



St Stephen's Primary School Newsletter

Friday 3rd July 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm not sure how but we find ourselves in July, with only 2 weeks remaining of the academic year. Goodness, time flies when you're having fun!

We started this week with Sports Day on Monday. We were blessed with the best weather for a day of sport: not too hot, not too sunny and no rain. We were off to a good start! Our Nursery children got going first thing with their races in our school playground. They had a fabulous morning, and parents loved seeing them taking part and enjoying themselves with their friends. The afternoon was the chance for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 to shine, which they did. We were able to use Ermysted's grounds for the event and this was excellent. We had plenty of space for our families to come and watch, and for all the different races we had planned. A big thanks to Mr. Douglass for getting everything organised and ready on the day. It was a lot of fun seeing the children having a go at the different races – there was something for everyone.

Keeping with an active theme, we had Forest school on Wednesday for Year 6 and Year 3/4. Again, good weather meant they could head off to the woods and make the most of the time there. We can't wait to see what's on the agenda for Forest School next year.

Thursday brought us a Canal Boat trip on Skipton Canal for our Nursery children. I think the adults that came enjoyed it just as much as the children. We were very well looked after by Captains Jack, Sally and Phil and were lucky enough to see lots of wildlife including dogs, ducks and their ducklings, swans and their cygnets, geese and a heron. We also saw a crocodile along the canal side! Who knew they were to be found in Skipton canal?! As usual, we're very grateful to all our volunteers who help make trips happen.

The week is not over! We have our Summer Fayre tomorrow on the lawn outside the church. As usual, it promises to be a fun-filled event with raffle prizes, tombola, bric a brac stalls, games, bouncy castle and more. FOSS have been working very hard to construct stalls and games and we would love to be able to continue to celebrate our community with great attendance at this event.

If you're going to Mass this weekend, please do choose to attend the Family Mass on Sunday at 10.30am as it is a St Peter's house Mass. Some of our students will be leading it with readings, the offertory procession and in the choir. It is another celebration of our school and parish community working together.

Next Tuesday is our final Little Saints of the year. Mrs Shooter loves welcoming children and their families every other week and we're very proud of how our community has grown throughout the year.

Year 6 will be performing their end of year production on Wednesday next week – supported by St David's class. They have been busy practising all half term and learning their lines ready for a polished performance. We have some confident performers in our midst and we're looking forward to seeing them on stage enjoying themselves with a captive audience.

We're also excited to invite Nursery, Reception and Year One parents to their end of year Celebration assembly on Thursday 9th at 9.15am. Children will be sharing their highlights from this academic year as well as some songs and a story. Please do join us and stay afterwards for coffee and cakes served by our Mini Vinnie's as their final 'act of service' of this academic year. All families are welcome from 9.45am for coffee and cakes.

We are all about strong starts and so we are looking forward to getting off to a strong start with the new reception class by hosting a Teddy Bears' Picnic. Children from our current Nursery, plus new Reception class families, will be joining us, and their favourite toy, for snacks, play, activities and songs as we begin our journey through education with them. Mrs Shooter has already been to visit a number of families in their homes so will be aiming to build on those positive early relationships.

Finally, next Friday sees our last FOSS disco of the academic year. We're looking forward to seeing a fantastic set of dance moves on display and some tired children by the end of the day. Thanks FOSS, again!

So, a busy weekend ahead for our school and our parish – please join us and support us in any way you can.

Have a great weekend.

Warm regards,

Jo Sykes

Headteacher



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DATES

JULY:

- Sat 4th— Summer Fayre 2-4pm
Mon 6th— Swimming for St Patrick (Y3)
Meeting for parents of Rec/Year 1 at 3.30pm
Tue 7th— Little Saints at 9am
Wed 8th— Year 6 production at 1.30pm and 6pm
Thu 9th— St David non-uniform day (Dojos)
EYFS Assembly at 9:15am
(Parents welcome)
Coffee Morning 9:45 am
Fri 10th— Nursery & Rec '26 Teddy Bear Picnic at 9:30am
FOSS Discos 2:15-3:15; 3:20-4:20pm



This week we're wishing
a very happy birthday
to.....

Archie!

Please remember we are a **NUT FREE** school. Please do not pack anything containing nuts in your child's lunch pack. This includes Nutella/hazelnut/chocolate bars with nuts. Please make sure to read the label before sending this in with your child. We have some severe allergy sufferers in school.



