

23rd January 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to begin with some very happy news! Miss Ackroyd came to visit us this week. It was so lovely to see her back in school, and she will begin a phased return to school next week.

Another busy week at St Luke's has come to an end. The children have been working extremely hard in all of their lessons. This half term, the whole school has been learning dance routines. Year 1 are putting the final touches to a *Lion King* routine, and Year 2 are learning *Thriller*. We will endeavour to put some video clips of the routines together for your enjoyment.


Year 4 have been learning about changing states of solids, liquids and gases in Science, and they had a great time melting chocolate last week. Reception also had a very exciting day on Monday. They followed some footprints and went on a dinosaur hunt, which ended with the discovery of dinosaur eggs.

May I remind parents that children should not bring toys, fidgets, or any items from home into school. We do not want these items to get lost or damaged, or to cause issues in class.

We would like to wish you a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Kind regards,

Mrs Spencer

Wednesday 4th February	Year 2 Class assembly 
Thursday 5th February	Making bath bombs after school club
Thursday 12th February	Discos
Friday 13th February	Finish for Half term.

Our Attendance Award winners this week:

Well done to Year 2 our top attending class with 99%
Whole School Attendance: 97.3%



Attendance award winners:

Stars of the week:

Rec - Blake - Being super confident in sharing his knowledge on dinosaurs.
Year 1 - Naqiya - Challenging herself in provision.
Year 2 - Jerome - Resilience in maths.
Year 3 - Emma - Being a pleasure and always having a smile on her face.
Year 4 - Mikey-Lee - Making excellent contributions during our science experiment.
Year 5 - Inayah - Being outstanding this week - polite, happy and hardworking.
Year 6 - Husam - Great enthusiasm in French lessons with Mrs Spencer. Tres bien!



Writers of the week:

Writers -
Rec - Henry B - Fantastic writing about dinosaurs.
Year 1 - Alaia - Great use of adjectives to describe a character.
Year 2 - Reece - His brilliant story of The Great Fire of London written in 1st person.
Year 3 - Archie - Great ideas in Ottoline and the Yellow Cat.
Year 4 - Lacie - A clear, well organised information leaflet.
Year 5 - Evie - A fantastic, detailed setting description about The Rainforest.



Our House points winners for this week:



ST MATTHEW
130 POINTS

Dinnertime Delights:

Reception - Harleigh
Key Stage 1 - Dorothy
Lower Key Stage 2 - Ethan M (Y4)
Upper Key Stage 2 - Katie & Mohammed

The Parent Forum for Bradford and Airedale will be visiting school to host an SEND coffee morning on **Wednesday 25th February at 9:00am**.

Mrs Spencer and Mrs Dignam will be in attendance to offer support and answer any questions. This will be a great opportunity for parents and carers to meet, share experiences, and find out more about the support available.

More information can be found at:

<https://pfba.org.uk/>

The Parents' Forum for Bradford & Airedale

For Parents and Carers of Children/Young People with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities.

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WHERE?
The Gateway Community Centre, 45 Thackery Road, Bradford, BD10 0JR

WHEN?
Information session / Meet & Greet - Thursday 8th January 4pm - 5pm
Sessions are every Thursday from 15th January until Thursday 5th February, 3.45pm-5.45pm

WHO?
For parents/carers with young people between the ages of 8 and 12.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REFER, PLEASE CONTACT THE COURSE FACILITATORS
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