

Following in the footsteps of Jesus, we learn, love and laugh together

Friday 9th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

This afternoon we gathered together as a school community to remember Her Majesty the Queen II. This was a time to reflect on our memories. For most of the children it was remembering the fun and enjoyment shared during the celebration of her Platinum Jubilee. She was fondly remembered taking tea and marmalade sandwiches with a certain Paddington Bear. We prayed a decade of the Rosary together, in thanksgiving of her life of service to this country. A table of reflection has been set up in the hall. Draped in purple, it reminds us that as a country we are now in a time of mourning.

Over the coming week we will be compiling our own book of condolence, with each class sharing their messages.

FOSL
Friends of St. Luke's have remained extremely busy over the summer break. Please view the calendar on our school website to become aware of all the activities that they have planned. Dates for our First term.

New parents' coffee afternoon – Fri 30th Sept @ 2pm

Halloween disco – Thursday 20th October. EYFS/ KS1 4-5pm and KS2 5:15-6:15pm

Non uniform day – Friday 21st October

We also have a film night, Christmas fair and wreath making night to look forward to in the second half of term, dates for these will be confirmed at a later date.

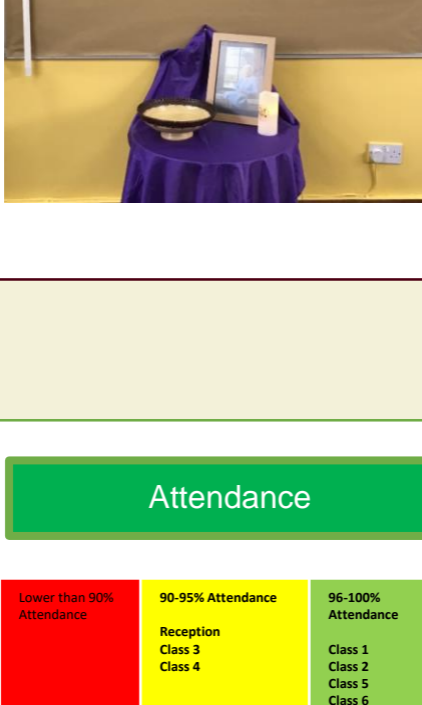
An Enjoyable first week at school was had by all. With positive attitudes to learning, pupils have quickly settled school routines.

Residentials
We put a survey out last summer term to ascertain whether parents would prefer the option of the school residential taking place every two years. In that initial survey, the response was overwhelming in favour of keeping arrangements in place for an annual class residential. We now have a programme of Residentials in place – awaiting the final details for Class 3. However, we are aware that the coming months are going to put a strain on everybody's finances. While paying online offers the opportunity to plan and pay over the year, cost may need some further consideration. We would also remind you that centres will often set a minimum number of children they expect to attend, in order to make it commercially viable.

Please complete your child's class survey, if you have particular question or concerns, please email the school office.

Yours sincerely

Eileen Murtagh



Attendance

Lower than 90% Attendance	90-95% Attendance Reception Class 3 Class 4	96-100% Attendance Class 1 Class 2 Class 5 Class 6
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Overall Attendance this week **92.9%**

Don't underestimate the importance of 100% attendance. Even one day missed can have an effect on learning.

98% attendance means 4 school days missed
95% attendance means 10 school days missed
90% attendance means 19 school days missed
80% attendance means 38 school days missed
5 minutes late each day means 3 school days missed

Please be aware that requests for children to take holidays during term time will be classed as an unauthorised absence.

PE next week

These are PE days for next week;

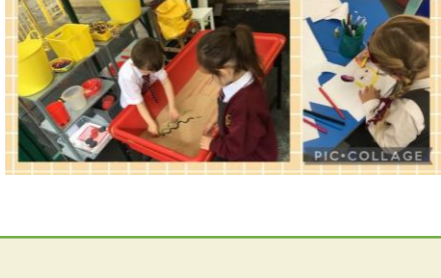
- Reception – Friday
- Class 1 – Friday
- Class 2 – Monday
- Class 3 – Thursday
- Class 4 – Tuesday
- Class 5 – Thursday
- Class 6 – Thursday

Reception

Our first week in school has been great! We've enjoyed exploring our new classroom, meeting new teachers and staff around school and making lots of new friends.