Menu 6th July (week 2)



Monday

Main: Baked Chicken Penne Pasta
Vegetarian: Baked Cheese Penne Pasta
Sandwich: Ham

Tuesday

Main: Oven Baked Pizza
Vegetarian: Oven Baked Pizza
Sandwich: Ham or Tuna Mayonnaise

Wednesday

Main: Roast Turkey
Vegetarian: Cheese Pasty
Sandwich: Ham or Chicken & Cheese Wrap

Thursday

Main: Spaghetti Bolognese
Vegetarian: Vegetarian Bolognese
Sandwich: Ham

Friday

Main: Baked Fish Fingers
Vegetarian: Tomato & Cheese Pasta
Sandwich: Cheese

Attendance (22/06—26/06)

SCHOOL 92.2%

St George 87%

St Patrick 96.4%

St Andrew 95.5%

St David 95.2%

St Christopher 85.7%



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Stars of the week



St George

Stars: Emmanuel & Paddy

Maths: Lachlan

St Patrick

Stars: Ishaal & Alon

Maths: Bonnie (Y2)

St Andrew

Stars: Naomi & Sara

Maths: Ibrahim (Y3)

St David

Stars: Jolie-Anne & Annie

Maths: Daisy (Y5) & Hafsa (Y4)

St Christopher

Stars: Oliver, Banah & Finley

After School Clubs

Please note these are the After School Clubs for this term. There will be a charge of **£2 per session per child (£20 for a whole term)**. Monday clubs will be for 9 weeks (£18) due to May Day. These sessions will run from **Monday 27th April until Friday 10th July (10 weeks)**. Clubs will take place from **3.20-4.20pm**. If your children are interested in joining, please contact the school office.

Mondays: Years 2-6

Gardening Club with Mrs Holt

Tuesdays: Years Rec, Y1-2

Stay & Play with Mrs Shooter

Thursdays: Years 1-2

Numbots with Mrs Fox

Years 3-6

Morphs with Mrs Fox

Years 3-6

Running Club with Mrs Sykes & Miss Calow

Fridays: Years 3-6

Chess Club with Mr Bullock

Free after school clubs

Wednesdays: Years 3-6

Music Choir with Miss Howe (3.30-4.45pm)

Fridays: Years 3-6

Football with Mr Douglass





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Communication Booster Sessions
for under 5s
with a language delay

Fun, play-based sessions to build communication skills and confidence!

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Boosts communication and social skills through play
- Supportive, friendly environment for little learners
- A chance for parents and carers to connect too

WHEN: WEDNESDAYS 9.15 - 10.15 AM

WHERE: BROUGHAM STREET COMMUNITY NURSERY Brougham Street, Skipton, BD23 8DF

WHO: Under 5s with a language delay and their parents/carers

LEAD BY: JESSICA REASON

GROW CONFIDENCE, BUILD CONNECTIONS, CELEBRATE PROGRESS!

BOOK YOUR PLACE www.brightstartskipton.com

get a **free Kellogg's breakfast** every school holiday

WE'RE LOOKING FOR NEW PLAYERS
FOR OUR 26/27 SEASON U12s!

Join a great club & a fantastic group of boys and girls in our 26/27 season U12 grassroots teams!

✓ NEW 26/27 SEASON U12 PLAYERS (CURRENTLY SCHOOL YEAR 6)
✓ Friendly, supportive environment

Contact us via social media:
Skipton Juniors FC (Facebook)

craven arts house
cravenarts.co.uk

OUR SUPPORTERS
Skipton Rotary
NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

Summer Music & Art Kids Club
Monday 3rd - 7th August
For children aged 8-11 years
From £25 per day

SKIPTON STORM

LAUNCHING SEP 26

OPEN TO SCHOOL YEARS 3-6

BASKETBALL - SATURDAY PM
NETBALL - SUNDAY AM

WEEKLY TRAINING & MATCHES

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

SCAN ME

JUNIOR BASKETBALL & NETBALL CLUB

An invitation

Reception

Teddy Bear's picnic and play

Friday 9th July

9.30 - 11am

Parents welcome to stay
(or you can leave your child when they are settled)

please bring your favourite teddy to show your new friends

ST STEPHEN'S SCHOOL AND PARISH SUMMER FAYRE

SATURDAY 4TH JULY

2PM - 4PM

REFRESHMENTS
BOTTLE STALL
RAFFLE
TOY STALL
PIMMS STALL
SWEET TOMBOLA
FACEPAINTING
TEDDY EXCHANGE
FOOTBALL SHOOTOUT
BRIC A BRAC
BOOKS
BOUNCY CASTLE
HOOK A DUCK
SPLAT THE RAT
AND MORE GAMES TO PLAY.

FREE ENTRY
CASH ONLY

ON THE CHURCH LAWN
GARGRAVE ROAD