



Newsletter 13

8 December 2023

Dear Parents

I hope you were able to enjoy the long weekend!

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Christmas Service at St Luke's ~ it is always a special time of the year both in the delivery of the Christmas story but also the unpredictability of the 'live' performance. All credit goes to our fantastic children for their enthusiasm in participating in whatever role they wished. I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to Reverend Michael, Lydia and the team at St Luke's for making us feel so welcome, and to Mrs Greenstreet for her behind the scenes support in making all three performances run smoothly.

We are very much looking forward to our final Nativity with Nursery very soon!

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

Our target is to be at **96%** attendance throughout the year.

This week	
Week beg 27 November	93.8%
Best week to date	Week beginning 09 October ~ 98.65%



ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 04 December:

RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
Squirrel Owl Rabbit Woodpecker Kingfisher	Robin Badger Fox	Owl Hedgehog Heron

Well done to **Rabbit Class** who had the highest attendance this week.

HOURS OF LEARNING LOST

This week: 04 December	492 minutes = 8 hours and 12 minutes
Last week: 27 November	264 minutes = 4 hours and 24 minutes



GOLDEN BOOK

This week the following children shared their learning with me:

<i>Niamh</i>	<i>Hedgehog Class</i>	
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ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL

We like to celebrate the achievements and awards of our children outside of school too! If your child has earned an award in an event, please send in a copy of the certificate and we can mention them in our weekly newsletters.

This week we celebrated the success of:

Pupil	Class	Achievement
Tommy	Owl	Watford Gymnastics ~ Level 4 in Floor
Prisha	Woodpecker	Jigsaw Performing Arts ~ Completed Year 1
Kayla	Fox	Watford Gymnastics ~ Level 4 in Rebound
Kiyara	Rabbit	Rise and Explore Gymnastics ~ Level 1

40 THINGS BINGO!

Well done to the following children who have achieved this half term challenge of all 4 in a row!

Pupil	Class
Leah	Robin

WEEKLY WELL-BEING

Each week we will share one idea to promote family well-being. Please let us know if you enjoy it and if you have any other ideas that we could share!

This week's well-being idea: **Go on a trip, you could go to the park or walk along the canal, try somewhere you don't go very often!**

CSA EVENT

From the 11th – 15th December the CSA will be holding a 'Guess the number of sweets in the jar' event. It will be £1 to enter and the closest guess wins the jar! The CSA team will be on the playground each afternoon at the end of the school day.

A REMINDER FROM THE CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER

You may have seen that I recently launched [The Big Ambition](#), a new campaign to hear directly from children, young people, and parents across the country about what they need to make their lives better.

As we approach the General Election, now is a crucial moment to take children and young people's voices to policymakers, Government, and decision makers, to make sure they are heard.

That is why I want to hear from every child and young person in England about their schools, communities, family life, and the wider world. I will also be asking what they want for their future, their hopes, dreams, and aspirations.

This survey is for all children and young people aged 6-18 and for parents/carers who can complete the survey on behalf of children aged 0-5. This will ensure we hear from early years settings. Adults can also assist children who are unable to complete the survey independently.

The survey can be completed here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

The closing date has been extended to Friday 19th January 2024.

STAY HEALTHY THIS WINTER

HCC are supporting families to stay healthy this winter and help them ease their food costs. Do you need support to cope with the rising cost of living? Are they staying healthy this winter? You might qualify for a weekly payment for fresh fruit, vegetables, and milk through the NHS Healthy Start Scheme.

Visit the Healthy Start website here for more information to encourage eligible families to apply.

In Hertfordshire we are about £800,000 under-claimed this year on this funding so find out if you are eligible go online at [Healthy Start](#) or call 0300 330 7010 or email healthy.start@nhsbsa.nhs.uk.

SPRING TERM CLUBS

Remember you are able to sign up with the after-school clubs on our website: [Club sign up](#)

REMINDERS

Bellmount Wood Avenue, Watford, Herts, WD17 3PE

Email: admin@cassioburyinfants.herts.sch.uk Telephone: 01923 222782

CHRISTMAS DINNER AND JUMPER DAY ~ Friday 15th December 2023

Just a reminder another favourite event is taking place next week. Children may come in their Christmas Jumpers or special clothes with a donation to Save the Children.

Donations can be made on the classroom door in the morning or via the Gateway from today; all proceeds will go to Save the Children.

The children will also be celebrating with their Christmas Dinner too!

