



## St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

*Educating through faith, hope and love.*

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, our Reception children stayed for school lunch and we have been very impressed with how well they have done. Next week, the children will be doing full days and pick up will be by the Reception Classroom door in the playground at 3:30pm via the side gate.

Thank you to those parents who were able to join Mrs Wickham for the online reading meeting this week, we hope you found it useful. Little but often is the key to reading and even older children benefit from reading with an adult. The [National Literacy Trust](#) have a lots of tips and advice on reading with your child at home as well as a [virtual library](#) with extracts from books by different children's authors and lots of reading activities you can do at home.

Next Wednesday, at 10:00am I will be hosting our Secondary School Transition meeting for parents of children in Year 5 and Year 6. A link has already been sent out, but if you have not received it please contact the school office.

On Monday, our wonderful Parents and Friends Association will be holding their AGM. All parents and carers are welcome to join us after morning drop off in the school hall, and we hope to see lots of new faces there.

Next week, our teachers will be sending home the children's homework books for children in Year 2 to Year 6, along with a letter explaining how homework is done. At St Luke's we see homework as a way of consolidating a topic that has already been taught in school and also gives parents the chance to see what their child has learned that week. Homework should never be a battle and we want to slowly build up homework habits so that when our children move on to secondary school they are used to these routines. If homework ever becomes a struggle, please speak to the class teacher or write a note into your child's homework book so that the teacher can advise. Finally, can I remind parents that there is no smoking on any part of the school site including areas outside the building. If you smoke or vape please make sure you stand well away from the school building and are not in sight of any classroom windows.

Wishing you a restful weekend,

Ms J Iwanicki  
Headteacher

**Proverbs 15:1:** "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."

### Spring Class



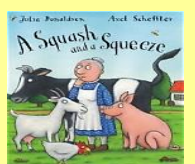
This week in Spring Class, it has been lovely to see the children becoming more settled and comfortable at school. They are growing in confidence each day and it has been wonderful to see them remembering and following our Golden Rules, showing kindness and consideration towards others. The children were fantastic at lunchtime, enjoying their food and pudding. Afterwards, they had a lovely time playing with Summer Class and building new friendships. It has been a week full of confidence, kindness and growing independence!



### Summer Class



In Science, we have been learning about the seasons and talking about the changes we notice in the weather throughout the year. We have also had lots of fun exploring dot painting in Art, experimenting with different colours and patterns to create our own pictures. In English, we have been enjoying the story 'A Squash and a Squeeze', talking about the characters and events while developing our vocabulary. The children have really enjoyed getting involved in all of our activities this week and it has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and creativity.



## Autumn Class



This week in Autumn Class, we have been discussing friendship and how friendships can support our well-being. The children thought about how their friends have helped them and wrote them a thank you note. In Maths, we have been revising our times table knowledge, and working on strategies for learning times tables which are new to us. We also looked at the relationship between multiplication and division. In English we have continued reading *The BFG* and this has helped us to review our knowledge of nouns and verbs. The children created their own sentences using verbs we found in the story, and wrote their own questions for the BFG. They took great care to present their work clearly in their new writing books, well done!



## Winter Class



This week in Winter Class, we have been making predictions about our new texts based on the title, front cover and blurb. We have been using evidence from these features to support and explain our predictions. In Maths, we have been revising our knowledge of place value and practising multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000. In Art, we have been transferring our motifs and designs onto our ceramic pots and bringing our creations to life using acrylic paint.



