# St Stephen's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to welcome everyone back after the half term break. I am delighted to say that the children returned with a wonderful attitude, and it was great to see them settle back into their routines. Their enthusiasm has set a positive tone for the weeks ahead.

We have very exciting news to share at the start of our newsletter: our very own Mrs Parkinson has given birth to a baby boy. Congratulations to Mum, Dad, Millie and Oliver on the safe arrival of Lennie. We can't wait to meet him!

In other news, St Patrick had their first Forest School session. Before anything else, the children learned how to keep themselves safe, which is so important as we prepare for our trip to the woods next week. They then took part in a series of challenges, working together in teams and enjoying the chance to connect with nature. It was wonderful to see them so engaged, so determined and so proud of what they achieved. I am looking forward to hearing all about their adventures when we visit the woods.

I am also pleased to share that our Wellbeing Champions have now been chosen. We look forward to seeing the difference these children will make to the wellbeing of our school community. Congratulations to everyone who was selected. Our Reading Ambassadors have also been chosen from Years 4, 5 and 6. Reading needs to be at the heart of everything we do, and I am sure these pupils will inspire others to discover the joy of books.

Today we celebrated Mass together – a votive Mass for St Stephen's which was led by St David - and it was beautiful. I am so proud of the children for their reading and their singing. It was a lovely celebration with our children, staff and parishioners. Thank you to the families that came to join us in church too.

Our Year 6 pupils have been trying so hard in their swimming lessons. I am thrilled to report that almost all of them are now able to swim the required 25 metres. This is a fantastic achievement, and I want to thank them for their determination and perseverance. Well done, Year 6!

We were also very proud to receive an email from the Harrogate Vaccinations Team, following the flu vaccinations at the start of the week. The team thanked us for being so welcoming and commented on the children's lovely manners. This is a credit to every child and to every member of staff who helped to make the day run so smoothly. Thank you all.

Please note the following dates for your diaries:

**Sunday:** Our student leaders will represent the school at the Remembrance Day Parade in Skipton and will lay a wreath on our behalf. We are proud of them for taking on this important responsibility.
**Next Friday:** World Kindness Day. We will be celebrating kindness across the school, and I look forward to our children spreading goodwill in their everyday interactions, both at school and at home.

**Next Saturday:** Open Day for Reception 27/28 at 10am. Please share the date with families and friends who have children ready for starting school next year.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Enjoy your weekend and stay safe, especially if it involves bonfires and fireworks. We shared an assembly with the children earlier in the week about being safe on Bonfire Night so they are well prepared, and they definitely know to stay with their adults.

Warm regards,

Jo Sykes
Headteacher

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Please find below details of clubs running from **Monday 21st September to Friday 4th December 2026**.

The clubs are £2 per session and we ask that you sign up for a **10 week block (£20)**. **The clubs run from 3:20pm until 4:20pm. Places are allocated on a first come, first serve basis.**

Payment can be made via ParentPay or in cash to school. Payment should be made prior to the commencement of the clubs.

Friday Football will also continue with Mr Douglass for Key Stage 2.

In addition to the clubs, we have our Diocesan Choir with Miss Howe on a Wednesday after school which finishes at 4:45pm and Miss Calow's Choir on Friday lunchtimes.

## Mondays:

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| Years 3-6 | Running Club/Circuits | Mrs Sykes & Miss Calow |
| Years 1-6 | Lego Club | Mrs Fox |

## Tuesdays:

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| Years 3-6 | Pickleball | Mr Abbott |

## Thursdays:

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| Years 3-6 | Craft Club | Mrs Holt |

## Fridays:

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| Years 1-6 | Board Games Club | Mr Bullock |

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## Dates for your diary

**NOVEMBER**

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| Sunday 8th Nov | Wreath Laying at the Cenotaph 11am |
| Thursday 12 Nov | KS2 Boys' Pathways Football |
| Friday 13 Nov | World Kindness Day |
| | KS2 Football Festival Sandylands |
| Monday 16 Nov | Individual and Family Photos am |
| Tuesday 17 Nov | Cross Country Skipton Academy |
| | Y3/4 AM – Y5/6 PM |
| Thursday 19 Nov | KS2 Girls Pathways Football |
| Mon 23-Fri 27 Nov | Y6 Residential Visit to Peat Rigg |
| Weds 25th Nov | Last swim for Y5/6 |

**DECEMBER**

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| Weds 2nd | Swimming for Y4/5 |
| | Rewind to Christmas Y5 pm |
| Friday 4th | Christmas Fayre – 3:20-5:00pm |

This week we are wishing a very happy birthday to.....

Ibrahim, Arthur, Hadi, Moses, Rosamund, Evana.




**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.**



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## PE Days Autumn Term 2




**St George - Reception**
Tuesdays and Thursdays

**St Patrick – Year 1/2**
Thursdays – Forest School

**St Andrew – Year 3/4**
Tuesdays and Thursdays

**St David – Year 4/5**
Mondays and Fridays (will change from 02/12 due to swimming)

**St Christopher – Year 5/6**
Swimming – Wednesdays (am) (from 16/09 to 25/11)
PE - Wednesdays (pm)



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# Menu 3

**Week commencing 9th November**

## Monday

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| Main: | Chicken Korma |
| Vegetarian: | Veggie Korma |
| Sandwich: | Ham or Cheese |

## Tuesday

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| Main: | Beef Burger |
| Vegetarian: | Veggie Burger |
| Sandwich: | Ham or Tuna Mayonnaise |

## Wednesday

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| Main: | Roast Chicken |
| Vegetarian: | Cheese Pasty |
| Sandwich: | Ham or Cheese |

## Thursday

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| Main: | Pork Meatballs |
| Vegetarian: | Veggie Meatballs |
| Wrap: | Ham & Cheese or Chicken & Cheese |

## Friday

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| Main: | Fish Goujons |
| Vegetarian: | Pizza |
| Sandwich: | Cheese |

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