



## Newsletter

23rd September 2022

### Attendance

Our target is 96%	W/B 12/09	W/B 20/09
Mango (Nur)		92%
Apple (Rec M)	99%	96%
Peach (Rec C)	98%	96%
Beech (1G)	93%	97%
Maple (1B)	95%	93%
Ash (2R)	93%	94%
Birch (2W)	94%	97%
Lemon (3S)	94%	93%
Oak (3N)	97%	87%
Aspen (4C)	96%	100%
Spruce (4A)	93%	92%
Cherry (5A)	92%	95%
Palm (5D)	95%	97%
Cypress (6W)	97%	97%
Willow (6L)	95%	96%

### Value of the week

Mango (Nur)	Dustie
Apple (Rec M)	Denvah
Peach (Rec C)	Milan
Beech (1G)	Chloe
Maple (1B)	Isaac
Ash (2R)	Tamika
Birch (2W)	Grayson
Lemon (3S)	Elizabeth
Oak (3N)	Dylan
Aspen (4C)	Ellia
Spruce (4A)	Charlotte S
Cherry (5A)	Elsie
Palm (5D)	Zendan
Cypress (6W)	Danny
Willow (6L)	Alfie

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you managed to see our Late Queen's state funeral on Monday. An extraordinary event to mark the extraordinary contribution of our longest serving monarch here in this country and for the Commonwealth. Certainly, in Collective Worship on Tuesday, it was evident that lots of the children had seen at least some of the event and were able to share their reflections on how it had made them feel and why.

Now that all of our children have started, I wanted to extend a special welcome to all of our new starters in Nursery and Reception. The feedback from the staff has been that your children have settled into school here at St. Luke's, really well over the last few weeks. The staff are really pleased to see how calmly they are engaging in the learning opportunities available and are reporting of the friendships already blossoming. This is a really positive start and hopefully now, you can all start to relax a little, knowing they have started and are safe and well. If of course, there is anything that you are worried about, please do get in touch by emailing the school office and then we can get back to you: [office@stlukeslondon.org](mailto:office@stlukeslondon.org)

#### Harvest

I wanted to share with you that in Collective Worship this week, we reflected that Jesus gave up everything to save us from sin. That He left the power and glory He had in Heaven to come down to earth so He could lay down His life for us. He taught us to love one another – even our enemies. And He told us to give generously to anyone who asks and to take care of the poor. We were able to reflect in this way, within our focus on the value of kindness that we share, and following how our community/you gave so generously last week for the appeal to support people responding to the vast flooding in Pakistan. Remarkably, from that one day we raised **£380** and we will be sending that through along with the funds raise at Christchurch for the same cause.

I also shared with the children that at St. Luke's the governors made the decision that all of the fundraising that we do here will have a common theme—to seek to reduce the impact of poverty.

Our next such event is aimed at precisely doing that.

Next **Monday 03 October**, the children will all go to church to share our **Harvest Mass** with Father Tom and Mother Tracy.

The demand for foodbanks is increasing all of the time and everything that we collect through our celebration for Harvest is donated to the Food Bank to help our community.

Please bring items into the main Reception and we will make sure they get to church. Non perishable goods are the most helpful. And again, in anticipation of your generosity, thank you.

#### Update from the PTA

The PTA is an organization, comprising of parents from our community, who want to support the school. They share two ambitions:

- to create an opportunity for the community to come together and socialize;
- To raise funds to support the school.

During this cost of living crisis, the school needs the support of the PTA more than ever – so that we can enjoy precious moments together as a community bringing much needed joy and also to provide more opportunities for the children in the school.

Today, the former chair Beccy Brown, another parent Anthony Milborne, Mr. Griffiths and I met and we agreed that we can go ahead and host a **Multi—Cultural Evening** in the school on **Tuesday 18th October**. Please hold the date and more details will follow.

Overleaf you will find a number of updates from other leaders in the school.

From me, have a great weekend. Best wishes, Rebecca

## Update from our Maths Lead—Ms. Williams



We love maths at St Luke's, but we know that it is a big subject that can sometimes feel challenging!

