



St Stephen's Primary School Newsletter

Friday 10th July 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week we've had at St Stephen's! As we approach our final week of the academic year, you might think we are running out of things to do but there is still so much happening, along with plenty of teaching and learning.

First of all, last weekend was absolutely amazing. Our school and parish summer fayre on Saturday was a fantastic community event, and I'm delighted to say we raised over £2,000 to be shared between us. So many helpers, so many different activities and families turned up to support despite the rainy skies. Then on Sunday, we were so proud to see our school readers and choir perform beautifully at St Peter's House Mass in church. Thank you to all the staff who supported across the weekend – the teamwork was fantastic.

This week has brought two spectacular events. Our Year 6 production, Let Loose, was superb. The children told the story of a school residential and what went wrong, with some children truly destined for a life on the stage! The acting and singing were wonderful, and it was particularly special to see Miss Calow and her class join in with the singing – the roof was nearly lifted! We also held our Early Years end of year assembly, where our Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children retold stories, used microphones, and stood tall and proud before their audience. The effort and confidence they showed was brilliant. We are proud of all the children for their performances, and they should be proud of themselves.

What is also wonderful is how well attended all events have been by our families. This is so important as we continue to build a wonderful school community. Thank you so much for your support and presence. This partnership is key in enabling our school to be the best it can be.

Following our Early Years assembly this week, our Mini Vinnies hosted a coffee morning for parents and grandparents, with an invite sent for any parishioners able to join us. They served our guests beautifully -coffee, tea, cake, biscuits – nothing was too much trouble. A lovely morning made even more lovely when Father Chris and St Stephen's parishioners joined us too. We are so fortunate to have our church at the top of the hill, and this partnership is something we treasure.

At our Little Saints this week, we welcomed our preschoolers for their final sessions – it's wonderful to see so many regular families, many of whom choose our school for Reception. It feels like some children truly start their journey with us before they even turn one!

This morning, we welcomed new Reception families for a Teddy Bears' Picnic – a lovely way to begin their St Stephen's journey. They played alongside our existing nursery children who are staying with us and joining our school Reception class. They made jam sandwiches, tried out some teddy crafts and completed a 'Teddy' treasure hunt. They all played so well with their friends and I'm sure they will be equally delightful when September comes round.

The week will end on a high with the FOSS disco! We've had to get creative with the warm weather, but we've worked out some solutions including an air conditioning unit in the hall, fans, extra ice pops and extra drinks breaks. The dancing may be slightly less energetic, but there will be lots of fun nonetheless. We do have air-conditioned classrooms to retreat to if needed and we will obviously monitor the situation closely. Thank you, FOSS – you never stop, and we are tremendously grateful.

Next week is our final week, and there's still plenty to look forward to. We have our whole school transition on Tuesday when children move to their new classes for the morning. We have our Talent Show on Tuesday afternoon where we will be treated to all sorts of different performances.

Our annual Year 6 leavers' mass will be held on Friday at church at 10am and we would love as many families as possible to join us as we celebrate our Year 6 children leaving and ending their primary Catholic school journey. We also have Leavers' Assembly at 1.45pm, which will have some whole school elements to celebrate, with Year 6 sharing their memories and no doubt their emotions as well. When the end of day comes, we will have our final procession down The Avenue, with the Year 6 children passing between a throng of St Stephen's children ready with their waves and good wishes.

Have a lovely weekend, enjoy the lovely weather and get ready for the final week!

Jo Sykes
Headteacher



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JULY:

DATES

Mon 13th	St David Visit to Aireville Park Last swim for Y3 & 25 m
Tues 14th	Transition morning in school St Stephen's Got Talent pm The Greatwood Cup pm
Weds 15th	Forest School Y6 am Forest School St Andrew pm
Fri 17th	Whole School Mass—10am Y6 Leavers' Assembly—1:45pm Break up for summer

SEPT:

Tues 8th	Pupils return to school
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This week we're wishing
a very happy birthday
to.....

Daisy, Aubree,

Albert O, Amelia T, Ayesha

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 13th July (week 3)



Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Main:	Meatballs
Vegetarian:	Veggie Meatballs
Sandwich:	Ham

Thursday

Main:	Southern Fried Chicken
Vegetarian:	Southern Fried Chicken
Sandwich:	Ham or Cheese

Friday

Main:	Fish Goujons
Vegetarian:	Tomato Pasta
Sandwich:	Cheese

Attendance (29/06—03/07)

SCHOOL 92.6%

St George 93.3%

St Patrick 94.4%

St Andrew 97.3%

St David 88.5%

St Christopher 87.9%



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Stars of the week



Nursery

All the class for being confident performers.

St George

All the class for their wonderful assembly.

St David

All the class for their beautiful singing for the Y6 performances.

St Christopher

Everyone for their fantastic acting & singing.

Finally, The whole school for doing their best to keep cool this week.



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!

Learn, Play, Connect!

Supporting little voices, building bright futures

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!

LED BY JESSICA BEESON
With 12 years' experience supporting children with special educational needs, Jessica runs engaging, research-based sessions that make learning fun and meaningful.

WHEN:
WEDNESDAYS
9.15 – 10.15 AM

WHERE:
BROUGHAM STREET
COMMUNITY NURSERY
Brougham Street, Skipton, BD23 1DF

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

GROW CONFIDENCE, BUILD CONNECTIONS, CELEBRATE PROGRESS!

ONLINE AT www.brightstartssen.com

BOOK YOUR PLACE

EMAIL brightstartsic@gmail.com

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

The Craven Arts Charitable Trust, Craven Arts House, 65 Otley St. Skipton, BD23 1ET. Registered Charity No. 1122238. Visit us online at www.cravenarts.co.uk or get in touch with us by contacting info@cravenarts.co.uk

SKIPTON STORM

LAUNCHING SEP 26

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

OPEN TO SCHOOL YEARS 3-6

BASKETBALL - SATURDAY PM
NETBALL - SUNDAY AM

WEEKLY TRAINING & MATCHES

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

JUNIOR BASKETBALL & NETBALL CLUB

SCAN ME

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 grassroot teams!

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

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

get a
free Kellogg's
breakfast
every school
holiday

CAFÉ

NHS
Bradford District Care
NHS Foundation Trust

Parent / Carer Workshop Preparing for Puberty

Specialist advice for parents of children with SEND
Delivered by the Children's Learning Disability Team Craven

Puberty can be a worrying time of change for children with additional needs and their family. We welcome parents of children aged 7 and above to explore strategies to help prepare for these years. Taking some of the stress away from these first steps towards adulthood.

12:30 to 14:30
at Fisher Medical Centre,
Community Hub Room, Millfields,
Coach Street, Skipton, BD23 1EU

If you cannot attend in person, a virtual option will be available.
Book your place today! email:
ChildrensLearningDisabilities@bdct.nhs.uk

modality
better lives, together

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