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

These will be taking place in the last week of term, children may come dressed to impress on their party day:

Monday 19th ~ Year 1 and Nursery

Tuesday 20th ~ Year 2

Wednesday 21st ~ Reception

END OF TERM

Just a reminder that the end of term is approaching; the final day for Nursery is Tuesday 20th December (usual timings) and Wednesday 21st December for the remainder of the school. **Please note the earlier finishing time of 1:15pm.**

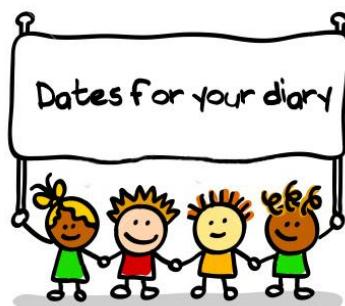
THIS WEEK'S FLYERS

1. Neurodiversity Support Hub
2. CSA Candy Jar Event

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes

Charlotte Cooper
Headteacher



Autumn term 2023

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
Wed 13 th Dec	'Winter Wonderland' Perform Performance ~ Nursery Children		
Fri 15 th Dec	Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day		
Wk Beg 18 th Dec	Christmas Parties Week		
Tue 19 th Dec	End of term for Nursery pupils		
Wed 20 th Dec	Autumn Term ends 1:15pm		

Spring term 2024

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
5 th Jan	INSET Day ~ school closed to pupils		
Fri 26 th Jan	Badger Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Fri 26 th Jan	Coffee Morning (all parents)	Oak Room	9-10am
Wk Beg 29 th Jan	National Story Telling Week		
Wed 31 Jan	Y2 St Luke's Workshops		
Wed 31 st Jan	Book at Bedtime	KS1 Classrooms	4:20-5:30 pm
Tue 6 th Feb	Internet Safety Day		
Fri 9 th Feb	Hedgehog Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Wk Beg 12 th Feb	Well-Being Week		
Fri 16 th Feb	Learning together morning	Classrooms	9am
Tue 27 th Feb	World Thinking Day ~ Scout / Brownies Uniform Day		
Wk Beg 4 th Mar	Waste Awareness Week		
Thu 7 th Mar	World Book Day		
Wk Beg 11 th Mar	STEM Focus Week		
Tue 12 th Mar	World Maths Day		
Fri 15 th Mar	Open Afternoon	Classrooms	2:45pm
Tue 19 th Mar	World Poetry Day		
Wed 20 th Mar	EYFS Parent Consultation	Virtual	Appointments
Thu 21 st Mar	EYFS Parent Consultation	Virtual	Appointments
Fri 22 nd Mar	Fox Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Mon 25 th Mar	KS1 Annual Report Home to Parents		
Tue 26 th Mar	Year 1 Spring Extravaganza	Hall	9:15am
Wed 27 th Mar	Year 1 Spring Extravaganza	Hall	9:15am
Wed 27 th Mar	End of term for Nursery pupils		
Thu 28 th Mar	Spring Term ends 1:15pm		



PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE THE DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR **2023/24**
 These dates are the same as the junior school.

AUTUMN 2023

Tuesday 19 th December	Nursery end of Autumn Term ~ usual time
Wednesday 20 th December	Autumn term ends 1:15pm

SPRING 2024

Thursday 4 January	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Friday 5 January	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Monday 8 January	Spring term starts
Mon 19 Feb – Fri 23 Feb	Half term
Wednesday 27 th March	Nursery end of Spring Term ~ usual time

Thursday 28 March	Spring term ends 1:15pm
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SUMMER 2024

Monday 15 April	Summer term starts
Mon 27 May – 31 May	Half term
Thursday 18 th July	Nursery end of Summer Term ~ usual time
Friday 19 July	End of summer term 1:15pm
Monday 22 July	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Tuesday 23 July	INSET ~ School closed to pupils



PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE THE DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR **2024/25**
These dates are the same as the junior school.

AUTUMN 2024

Monday 2 September	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Tuesday 3 September	Autumn term starts
Mon 28 Oct – Fri 1 Nov	Half term
Friday 29 November	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Friday 20 December	Autumn term ends 1:15pm

SPRING 2025

Monday 6 January	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Tuesday 7 January	Spring term starts
Mon 17 Feb – Fri 21 Feb	Half term
Friday 4 April	Spring term ends 1:15pm

SUMMER 2025

Tuesday 22 April	Summer term starts
Mon 26 May – 30 May	Half term
Friday 18 July	End of summer term 1:15pm

Monday 21 July

Tuesday 22 July

Wednesday 23 July

INSET ~ School closed to pupils

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Occasional Day ~ School closed to pupils