



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our Reception children have been spending the full day at school. Although, at first I'm sure lots of them felt rather tired but they have been doing amazingly well and have been joining us for collective worship at the end of each day.

Thank you to those parents who were able to join me for our secondary transition meeting this week. I know choosing your child's next stage of education can feel quite daunting so hope you found it useful. The slides will be emailed out to parents in Year 5 and Year 6.

This week, our lunchtime Gardening Club started. Thank you to those parents who volunteer for both the Gardening Club and the Library Club – we are very grateful for all your help.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to our PFA helpers, as this week our brand new iPad trolley was delivered. Two of our school councillors helped me unbox it and they shared the good news in Golden Assembly this afternoon.

On 7th October we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival in church. This year we are collecting items for the food bank at Fortune Green PACE. We are looking for donations of tinned goods, dried or packet foods (such as rice or pasta), washing powder or washing up liquid, cereals and nappies.

Today, we had a scientist in school from the Francis Crick Institute. He worked with children in Year 1 to Year 6; making ice-cream, investigating bones and using microscopes to explore germs.

Finally, I would like to remind parents and carers who would like to join the PFA What's App groups to email your details to pfa@stlukesschool.org.uk

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Ms J Iwanicki
Headteacher

Psalm 107:1: "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!"

Spring Class



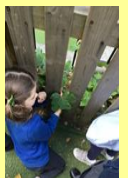
This week in Spring Class, we visited St Luke's Church and met Tim in preparation for our first Collective Worship in the church on Wednesday. We have also been reading and acting out 'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak. In Phonics, we have been learning to read and write the sounds s, a, t and p. The children have also been getting to know each other's names, as well as practising reading and writing their own names. We also shared our special objects and photographs from home. It was lovely to hear the children talking confidently about their special items and sharing why they are important to them.



Summer Class



This week Summer Class have been discussing people who care for us and how we can care for others. The children thought about how they can be more caring both in and out of school. In Science, we became investigators! We went outside to explore minibeasts and their habitats, we then made fact files about minibeasts. In English, we have been exploring different types of sentences. The children have been writing their own questions and statements about our 'Animal Upsets' story.



Autumn Class



This week in Autumn Class, the children have been enthusiastically writing about Sophie and the BFG. They have been writing descriptive sentences using varied vocabulary, noun phrases and fronted adverbials. It has been great to see how hard they have been working in Maths too, where they have been developing their understanding of place value in 2, 3 and 4 digit numbers, ordering and comparing numbers and placing numbers on a number line. In Geography, the children developed their knowledge of maps, using the atlases to find natural features such as rivers and mountains, and to consider how they are represented in the key. In PSHE the children considered what makes a good friend.



Winter Class



This week in Winter Class, we have continued reading our exciting new book, The City of Ember. We have been developing our comprehension skills by summarising the chapters we have read so far. We have also been trying to imagine how we would feel as one of the story characters and writing diary entries from their perspectives. In Maths, we have been developing our calculation skills by using column addition and subtraction to solve a range of problems and finding different amounts.



Golden Book

Spring Class

Veronika for being a caring and responsible member of Spring Class.

Lily for always showing a positive and cheerful attitude.

Summer Class

Manta for trying her best in all her work.

Laura for always showing a positive attitude to learning and our golden rules.

Autumn Class

Hidaya for increasing focus and great effort in writing activities.

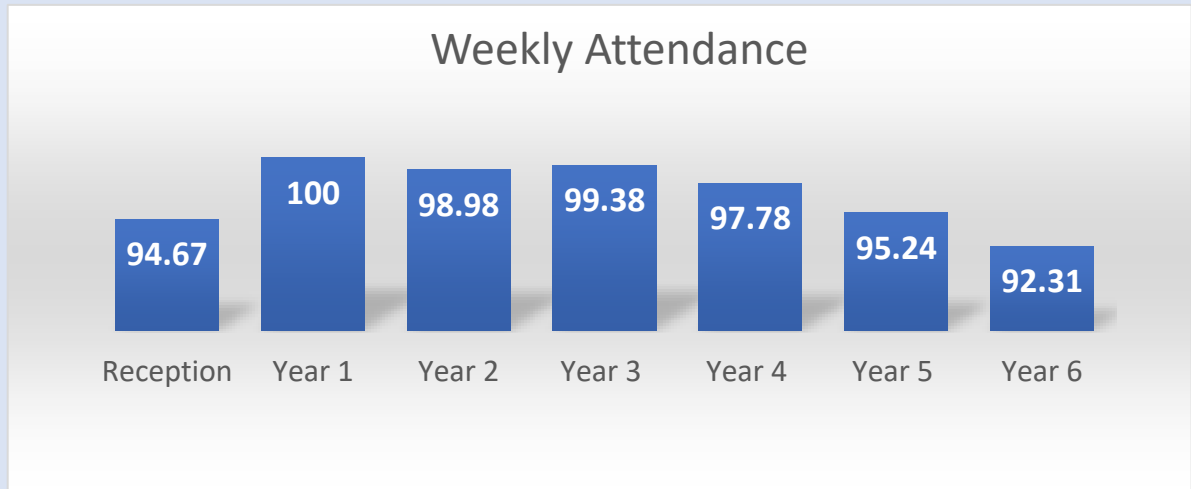
Robyn for always following our golden rules.

Winter Class

Jahan for his fantastic diary entry in English.

Zayn for his use of ambitious vocabulary and descriptive language in English.

Weekly Attendance



Year 1
With 100 %
Achieved the highest attendance



Happy Birthday



Autumn Class - Robyn

Dates for Diary 2026

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

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

Gardening Club



In Gardening Club this week, we picked the leaves of mint and two types of oregano and did a taste test!

We cleared out the planters and found all kinds of interesting things in the soil. Then we planted the herbs and put them in a sunny place to grow.



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

CAMDEN 26-27 INSPIRE SEP

GATHERING FOR OUR FUTURE

COME ALONG TO CAMDEN INSPIRE FOR A FUN-FILLED WEEKEND OF FREE WORKSHOPS, TALKS, MUSIC, FOOD - EXPLORING CLIMATE CHANGE AND BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE.



**KIDS
ACTIVITIES**

**SUSTAINABLE
CRAFTS**



**COLLABORTIVE
SHADE
BUILDING**

LIVE MUSIC



**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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