



St Stephen's Primary School Newsletter

Friday 5th June 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has flown by! I can't quite believe that we are in our final half term of the year. Nor can I believe how much it's rained this week! Thank goodness we were blessed with delightful weather during our week off. Hopefully everyone managed to have a lovely week and were able to make the most of the blue skies and warm sunshine.

During the holidays, more work was completed in our school grounds to create better outdoor spaces for our children, and we hope to have the side area along The Avenue completed by the end of next week. Once completed, the plan is to buy some buddy benches with funds from FOSS. In addition, the space at the bottom has been cleared and this will enable us to complete work during the Summer holidays on creating our Prayer Garden, with funds raised from church. We are very grateful to Father Chris and all the parishioners for helping with this. A final note about our outdoor space: we are currently exploring options for the Key Stage 1 playground (outside the school office) and aim to have some images ready to share in the next few weeks showing what we have planned. We hope to provide more motor skill opportunities through a variety of play equipment and different zones to capture the imagination of all the children.

So once Monday came, it was back to hard work and lots of play. Despite the shocking weather, our children ventured beyond the school grounds and out and about in Skipton. Monday saw our final group of children head out to their swimming lessons at Craven Pool. Wednesday was Forest School. Mr. Abbott took his class to the woods in the morning, and they enjoyed creating habitats and building dens. Not content with one session, Mr. Abbott set off in the afternoon with St Andrew's class, working on the same skills with the younger children. Drenched, exhausted and coated in mud, the children returned to school having had a fabulous time and were keen to know what next week's session will involve.

After school clubs started up again this week, with keen gardeners and runners heading out in the rain. They are a resilient bunch, entirely unfazed by a few drops of rain. There is still space in some clubs so please check with the office and sign up for the remaining weeks. I can definitely vouch for how good you feel in running club, coming back down the hill from the park to the school gates. It's great for both your physical health and your wellbeing!

Our Year One's were also out exploring this week: a trip to the library to look for books about different places all over the world. With Skipton Gala fast approaching, and a theme of 'Around the World', we are really looking forward to enjoying the day with our families – whilst being part of our Skipton community.

Having enjoyed a fantastic week before the half-term holiday, celebrating our wonderfully diverse school community, I am excited to see this diversity be part of our school's entry for the Skipton Gala. It almost feels like this year's theme was made for us. We must make the most of it! FOSS have been busy (as always) making things happen and organising decorations for the float. On Saturday (6th), we will be in school in the afternoon working on more decorations for the float – please let FOSS know if you can attend and take part.

Next week will be busy with Little Saints in our school hall on Tuesday morning. Mrs Shooter is taking a trip with Reception and Year One to the park on Thursday and they may well be joined by their Year Six buddies; whilst Key Stage Two will be back at Sandylands for a Mini Olympics Festival on Friday. Whilst all these extra activities are important for the children, teachers and teaching assistants will be working hard right up until the last week, making sure the children have been taught all that they need to know, and are ready for the next academic year. Teaching and learning continues and routines are adhered to wherever possible. Routines and structure play a key part in helping children feel settled and happy in school.

Next week also sees our Year One children completing their Phonics Screening Check. The children will have the opportunity to show off all that they have learned in reading and identifying sounds since starting school. In the same week, Year Four will complete their Multiplication Times tables Check. They have been learning their tables up to 12 and have been making super progress. It is clear that the children who practise at home (either reading or maths facts) with their parents and other family members are making faster progress. It really is a case of 'practise makes perfect'. Thank you to everyone who has helped their child with extra reading and times tables work at home. It does make a difference for your child.

Finally, a second letter will be with you today which details class organisation for next year and the all-important dates up to the end of this term. There's a lot to fit in and there is never enough time, but it would be great to see as many of you as possible attend the school-wide events. A chance to come together and celebrate the year and all the great things our children have achieved.

Thank you for your support and enjoy your weekend.

Jo Sykes

Headteacher



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DATES

JUNE: (Additional email sent out)

- Tue 9th— Little Saints at 9am
- Thu 11th— St George & St Christopher visit to Aireville Park
New Reception Class meeting at 6pm (Parents only)
- Fri 12th— KS2 Mini Olympics Sandylands
- Sat 13th— Skipton Gala
- Thu 18th— Class Group Photos
- Fri 19th— KS1 Mini Olympics Sandylands
Father's Day Gift Shop (FOSS)



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

**Olivia, Vavelo and
Sam!**

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 8th June (week 1)



- Monday**
Main: Crispy Kentucky Chicken
Vegetarian: Quorn Crispy Fillets
Sandwich: Ham or Cheese
- Tuesday**
Main: Chilli con Carne
Vegetarian: Vegetarian Chilli
Sandwich: Ham or Cheese
- Wednesday**
Main: Roast Pork Loin
Vegetarian: Cheese Pasty
Sandwich: Ham or Tuna
- Thursday**
Main: Yorkshire Sausages
Vegetarian: Vegetarian Sausages
Sandwich: Ham or Crispy Chicken Wrap
- Friday**
Main: Crispy Baked Fish
Vegetarian: Pizza Slice
Sandwich: Cheese

Attendance (18/05-22/05)

SCHOOL	95.1%
St George	93.3%
St Patrick	97.5%
St Andrew	95.4%
St David	100%
St Christopher	90.4%



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Stars of the week



St George

Stars: Humayl & Matthew

Maths: Dua

St Patrick

Stars: Alon & Utochi

Maths: James & Rafferty

St Andrew

Stars: Maggie & Albert

Maths: Hadiyyaa

St David

Stars: Frankie & Valentino

St Christopher

Stars: Aaron & Banah

Maths: Dhyan



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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FATHER'S DAY Shop

FRIDAY 19TH JUNE

£2

IF YOUR CHILD WOULD LIKE TO BUY A GIFT PLEASE SEND £2 INTO SCHOOL BY WEDNESDAY 17TH JUNE.

North Yorkshire Council Holiday Childcare Survey

If you're a parent or carer of a child aged 4-14 years in North Yorkshire, we would love to hear from you.

Tell us about your holiday childcare needs and help us plan for the future.
Please complete this brief survey by Friday 26th June 2026

[Click here to complete the survey](#)

If you have questions about this survey, please email: ellie.hooper@place-group.com

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/NorthYorkshire-SchoolAgeChildcareSurvey2026/>

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- Specialist in sleep & additional needs
- Overnight home support
- In person parent workshops
- In personal professionals workshops

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THROUGH THE NIGHT
Sleep Consultant

St Vincent de Paul Society

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23 DAY 09 MONTH 26 YEAR

All schools from across the Leeds Diocese are invited to a Mini Vinnies Recommissioning Mass at the Cathedral Church of St Anne!

Why? This day is a chance to bring together members of the SVP, both young and old to celebrate our family network and recommission the youngest members of the SVP.

What's the plan for the day? The day will begin with arrivals from 9:00am, followed by Mass at 10:00am, and will conclude with departures around midday. The gathering will include a pre-Mass engagement with the SVP, leading into the recommissioning Mass celebrated by Monsignor Paul Grogan.

Who? Up to 10 Mini Vinnies and 2 adult helpers (More places may become available, depending on numbers)

Registration is now open! A risk assessment and SVP Photo Consent Form will be provided. To be able to attend this event, the registration form must be completed by each individual school. We will then provide further details after expression of interest is received.

Register Here

For any questions or queries, please contact Katy Ramsey: KatyR@svp.org.uk

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