We appreciate there's more to it than times tables and there's more to times tables than learning them off by heart. However, a lot of the rich, interesting maths is all about the multiplicative relationships and these are hard to fully grasp without fluent recall of the tables. For that reason, learning the tables is fundamental – they are a key facilitator to the maths that sits on top. Therefore, we are excited to share that we will continue to use Times Tables Rock Stars for all children in Years 3-6.

This week, your child will have received their log in details, and we would love for them to use it both in school and at home to help them master their times tables.

You can support your child by encouraging them to log into their account and practice at home. We recommend a "little and often" approach; 3 minutes practice a day, 4 or 5 times a week is a good target. Please remind your child not to share their login details.

If you have any questions, then please get in touch with your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Many thanks for your support, **Miss Williams, Maths subject lead**

## On Line Safety update

One of our biggest concerns for children's safety currently is the internet.

It's never easy to know how to keep our children safe when they aren't with us, and sometimes even when are, if we don't know what's happening in their lives or on their devices!

Who are they talking to, what are they doing, are they okay? If you need help to find some answers, we will be sharing various resources to help - via the newsletters and through school.

Online Safety is taught to the children as part of their Computing curriculum and PSHE.

Visit <https://parentsafe.lgfl.net> for help and advice on various online safety topics.

## Key dates coming up next term

Thursday 29th September: **SEN workshop for parents**—starting at 9:15am, in the Community House.

Monday 03 October: **Harvest Mass in church**—please give generously and leave donations in the main reception of school

A reminder that **Parent Teacher Consultations** are in the next few weeks. You will receive a text message from the office to explain how you can sign up to your appointments early next week.

Class	Teacher	Date
Beech (1G)	Mr Griffiths	Wednesday 5th October
Maple (1B)	Ms Bingham	Friday 7th October
Ash (2R)	Ms Rothern	Thursday 6th October
Birch (2W)	Ms Watterson & Ms Bell	Monday 10th October
Lemon (3S)	Mr Stein	Thursday 29th September
Oak (3N)	Ms Naidoo	Friday 30th September
Aspen (4C)	Ms Chauhan	Friday 14th October
Spruce (4A)	Mr Akinyemi	Thursday 13th October
Cherry (5A)	Mr Ahmed	Wednesday 5th October
Palm (5D)	Ms Dewan	Tuesday 11th October
Cypress (6W)	Ms Williams	Tuesday 4th October
Willow (6L)	Ms Lukwesa	Monday 3rd October

## Announcement of a special visitor from Jess

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are well and have had a great start to this academic year - it is going to be an exciting one! This letter is to inform you that our school will be taking part in a special author visit, being facilitated by celebrated, published author/teacher, Banji Alexander later this term.

Date of visit: November 8th, 2022.

We are very fortunate to have Banji Alexander visit our school as part of his sold-out schoolbook tour at selected schools.

His title 'Lockdown Looms: Reggie's Birthday Party', which is currently being adapted into a musical, comes highly recommended for primary aged children and has received wide acclaim from teaching professionals across the country, and MPs, including the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, and the Shadow Minister for Schools, Stephan Morgan MP.



You can read more about the author and the text here:

[Reviews | Banji Alexander](#)

We are treating the visit as a fun educational visit, please bring in £10 in an envelope with your child's name and class written on it, to purchase a copy of Banji Alexander's book at the reduced price, which he will be signing on the day. We are collecting money for the visit from now, although a reminder will be sent closer to the date.

Lockdown Looms: Reggie's Birthday Party:

- Details a child's experience during lockdown It was written to allay the fears of Banji's learners surrounding the pandemic;
- Helps facilitate discussions around mental health and well-being;
- Key themes are: Hope, Kindness, Resilience, Patience, Gratitude & Adapting to Change.

This is going to be a memorable experience for your child. Thank you for your continued support.

With kind regards,

## Additional links for your information

[Bow School - Year 7 Tour dates Flyer](#)

[SEND - Parent workshop Thursday 29th at 9.15am, in the Community House](#)

[Holiday Childcare Scheme - Bookings Now Open for October 2022](#)

[Secondary Transfer - Information For Year 6 parents/carers – Moving Up 2023](#)

[Parenting Workshop - if you would like to know more about the adolescent stage of development and receive practical parenting tips](#)