



# St Luke's News

Aspiring to be just and kind. Walking humbly with God.  
Growing with every opportunity

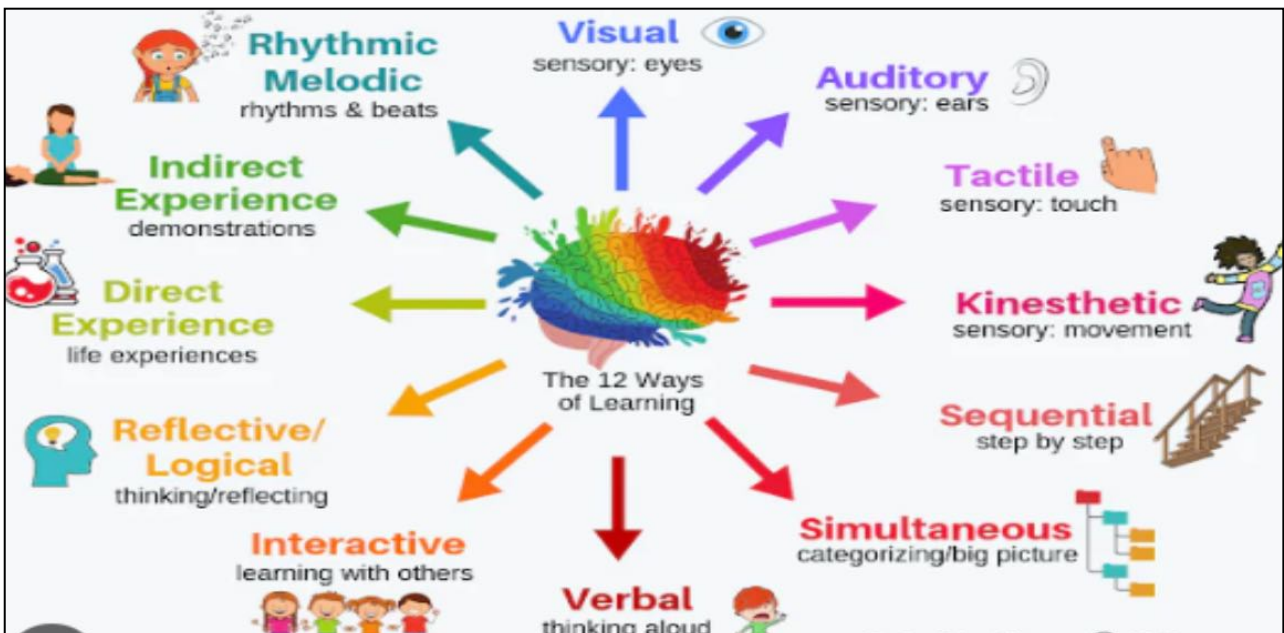


7th February 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week, as part of our work on the 'Protected Characteristics' under British Law, we investigated how we are all unique and at the same time we can have so many similarities.

We explored different ways of learning (see below) and spent time reflecting on which one might best represent 'us' and then reduced that to a more simplified version for how we want to be taught in school. We also talked about how you can really see that some people look at the world differently from most people and how that is ok and just how they make sense of the world. At the same time we talked of our community and how we want to learn and play and grow together and that binds us together.



## Family Hub Event

Friday saw 25 parents from St. Luke's attend a Family Hub Roadshow, only the second one hosted by a Newham school. The event presented by Fatima and her team showed parents how to access universal support for families such as those below:





**Our closest hub is at Shipman Youth Zone, 340 Prince Regent Ln, London E16 3JH - 02075112197**



**Best Start For Life Strands**

Family Hubs provide tailored guidance, resources, and opportunities to nurture confident, happy families and communities.

-  **Infant Feeding**  
Support and information from our skilled team via the helpline, baby feeding cafes, and workshops.
-  **Perinatal Mental Health Support**  
Mental health assessments, counseling, therapy, and specialist health visitor support.
-  **Parenting and Relationship Support**  
Peer support, parenting courses, digital resources, and advice for confident parenting.
-  **Parent and Caregiver Panel**  
A space to share experiences, provide feedback, and suggest service improvements..
-  **Early Language and Home Learning**  
Stay and play sessions, tailored workshops, home learning resources, and specialist support.
-  **Start to Life**  
Antenatal and maternity support, health visitor services, and digital resources for the first 1,001 days.
-  **SEND Support Services**  
Specialist advice, workshops, learning support, emotional and peer support.
-  **Youth Services**  
Activities for youth aged 10-25, led by qualified youth workers to enhance social and emotional learning.



**For more information on Family Hubs please scan the QR code**



[newham.gov.uk/familyhubnetwork](http://newham.gov.uk/familyhubnetwork)

**Use QR code for more information**

This week we have sent out notifications to some parents to help them be aware of their child's overall attendance. We understand that this has been a really bad winter for infections and illnesses and our intention is not to punish children who have been ill but merely to remind parents of where we are at the end of the first half of the Academic year and that we hope attendance for all improves. We follow Newham (LBN) and Government advice – please click on link below to see the LBN advice.

