Ms Akthar Spring Class Reception

Ms Amoako will be joining us before the end of this term and we welcome her to the staff team.

Finally, it is with great sadness that I have to announce Ms Casey will be leaving us at the end of term. Ms Casey has worked at St Luke's since 2015 and has been a well-loved and valued member of our staff team. I hope you will all join me in wishing her a happy and well deserved retirement.

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Ms J Iwanicki
Headteacher

2. Galatians 6:9 "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Spring Class



This week in Spring Class, it has been full of water themed activities! From creating our own little paddling pool, to soak our feet in cold water and keep cool in the hot weather, to investigating which materials help ice to melt. The children have also been keeping cool and enjoying their ice lollies in the warm weather. We read 'Emergency!' by Margaret Mayo and discussed the important role firefighters play in helping our community, as well as the equipment they use. We then briefly looked back at the Great Fire of London and compared the clothing and equipment used by firefighters in the past with those used today.



Summer Class



This week in Summer Class we have been trying to beat the heat with a range of calming learning activities. In English, we have been reading The Twits by Roald Dahl. We created our own 'Revolted Recipes' inspired by Mrs Twit's famous Squiggly Spaghetti, we also designed our own version of a book cover for The Twits. In Topic, we researched facts about Kenya and created our own travel brochures with these facts. For Art, we learnt about Japanese hand fans and created our own designs. We also had lots of fun cooking and tasting blueberry muffins on Friday afternoon.



Autumn Class



This week in Autumn Class, the children have started preparations for our assembly next week, doing further research and writing about Roman Britain. They have been learning about creating and drawing electrical circuits in Science, and also discussed their knowledge of batteries in everyday life. Despite the hot weather the children worked hard to make both fruit and cheese scones, and instead of sharing them with the Evergreens, they shared them with the children in Winter Class. They shared their culinary creations and took turns to entertain each other with singing. In RE, the class discussed what they thought Jesus meant when he said, 'I am the light of the world,' and then created paintings to illustrate their ideas.



Winter Class



This week in Winter Class, we have been writing our own poems, with a particular focus on using and identifying modal verbs to make our writing more effective. In Maths, we have been revising prime numbers, square numbers and cube numbers, strengthening our understanding of these important concepts. In Science, we explored the different types of blood vessels, learning about their functions and identifying the key differences between arteries, veins and capillaries. We also enjoyed a cooking activity this week, where we made our own butter and baked bread. It was a wonderful experience, and everyone loved tasting their delicious homemade creations!



Golden Book

Spring Class

Frank for thoughtful contributions during class discussions.

Romeo for excellent effort and a positive attitude to learning.

Summer Class

Aiyana for a detailed book cover design of *The Twits* by Roald Dahl.

Louie for being a respectful and kind member of our class by always offering to help his peers.

Autumn Class

Myla
Great work on joining her handwriting.

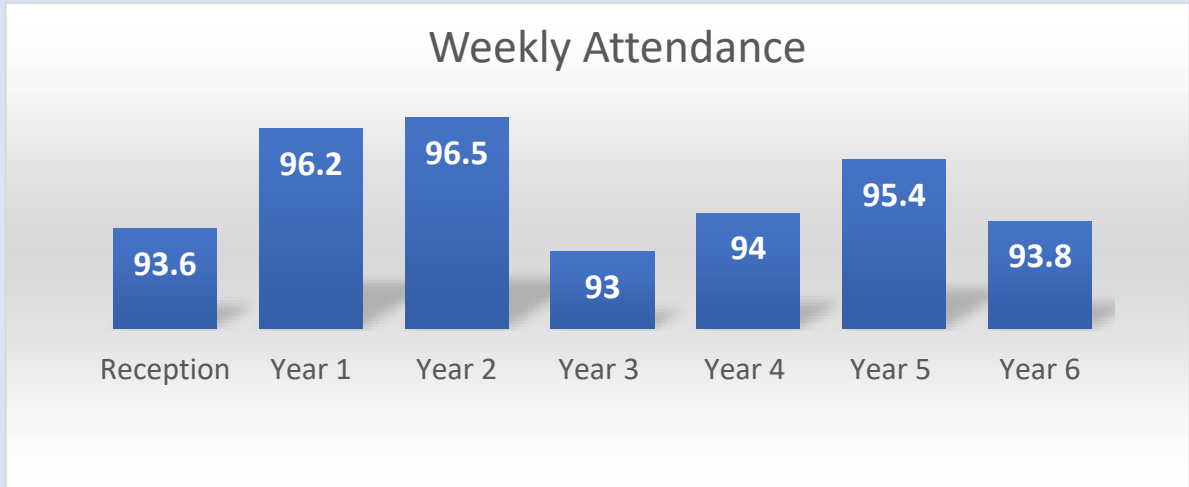
Mikayl for following all our golden rules, and being a great role model.

Winter Class

Arden for his great work in maths this week.

Eva for your efforts rehearsing for our end of year production.

Weekly Attendance



Year 2
With 96.5 %
Achieved the highest attendance



Happy Birthday



Winter Class – Eva
Autumn Class - Zeynep

Dates for Diary 2026

Term dates are on the school website. Additions are in **blue**; Changes are in **red**.

13th April	Start of Term
W/c 13th April	No After School Clubs this week
Tues 21st April	School Swimming Lesson Start for Year 3 & 4
W/c 20th April	After School Clubs Start
22nd April	Start of term service
4th May	Bank Holiday
5th May	Whole School Photograph
11th – 15th May	KS2 SATs Week and Year 6 Breakfast Club
11th May	Reception Trip to St Johns Church, Hampstead
18th May	Reception Trip to Regents Park Mosque
19th May	Reception Assembly at 3pm
20th May	The Silver Trail
22nd May	St Luke's CE School Disco
_____	KS1 4.30 – 5.30pm
_____	KS2 5.30 – 6.30pm
25th – 29th May	Half Term Break
1st June	INSET Day
2nd – 5th June	Start of term for the children
2nd June	Prayer Space in the Library
10th June	Sports Day at Hampstead Heath
24th June	Evergreens Tea
27th June	Summer Fair
30th June	Autumn Class Assembly
2nd July	Camden Secondary School Transition Day
7th July	Meet the Teacher
8th July	End of Year Production 6pm
14th July	Open Evening
15th July	Year 6 Leavers Service
17th 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



Paul
Dillon
Swimming

SUMMER INTENSIVE COURSES

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For further information please speak to a member of school staff or contact Alice Hargreaves (Parenting Practitioner) via email [Email: mhs2@tavi-port.nhs.uk](mailto:mhs2@tavi-port.nhs.uk)

**Start Date: Tuesday 15th
September 10am - 12pm**

**12 week programme (excluding
school holiday)**



NHS
North London
M&G Foundation Trust

Venue: Harmond
Children's Centre, 1
Forge Pl, Ferdinand
St, NW1 8DQ