# Golden Book

### Spring Class

**Emilia** for being a helpful member of the class.

**Margot** for showing wonderful listening skills on the carpet.

### Summer Class

**Maria** for trying her best and challenging herself to improve her learning.

**Aanaiah** for being an amazing addition to the class and setting a good example.

### Autumn Class

**Louie** for his great focus and knowledge in Science.

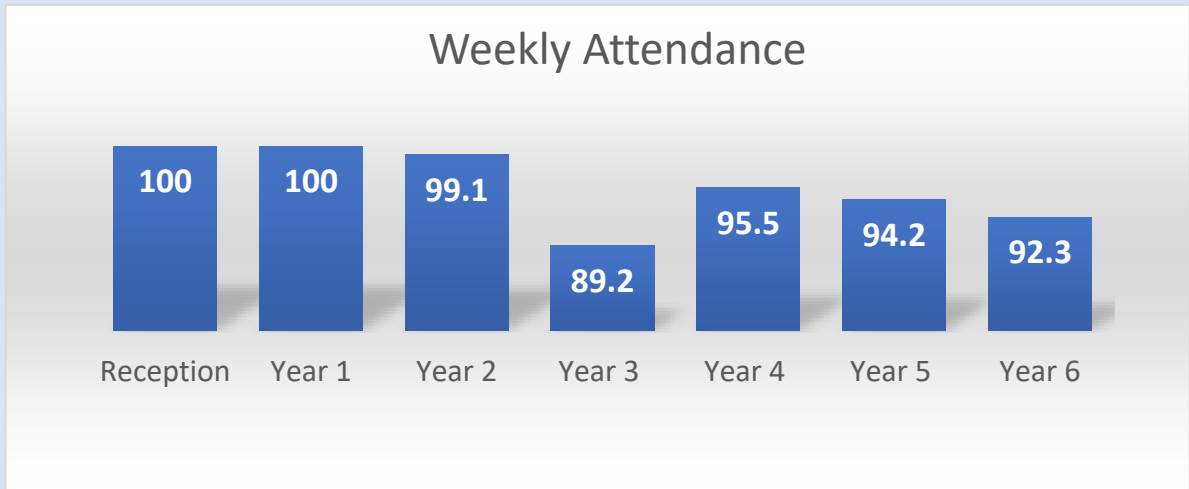
**Myla** for thoughtful responses in our discussion about friendship.

### Winter Class

**Seraphina** - for your positive contributions during class discussions.

**Husaam**- for all of your hard work in Maths this week.

# Weekly Attendance



Reception & Year 1  
With 100 %  
Achieved the highest attendance



## Happy Birthday



## No Birthdays this week

# Dates for Diary 2026

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

|                                    |                           |                                                                            |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 9 <sup>th</sup>                    | September                 | Start of Term Service 2:30pm                                               |
| 11 <sup>th</sup>                   | September                 | Summer Class Trip –British Museum                                          |
| 14 <sup>th</sup>                   | September                 | After School Clubs begin                                                   |
| 16 <sup>th</sup>                   | September                 | Parent Meeting Online –Early Reading                                       |
| 18 <sup>th</sup>                   | <a href="#">September</a> | <a href="#">Curriculum newsletters sent out</a>                            |
| 21 <sup>st</sup>                   | <a href="#">September</a> | <a href="#">PFA AGM</a>                                                    |
| 21 <sup>st</sup>                   | <a href="#">September</a> | <a href="#">Reception Class visiting St Luke’s Church</a>                  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup>                   | September                 | Individual School photos                                                   |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup>                   | <a href="#">September</a> | <a href="#">Secondary School Transition Meeting</a>                        |
| 25 <sup>th</sup>                   | <a href="#">September</a> | <a href="#">Crick Scientist – Summer &amp; Autumn Class</a>                |
| 28 <sup>th</sup>                   | <a href="#">September</a> | <a href="#">E Safety Day</a>                                               |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>                    | October                   | Harvest Festival                                                           |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>                    | October                   | NHS Flu Vaccinations                                                       |
| 19 <sup>th</sup>                   | <a href="#">October</a>   | <a href="#">St Luke’s Day Celebration</a>                                  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> | October                   | Half Term                                                                  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>                    | <a href="#">November</a>  | <a href="#">Camden Junior Citizenship Scheme</a>                           |
| 11 <sup>th</sup>                   | <a href="#">November</a>  | <a href="#">Winter Class – Remembrance Day service at the War Memorial</a> |
| 16 <sup>th</sup>                   | <a href="#">November</a>  | <a href="#">Odd Socks Day</a>                                              |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | <a href="#">December</a>  | <a href="#">Parent Consultation Evening</a>                                |