# ATTENDANCE

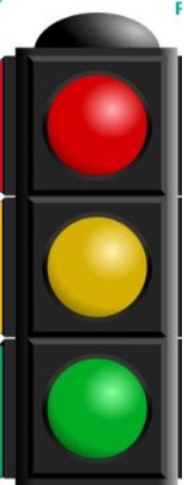
## Why is it important?

Attendance	Days absent	Weeks absent	Lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons

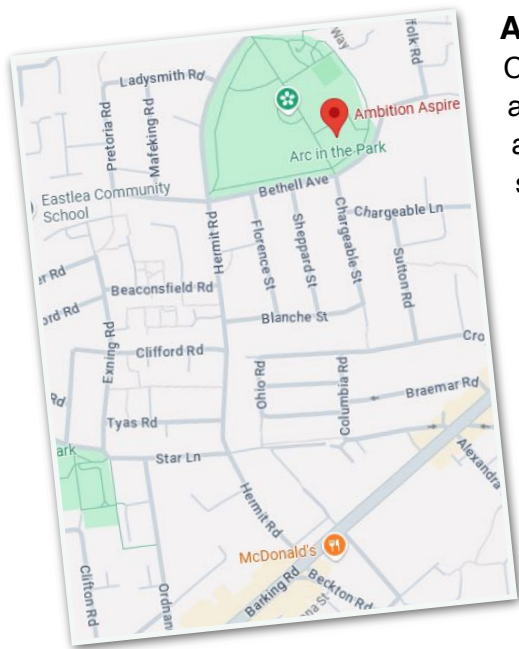
**89% or below**  
Drastic effect on academic achievement

**96% - 90%**  
Cause for Concern

**100% - 97%**  
Excellent!



<https://www.newham.gov.uk/schools-education/attendance-exclusion-1>



## Ambition Aspire Achieve

Children with Special Educational Needs (SEND) in Newham are very fortunate to have access to an excellent resource only a short drive from the school. The Arc in the Park provides a space that is designed primarily to meet the needs of these children. Please click on the link below to see what it has to offer to 8 year olds and above and to hear the testimony of one of their 'customers.'

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ta1\\_rsSmTEU&ab\\_channel=AmbitionAspireAchieve](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ta1_rsSmTEU&ab_channel=AmbitionAspireAchieve)

Arc in the Park, Bethell Ave, London E16 4JT 020 7511 4253

## Also In the News



Y3 Visit to a Synagogue in South Woodford, Redbridge

History lesson - through your tummy!  
Anglo-Saxon inspired stew cooking



Y6s teaching teachers about robot



Y4 litter pickers keeping our environment 'clean'

# NURSERY'S FIRST ADVENTURE TO THE LIBRARY



The nursery children had an exciting first trip to the library, where they explored a range of engaging books and listened to a delightful story from the librarians. A huge thank you to our incredible parents for joining us and making the trip even more special!

## Diary Dates

### February

- 11<sup>th</sup> Arch Deacon Mike visits St. Luke's AM
- 12<sup>th</sup> Special River of Hope assembly
- 13<sup>th</sup> Y4 visit to Canning Town Library
- 14<sup>th</sup> Non-uniform day – Maths Day

**17<sup>th</sup> Feb – 21<sup>st</sup> Feb – School closed for Half-term – School reopens as normal on Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> Feb. with breakfast and After-School clubs both running**

### February (contd)

- 26<sup>th</sup> Trees for Cities working with Eco Committee
- 27<sup>th</sup> Ramadan/Eid awareness Ass.

### March

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dental fluoride for Yn-Y1 for those with permission
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Safer Internet Week – with the famous St. Luke's Escape Room!

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Y3-Y6 Assessment week

- 5<sup>th</sup> Vision & hearing tests for YR
- 7<sup>th</sup> World Book Day – non-uniform
- 12<sup>th</sup> Y5 visit to Tudor Museum
- 17<sup>th</sup> Parent/Teacher meetings all week
- 19<sup>th</sup> London Youth Games
- 19<sup>th</sup> Switched on Assembly – safety by rail tracks
- 21<sup>st</sup> March Non-uniform day for Show the Red Card to Racism – Art Gallery & Assembly
- 24<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> Parent meetings all week
- 26<sup>th</sup> Y6 on subsidized visit to Lion King show
- 27<sup>th</sup> Y5 visit Cody Dock
- 28<sup>th</sup> Anti gangs workshops for Y5 & Y6

### April

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Y3/4 Easter performance for parents



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**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> April – Mon. 21<sup>st</sup> April – School closed for Easter Holidays – School reopens as normal on Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> April with breakfast and After-School clubs both running**

Have a lovely and peaceful weekend

Matt Hipperson HT