



As we come to the end of the Autumn term, I would like to share with you some attendance updates.

Here at St Luke’s, we place great importance on attendance and punctuality. Regular attendance at school significantly influences your child’s development, self-confidence and future achievements so it is important that your child attends school every day, on time.

There are lots of rewards and incentives that are in place for those children who attend school regularly such as, the Weekly Attendance and Punctuality awards, the termly and whole year awards and attendance competitions to name a few.

Next week we will be announcing the 100% attendance winners and also the children with most improved attendance for this term, each child will receive a certificate and a tasty treat!

If you missed out this time, don’t worry; there will be more chances and prizes to win next month with our January Attendance Challenge! There are some fantastic prizes to be won. To be in with a chance of winning all you have to do is ensure your child attends school every day, on time throughout the month of January to be entered into the prize draw.

Attendance data for the term

Our whole school attendance for this term is **95.5%**

Whole school attendance by class for this term

Class	Attendance	Number of late marks
Reception	96%	30
Year 1	95.6%	32
Year 2	95.6%	15
Year 3	95.2%	48
Year 4	95.2%	47
Year 5	96.3%	18
Year 6	94.7%	10

The class with highest attendance this term was... **Year 5!**

The class with the lowest number of late marks this term was... **Year 6!**

As you can see from the table above, we are still continuing to see significantly high numbers of pupils arriving late to school. Regular lateness can affect your child in a number of ways such as loss or gaps in their learning which can lead to academic underachievement. It can also impact their self-confidence and friendship groups.

Due to the high number of late marks punctuality will be a strong focus point going into the next term. In instances where children are regularly late, parents may be asked to come into school for an attendance meeting.

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The school gates open at 8:35am and the school day begins at 8:50am, this is when registration opens. Children arriving after 8:50am will receive a late mark. Registration closes at 9:20am, any children arriving after this time receive a U mark, which is classed as an unauthorised absence and will affect your child's attendance levels. Each school day is made up of two sessions, any 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period will be referred to the attendance team at Bradford Council.

We have also had a high number of holiday requests this term. Please be reminded that holidays during term time cannot be authorised. Any unauthorised absences due to holidays taken in term time will be referred to Bradford Council and a penalty notice may be issued.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of our parents and carers who continue to support us to improve attendance across school, we appreciate your cooperation on this matter. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the new year.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance, please contact Miss Baxandall in the school office.

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