# 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.

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|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 100% Attendance | 0 Days Missed                                               |
| 95% Attendance  | 9 Days of Absence<br>1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed   |
| 90% Attendance  | 19 Days of Absence<br>3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed |
| 85% Attendance  | 28 Days of Absence<br>5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed |
| 80% Attendance  | 38 Days of Absence<br>7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed |
| 75% Attendance  | 46 Days of Absence<br>9 weeks and 1 Day of Learning Missed  |

Dear Neighbours,

I hope you are well. I am pleased to let you know that the next Neighbours Food Collection will take place on **Tuesday 22nd September 2026**.

As children return to school this autumn, families living in poverty meet intense financial strain, often forced to navigate the steep costs of new school uniforms and supplies alongside daily food costs, up around 39% since 2020, together with increasing energy costs as the weather gets colder.

Camden Foodbank is currently facing a severe shortage of several essential food and toiletry items needed to fill emergency food parcels, as summer donations are much slower due to people being away. The growing queues of local people outside Camden Foodbank is a heart-breaking reminder of how acute the hunger crisis remains in our local community.

In 2025 Camden Foodbank provided 6,260 emergency parcels containing nutritious long-life food and essential toiletries with the aim to support each person for 3 days. That is 18,780 days of provision given out to local people in food crisis in just one year.

Please can you donate as generously as you can to help Camden Foodbank fill crisis food parcels for local people urgently needing food support.

#### **Items Needed Now by Camden Foodbank**

##### **Food Items:**

- Baked beans
- Vegetable soup
- Meat soup
- Squash and Juice
- Oil
- Chickpeas / Lentils / kidney beans
- Coffee (small jars)
- Sugar (small packs 500g)
- Jams / Peanut butter / Honey
- Biscuits
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned vegetables

##### **Toiletries & Household:**

- Washing up liquid
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Small washing powder

#### **Collection, Sorting, and Distribution**

On **Tuesday 22nd September 2026**, all donated food and toiletries will be sorted, date-checked, weighed, and collected by Camden Foodbank at the end of the day. Donated items will be used to fill crisis food parcels and will be ready to give out to people in poverty on the next day Camden Foodbank is open.

#### **How to Donate**

If you would like to donate food or toiletries for the collection on Tuesday 22nd September 2026, please choose one of the following options:

1. **Collection from your property:** Email me with the subject **COLLECT** and leave your donated items outside your property for collection between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on **Tuesday 22nd September 2026**.
2. **Internet shopping delivery:** Email me with the subject **INTERNET** and arrange for your chosen items to be delivered directly to my home between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on **Tuesday 22nd September 2026**. Please use your own name for the delivery order so I can verify and check it in. My home address where you can send the food is Ground Floor Flat, 12 ~~Brognal~~ **Brognal** Lane, London NW3 7DU. (Please note that the address may sometimes appear as Flat 2).

#### **A Big Thank You**

Thank you again for your incredible, ongoing support. Your generosity makes an immediate and material difference to neighbours experiencing severe food hardship right here in our local community.

Warmest wishes,

Jackie Pepper - Neighbours Food Collection - [jsp.foodcollection@gmail.com](mailto:jsp.foodcollection@gmail.com) - 07764 614151

# CAMDEN 26-27 INSPIRE SEP

## GATHERING FOR OUR FUTURE

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**COMMUNITY  
FEAST**

**EXHIBITION  
VIEWING**



A programme full of activities and workshops for kids and families, most completely free. A garden full of nature activities, art and live music. Plus, a community feast served 12.30-14:30 which is just £4 per person.

There's plenty happening all weekend — and it's completely FREE!



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