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ST LUKE'S NEWSLETTER

28th September 2026

Headteacher's Message

Last Monday was a truly wonderful day at school. Andy, our visiting photographer and filmmaker, spent the day capturing photos and footage for our new website video, which highlights how everyone in our community is valued, loved, and guided toward success. He was incredibly impressed by our polite children, dedicated staff, and the inspiring stories of how we all work together.

We would love to welcome new families to our community! We are holding Nursery/EYFS Stay and Play sessions on Tuesday 6th October at 9am and 3:30pm. Please share these details with friends, family, and local groups. Thank you for your ongoing support in making our school such a special place.

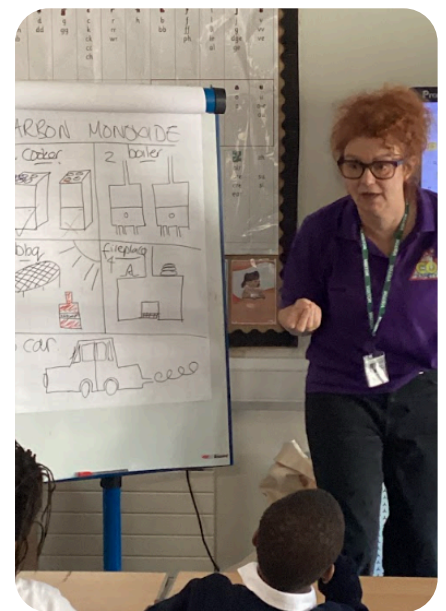
Included in this issue

CO Crew Workshop

Stone Age Trip

National Fitness Day





CO Crew Workshop

Last Tuesday, we had an amazing visitor come into school to talk to us about the dangers of carbon monoxide in our homes and how we can stay safe. Classes took part in workshops and the whole school had an assembly. Children were given carbon monoxide alarms to take home. For further information on how to make your homes safe, visit <https://www.thecocrew.co.uk/know-the-facts>.



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Year 3- Stone Age Trip

Last Thursday, our children embarked on an exciting Stone Age trip to explore ancient history. They discovered fascinating artifacts, walked in the footsteps of early humans, and brought their classroom learning to life. It was an unforgettable, educational adventure that sparked everyone's curiosity. Thank you to all the staff who made it possible. A special thank to our parent volunteers!



Music – Newham Music

This week, we started our sessions with Newham Music. The children have been singing and learning new songs to perform. Individual music lessons have also restarted. If you are interested in these lessons and want to find out more, please contact the school office.



EYFS Playdough Station

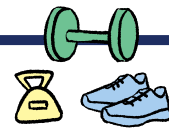
Our children have been busy exploring, creating and developing their fine motor skills at our playdough station!

We would love to add more resources to our area. If you are able to donate rolling pins, cutters or other playdough tools to Nursery or Reception, we would be very grateful. Thank you for helping us make our learning even more exciting! 🥰🎨

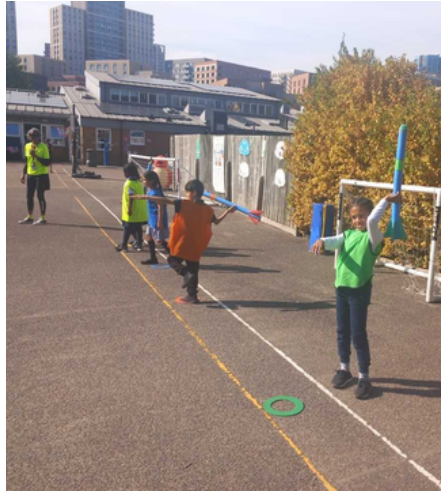




National Fitness Day



Today, we held a mammoth sporting spectacular! Year 2 and Year 3 joined together to take part in an amazing carousel of events. It was a fantastic afternoon that showcased the very best of St Luke's, ensuring every child is valued, loved, and succeeds.



