



St Stephen's Primary School Newsletter

Friday 12th June 2026



Dear Parents and Carers.

This week we have been very happy to receive our Inspection report from the diocese. We were inspected before the half term break and the inspectors got to see how fantastic our children are, and to see our community at its best. I am particularly proud that the children's behaviour was found to be exemplary – so thank you for all that you do to support us with this at home. We will be looking at ways to celebrate with the children in the coming weeks! Please take time to read the report sent out from the school office.

Before our school week even began, some of us were back in school on Saturday for our craft afternoon – a busy session where we filled the hall with our families. There was painting, colouring, glueing and sticking and it was all really delightful. Again, the children were busy with the task in hand and enjoyed socialising with friends in this way. I think some mums and dads enjoyed it too. We were able to get a lot of posters and paraphernalia ready for Skipton Gala tomorrow.

A rainy week! We have of course made it outside sometimes! Gardening club and Forest School went ahead with children a little soggy afterwards. What is lovely is that despite the disrupted playtimes and last-minute changes, the children have been resilient and able to adapt. These are skills that will serve them well in the future and we will keep developing them.

Our lunch clubs have been popular this week and when I popped into games club with Mrs Shore on Wednesday, perhaps the nicest thing that struck me was how well all the different age groups were playing together. Children from all different classes were playing chess, Uno, Guess Who and many others. I also saw how mature our Year 6 children were when playing with the younger ones – excellent role models who show us in so many ways that they are ready for high school. This is good news!

There has of course been lots of hard work going on in our classrooms. Our Year 1 children deserve a special mention for working so hard with their phonics and completing their Phonics Screening Check. They are well on their way to becoming excellent readers in the future. Similarly, our Year 4s have been completing their Multiplication Check this week. They need to know all their times tables up to 12 and answer them quickly. They have worked hard. They have also been reminded to keep learning them so that they are fully ready for their maths teacher in Year 5.

To round off a busy week, we have the fabulous Skipton Gala tomorrow. Amelie in Year 4 is Gala Queen and I'm sure will be fabulous in the role (as was Delilah last year). FOSS has been busy sending out all the details, but I am looking forward to seeing everyone tomorrow, either to help set up the float or to join us on the float, or indeed to wave and cheer as we pass by. If you are joining, please make sure FOSS are aware and make sure that an adult is able to stay with the child as this forms part of our plan for the day. We can only accommodate one adult on the float, but more are welcome to walk alongside us (and hand out flyers for our nursery!?)

Last night Mrs Shooter hosted an evening to welcome the parents for our new Reception 2026-27 intake. Many of the families are already in our community but it was a pleasure to welcome new families with their children beginning their learning journey with us for their first formal school year. She will begin home visits to those families to ensure she knows the children well and forms a strong relationship with their families. FOSS put together goodie bags for the parents and a book to welcome the children and share our love of reading and these were very well received!

With a Sunday in between to recover, next week promises more busy days. We have re-arranged cricket, swimming lessons, forest school, Mini Olympics, chess tournaments and more. Please keep an eye on emails for any last-minute changes and keep the list of dates sent out from the office to hand. There is a lot going on.

Thank you for your support and enjoy your weekend. See lots of you tomorrow for the Gala!

Warm regards,

Jo Sykes

Headteacher



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DATES

JUNE: (Additional email sent out)

- Sat 13th—** Skipton Gala
Thu 18th— Class Group Photos
Fri 19th— KS1 Mini Olympics Sandylands
Father's Day Gift Shop (FOSS)
Tue 23rd— Little Saints at 9am
Fri 26th— Bradford City sponsored Penalty
Shootout
Mon 29th— Nursery Sports Morning (in school)
Sports Day (pm) at Ermysted's
1-2pm—Rec, Years 1 & 2
2-3pm—Years 3, 4, 5, & 6
Wed 1st— Forest School—Y6 (am)
Y3/4 (pm)



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

JD, Penny & Ivy G!

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 15th June (week 2)



Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Main: Spaghetti Bolognese
Vegetarian: Vegetarian Bolognese
Sandwich: Ham

Friday

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

Attendance (01/06—05/06)

SCHOOL 90.7%

St George 94.3%

St Patrick 90%

St Andrew 86.9%

St David 92.9%

St Christopher 88.7%



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Stars of the week



St George

Stars: Adeife, Ephraim
& Azaan

St Patrick

Stars: Rafferty & Mary
Maths: Ishaal

St Andrew

Stars: Oliver & Anna-Claire
Maths: Emmieol

St David

Stars: Ayesha & Callie
Maths: Taafeef

St Christopher

Stars: Jack & Malcolm
Maths: Oliver



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

