St Stephen's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 9th October 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another lovely week has passed us by!

Last Sunday, we celebrated a beautiful school Mass at St Stephen's Church and I was delighted to see so many of our families there. The children read and sang so well - I am grateful for everyone who came along to share in this celebration.

This week, we also welcomed new families into our school for our Open Afternoon. Prospective children and their parents explored our classrooms and corridors. I must give special mention to our Year 6 Head students, who were absolutely fabulous. They showed real enthusiasm and pride as they shared all the things they love about St Stephen's. Their passion for our school was infectious, and I have no doubt they left a lasting impression on our visitors. We have a further Open Day on Saturday 14th November – please share far and wide.

Last night we had our Reception Phonics Evening for parents. First, thank you to the parents who attended—your commitment to supporting your child's learning is brilliant. However, I do want to gently encourage those who were unable to join us to consider attending future events. Reading is so important, and phonics is the start of that journey. When we work together at home and school, our children make the most progress and thrive. We genuinely want to work with our families to make St Stephen's a happy place where children thrive and achieve well academically too. Please do take us up on our invitations into school; your involvement absolutely makes a difference.

As we look ahead, there are several events on the calendar. Our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will be visiting Skipton Castle next Thursday morning as part of their history learning. This will be an enriching experience for our younger children. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to accompany them – we now have sufficient helpers.

Also, next Thursday afternoon, we will be hosting the CPR Roadshow. This is an excellent opportunity for our children to learn a genuinely life-saving skill. The session will include a demonstration on how to perform CPR correctly, followed by a high-energy group activity where our pupils will practise CPR in time to music, following the correct rhythm. Every child will receive a certificate of completion, and I am sure they will fully enjoy the experience. There will be a fundraising element as part of the event – to raise funds for the children's ward at Airedale Hospital. Forms will be sent separately from the school office.

Finally, I would like to remind you that we have Parents' Evenings on Tuesday and Thursday after school next week. If you have not already booked an appointment, please do so as soon as possible. We are aiming for 100% attendance because we know that when families are engaged and attend school events, their children are even more successful. These conversations are important, and I encourage every parent to make the time to meet with your child's teacher.

Thank you for your continued support of St Stephen's.

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:

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

Tuesdays:

Years 3-6	Pickleball	Mr Abbott

Thursdays:

Years 3-6	Craft Club	Mrs Holt

Fridays:

Years 1-6	Board Games Club	Mr Bullock

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Dates for your diary

OCTOBER

Monday 12 Oct	FOSS AGM (2:15-3:15pm in the School Hall)
Tuesday 13 Oct	Parents' Evening – 4:00-6:30pm
Thursday 15 Oct	Parents' Evening – 3:30-6:00pm
	St Patrick visit to Skipton Castle am
	CPR Roadshow pm
Tuesday 20 Oct	Stay & Play Nursery & Reception (9am-10:30am)
Thursday 22 Oct	School closes for half-term
Friday 23 Oct	School closed for Training Day

NOVEMBER

Monday 2 Nov	School re-opens
	NHS Flu Immunisations AM
Friday 6 Nov	Whole school Mass at 10am
Friday 13 Nov	World Kindness Day
	KS2 Football Festival Sandylands
Monday 16 Nov	Individual photographs and families

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

Henry, Imogen & Gracie B!



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 1

St George - Reception
Tuesdays and Thursdays

St Patrick – Year 1/2
Tuesdays and Thursdays

St Andrew – Year 3/4
Forest School – Thursdays

St David – Year 4/5
Mondays and Fridays

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





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Stars of the week

Nursery

Rosamund

St George

Sarah Jane & Tommy

St Patrick

Stars: Nathan & Emmanuel

Maths: Lachlan

St Andrew

Stars: Anorah & Nathan

Maths: Alexandra

St David

Stars: Imogen & Sara

Maths: Ashley & Jeik

St Christopher

Stars: Izzy & Dominic

Maths: Hadi

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Menu 3

Week commencing 12th October

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Main:	Pork Meatballs with Pasta
Vegetarian:	Mac & Cheese
Sandwich:	Ham or Chicken & Cheese Wrap

Friday

Main:	Fish
Vegetarian:	Cheese & Tomato Pizza
Sandwich:	Cheese

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Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA)

22 hours across 4 days

Fixed term until September 2027 or until the current post holder returns

Working predominantly in EYFS but also across the whole school.

Please contact Mrs Millington in the school office on 01756 709451
or admin@st-stephens.n-yorks.sch.uk

NURSERY & RECEPTION STAY AND PLAY

An autumnal morning of sharing and learning

Tuesday 20th October
9-10.30am

Parents, siblings and grandparents are welcome to come and share some of your child's learning.



OCTOBER CAMPS

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TENNIS | FOOTBALL MULTISPORTS

Mon 26 - Fri 30 October

- 9:00am - 3:30pm £25 per day
- FREE Early drop-off from 8:30am
- Late pickup (3:30pm - 5pm) £7.50 per day (no movie club on Friday)
- Reception to 12 yrs



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