RE – Year 5

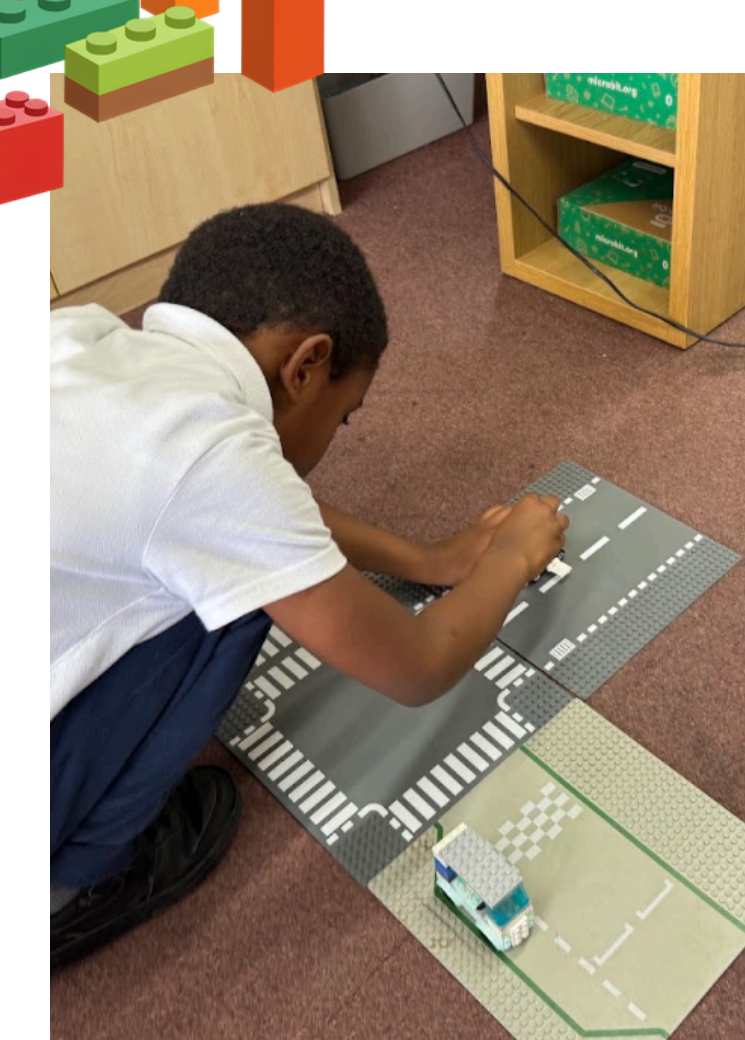
In RE, the Year 5 children have been exploring the story of Moses. They have created wonderful displays for the school hall—please do take a look at their amazing work, which represents the story in a fun and engaging way!



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LEGO Club

Lego Club is a massive hit this term! Every week, our creative builders design incredible structures, from bustling cities to imaginative spaceships. It is a fantastic opportunity for children to develop their teamwork, problem-solving, and fine motor skills while having immense fun. We cannot wait to see their next creations



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Celebrating achievements

This week, we celebrated the wonderful achievements of our pupils across the school during our Golden Assembly. It was a fantastic opportunity to recognise their hard work, positive attitudes, kindness and perseverance. We are incredibly proud of everyone who was celebrated and the amazing contributions they make to our school community. Well done!



Happy Birthday!

A very happy birthday to all the children celebrating this week!



Help Our Children Explore Faith!

At St Lukes, our Religious Education lessons help children learn about a variety of faiths and world views. We want to make these lessons as engaging as possible by using real artefacts and resources from the community.

If you have any items—such as religious symbols, prayer objects, books, or decorations—that you could donate or lend to the school, we would be so grateful. Your contribution will help our pupils learn with curiosity, respect, and understanding.

Please contact Miss Davies on yr@st-lukes.newham.sch.uk if you can help or would like more information. Thank you for supporting our children's learning journey!

Families in Bloom Workshops

A poster for 'Families In Bloom' workshops. The title is in a large, bold, dark green font. Below it, the subtitle 'Creative wellbeing workshops for children and families' is in a smaller, dark green font. The poster features a light green background with yellow and purple vertical bars on the left. There are green leaf-like shapes scattered around. At the bottom, there are illustrations of a family (a man, a woman, and two children) and a QR code. The text on the poster includes: 'Grow together. Connect and Thrive.', 'The Wellbeing in Newham Schools Team (WINS) will be running workshops for families during the holidays. Join us for a relaxed, fun and meaningful space for families to explore emotions, build resilience, and celebrate what makes your family special.', 'What to expect:', a list of five bullet points with green checkmarks, 'Who's It For?', 'Families with children aged 5-11 years', 'All family types, cultures, and needs are welcome', 'Children must attend with a parent or carer', and 'How To Sign Up' with a link to the sign-up form.

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What to expect:

- ✓ Creative art activities (like building your own Family Wellbeing Tree)
- ✓ Games and tools to help manage big feelings
- ✓ Time to talk, play, reflect and reconnect
- ✓ Take-home resources to support wellbeing at home
- ✓ A safe, welcoming space for all families

Who's It For?
Families with children aged **5-11 years**
All family types, cultures, and needs are **welcome**
Children **must** attend with a parent or carer

How To Sign Up
Spaces are **free** but limited. Book your place by scanning the QR Code or following this link: [Families in Bloom Sign-Up Form](#)



School Reminders & Notices



Attendance & Absence

Child Absence: If your child is unwell, please inform the school office on the first day of absence. Call between 8:00am and 9:30am.