Our favourite activities have been drawing farm animals, playing in the home corner and building in the construction area.

Our teacher has been really impressed with how well we've settled in and we can't wait to continue learning and exploring next week!



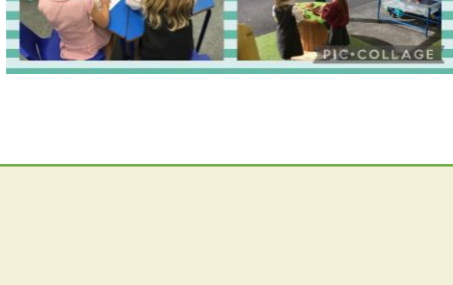
Class 1

What a fabulous first week back we've had in Year 1!

We've enjoyed writing about our summer holidays and sharing our memories with our friends.

We have completed lots of exciting learning challenges throughout the week which have included recapping on number sentences and recognising tricky words in a matching game.

We have also welcomed our new friends in Reception and have enjoyed helping them settle into life at St Luke's.



Class 2

This week we have settled into our new classroom. It is really bright and colourful.

We have writing our own book reviews and presenting them to the class.

In Maths we have been focusing on 2 digit numbers and can recognise how many tens and ones are in a number.

We have been using manipulatives to visually show this on a place value chart.

We have also been focusing on our gifts and talents, it has been great to find out what everyone has been up to in the holidays.

Following on from the sad news about Queen Elizabeth, we have been discussing her life and how Prince Charles has become our new King.



Class 3

Class 3 have had a fantastic start to the new school year and have been hard at work during their first week.

We are all enjoying being back together with our friends and we are excited for all of the exciting things that are to come in Key Stage 2.

Everyone has been working hard to produce well-presented writing and we have been developing our addition and subtraction skills in Maths this week.

We have also been enjoying reading our first class novel, Tales From The Ocean by Chae Strathie.



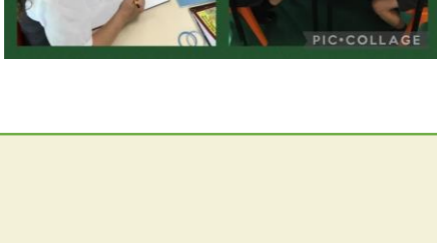
Class 4

It has been a wonderful first week back for Miss Foulds and all the children in Class 4. We have all settled well into the routines and are back in school mode!

On Monday, we worked together to create a Class Charter - making promises to one another for how we will ensure a happy and successful year together.

On Wednesday the children produced some beautiful artwork, taking inspiration from a Chinese proverb, 'It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness'.

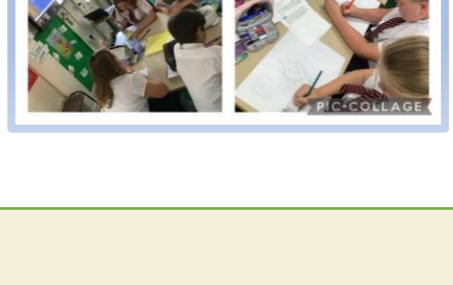
All in all, a great start to the year and we look forward to everything that this year will bring.



Class 5

Year 5 have had a fantastic start to the year! We have been getting settled into our new routines and classroom. The children have been very warm and welcoming to their new teacher.

We have had lots of fun dissecting flowers in Science and creating circuits containing motors in DT.



Class 6

What an extraordinary first week back we've had in Class 6! Everyone has come back from summer eager to learn and step up to their role as the oldest pupils in our school.

This week, we've done lots of reading and started to explore our new topic- The Battle of Britain. As a class, we have had some excellent and thought-provoking discussions, during which the children have been keen to share their knowledge.

We have also been creating cards for our buddies, who we are so excited to meet!

