St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our second half term of this year. I hope you all managed to get some well deserved rest over the half term break. This half term is already beginning to feel a bit 'Christmassy' at St Luke's with our wonderful PFA getting prepared for our annual Christmas Fair. After the success of our after-school Summer Fair last year, due to the heat wave, we have planned a similar after-school event for this year's Christmas Fair on **Friday 27th November.** More details on how parents can help out will come out shortly, but remember we are always looking for raffle prizes and helpers to run the stalls.
On Tuesday, Winter Class attended the Junior Citizenship event in Chalk Farm where they learned about how to travel safely on public transport, how to call emergency services for help and how to make sensible choices to keep themselves safe.
Next Tuesday, children in Winter Class will kick off this term's Class Assemblies where they will share their learning with parents and the rest of the school. Parents can enter the school via the side gate which will open at 2:55pm. On Wednesday, Winter Class will also represent the school at the annual Remembrance Day service at the War Memorial in Hampstead cemetery and lay a wreath made by the children.

Wishing you all a safe bonfire night,

Ms J Iwanicki
Headteacher

Matthew 5:9 *"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*

Spring Class









This week in Spring Class, it was lovely to see the children back after their half term holiday. We began our new topic, Celebrations and Festivals, by exploring Diwali and learning about how it is celebrated. We also explored Bonfire Night, discussing how people celebrate this occasion. The children enjoyed using a variety of objects and materials to create colourful fireworks. As part of our topic, we shared our own experiences of different celebrations and talked about the special occasions we enjoy celebrating with our families.

Summer Class







This week in maths we have been looking at measuring. We have been practising our estimating skills by making sensible guesses about how long different objects might be before measuring them to check. We have used beaded strings, cubes and rulers to measure and compare lengths. The children have had lots of fun finding out how close their estimates were.

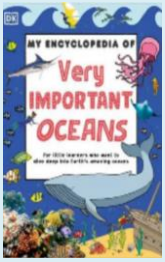
Autumn Class





This week in Autumn Class, we have been working on the inverse operations of doubling and halving in Maths. We reviewed our knowledge of double facts to 10 and 20, and then practised using partitioning to double and halve 2 and 3 digit numbers. We also revised our knowledge of 2D shapes and symmetry. In English we worked on our understanding of prepositions for time, place and cause. The children wrote their own stories which included a change in the weather and used prepositional phrases to add more detail to their writing. In PE and PSHE we worked on team work and collaborative games. The children have also been practising their times table knowledge in songs and games.

Winter Class



This week in Winter Class, we have been exploring our new non-fiction text, My Encyclopaedia of Very Important Oceans. The children have enjoyed reading different sections of the book and developing their comprehension skills by answering questions about what they have read. In Maths, we have been learning about equivalent fractions, exploring how different fractions can represent the same amount. In PSHE, we have been learning about the different agencies and organisations that can help keep us safe. We discussed how to make safe and sensible choices as we begin to develop greater independence, preparing us for the exciting steps ahead in Year 6 and secondary school.

Golden Book

Spring Class

Veniamin for his great effort in Phonics.

Margot for showing excellent imaginative play with others.

Summer Class

Frank for your great contributions in Maths this week.

Domenic for being a super helper in class by re organising boxes.

Autumn Class

Lina for her enthusiasm and hard work on story writing.

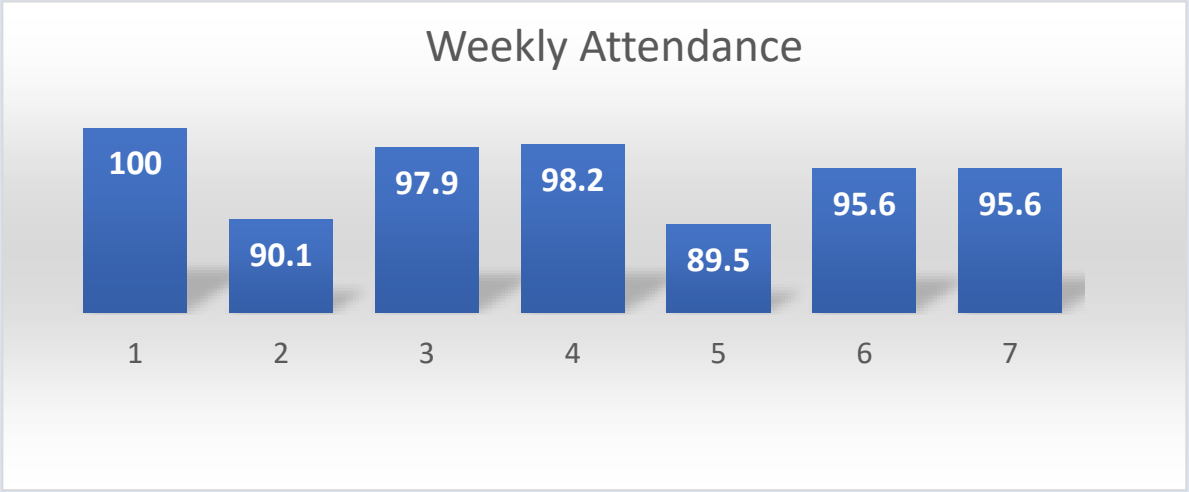
Anna for working hard on doubling and halving in Maths.

Winter Class

Freddie for your thoughtful contributions during our Junior Citizens trip.

Zeynep for your hard work in maths, finding equivalent fractions.

Weekly Attendance



Reception
With 100 %
Achieved the highest attendance



Happy Birthday



Reception Class – Aaila
Reception Class - Veniamin
Summer Class – Emiko

Dates for Diary 2026

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

~~26th-30th October~~	~~Half Term~~
~~2nd November~~	~~Inset Day~~
~~4th November~~	~~Camden Junior Citizenship Scheme~~
10th November	Winter Class Assembly (3pm Start)
11th November	Winter Class – Remembrance Day service at the War Memorial
16th November	Odd Socks Day
17th November	Summer Class Assembly (3pm start)
18th November	MHST Parent Coffee Morning (9am start)
27th November	Christmas Fair
1st & 2nd December	Parent Consultation Evening
1st December	Autumn Class Assembly (3pm start)
2nd December	Flu Vaccine (Catch Up)
4th December	Snack Shack (15.30 – 16.30)
8th December	Christingle
9th December	KS1 and EYFS Nativity
11th December	Pantomime in School
16th December	Carol Service (6pm at St Luke's Church)
17th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
18th December	**End of School Term**

Camden MHST

Coffee Morning - Managing Screen Time

Wednesday 18th of November
at 9:00-10:15 am

You are invited to join a Parent coffee morning hosted by
The Camden Mental Health Support Team(MHST)
at St Luke's CE Primary School

Aims of session:

•What does research say about screen use?
•Strategies on managing screen time with your child/young person





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