Medical Appointments: Please avoid booking medical appointments during school time unless it is an absolute emergency. Where possible, please arrange medical appointments outside of school hours to minimise disruption to your child's learning.



School Timings & Punctuality

Morning Drop-off: School gates open at 8:30am. School starts promptly at 8:50am.

Afternoon Pick-up: School ends at 3:15pm. If you are running late to collect your child, you must inform the school office immediately.



Medical Information & Medication

Prescribed Medicine Only: Staff can only administer medication that has been prescribed by a GP.

Authorisation Forms: Before any medication can be given, parents must complete a medical authorisation form at the school office.



Birthday Celebrations

No Food or Party Bags: To protect our students with severe allergies, please do not send party bags, sweets, or cakes into school for birthday celebrations.



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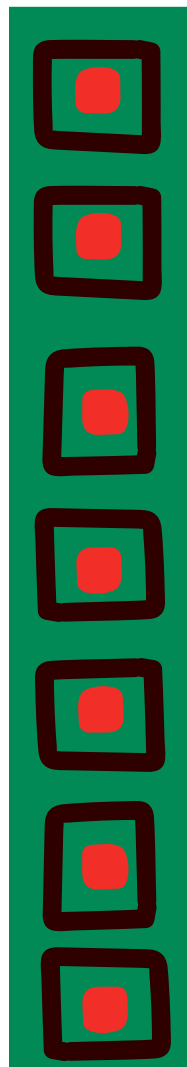
Open Events & Stay and Play Sessions

Please scan the QR code to register your attendance.



- **Monday 6th October: Starting Reception 2027 Stay and Play @ 9:00am and 3:15pm**
- **Tuesday 13th October: Prospective Nursery Parents Open Afternoon @ 3:30pm–4:30pm**





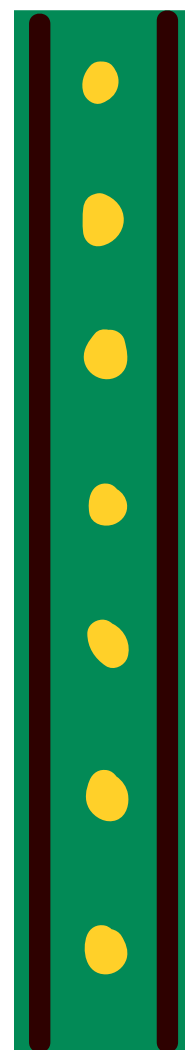
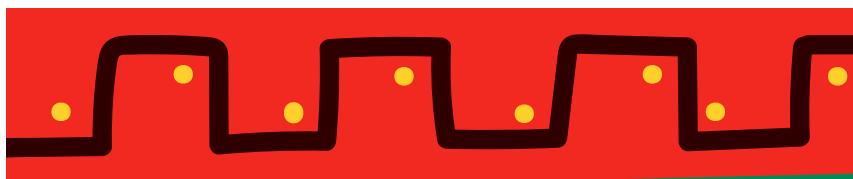
LET'S CELEBRATE

BLACK

HISTORY

MONTH

As part of our Black History Month celebrations, we would love to invite parents and carers to volunteer to come into school and talk to the children about Black history, culture, heritage, or an inspirational Black person. If you would like to take part, please get in touch with the school. We would love to hear from you!



Key dates for your diary

September

- Friday 25th September: National Fitness Day

October

- Thursday 1st October: Black History Month begins
- Thursday 1st October: Year 2 trip to the Florence Nightingale Museum
- Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October: Half-term holiday (School closed)

November

- Monday 2nd November: INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
- Tuesday 3rd November: School reopens for the new term



HELP ST LUKE'S SECURE **£100,000!**

St Luke's could lose out on nearly
£100,000 in school funding.
Every family must register before
October 1st.

Scan the QR code below to
complete the short form today.



26 - 30 OCT, 2026



5 - 11 YEARS

AUTUMN Holiday Club

£25 Per day
08:30 - 18:00pm

Ofsted

ACTIVITIES

- Cultural activities in celebration of Black History Month
- Halloween crafts
- Outdoor Play
- Multi-sports & Team Games
- Arts & Crafts
- Day Trips
- Free play & movie time



Lunch & snacks provided, safe, nurturing, caring environment. Experienced staff with enhanced DBS

Location: Royal Dock's Academy

Email: info.happylifeacademy@gmail.com | www.happylife.co.uk

