# St Stephen's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13th November 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move through November, I am delighted to share some of the wonderful things that have been happening across school. There has been so much to be proud of!

**Remembrance**

We began the week with a beautiful Remembrance Service in Skipton on Sunday. Our Head Students represented the school very well, and we were proud of the way they conducted themselves throughout the service. This was followed by a wonderful school service on Wednesday, where we were fortunate to have Miss Calow play The Last Post for us. It was wonderful and we are so lucky to have such talent in our midst. Thank you, Miss Calow.

**Kindness**

Our Picture Book assembly this week focused on kindness, which was a lovely way to lead into World Kindness Day today. Our message to every child was simple: share the love. Kindness sessions also took place within classes today, giving children the chance to reflect on how their words and actions can make a difference to the people around them.

A small number of our older pupils have also been spreading kindness by helping with bag packing today. Their efforts are a fine example of thinking of others. Donations from this will go into the FOSS funds, which this year are focusing on raising money for our outdoor areas. Our local Skipton community have been very generous and we raised almost £500!

**Sport**

Our KS2 boys' football team took part in a local tournament this week and came second, scoring some great goals along the way. Well done to every member of the team. Their determination and teamwork were a credit to them and to the school.

Two classes have also visited Sandylands this week for a festival of football. The behaviour and focus shown by our children was excellent, and we are very grateful to Sandylands for such a super set-up so close to our school. It was a real pleasure to see our children enjoying themselves and representing us so well.

**Well-being and Reading**

I am delighted to share that our Well-being Champions had their first training session this week. They are a confident and enthusiastic group, and I have no doubt they will do a wonderful job of helping everyone feel happy in themselves. Our Well-being Champions are a real asset to our school, and I look forward to seeing the difference they make.

We have also seen the start of our Reading Buddies initiative. Some children have already been helping to organise our library space, and it is super to see them taking pride in a place that belongs to everyone. Reading is so important, and this is a fantastic way for children to support one another.

**Coming Up**

Next week we will be marking Friendship Week in different ways, including encouraging every child to wear odd socks each day to celebrate our differences. Please do join in at home too!

On Monday morning, we have our individual & family photographs day, so please ensure your child is dressed smartly for the occasion.

On Friday next week, we will be holding a TT Rockstars Day. Children are invited to come to school dressed as a Rockstar, and there will be extra maths on the day. Please help us keep the energy high and the learning fun!

A final note to say we have our Reception Open morning tomorrow – Saturday 10.00 until 12.00. Please share with friends and family.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend!

Kind 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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| **Monday 16 Nov** | Individual photographs and families |
| **Friday 20 Nov** | TT Rockstars Day |
| **Mon – Fri 23 – 27 Nov** | **Year 6 Residential** |
| **Friday 27 Nov** | Non-Uniform Day |
| **Sunday 29 Nov** | Santa Fun Run |

### DECEMBER

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| **Tuesday 1 Dec** | National Measurement Programme (YR & Y6) |
| **Friday 4 Dec** | FOSS Christmas Fayre (3:20-5pm) |
| **Wednesday 9 Dec** | KS2 Advent Service 6.30pm |
| **Thursday 10 Dec** | Choir to sing at Airedale Hospital<br>EYFS/KS1 Nativity at 2pm |
| **Friday 11 Dec** | FOSS Disco<br>EYFS/KS1 2:15-3:15pm<br>KS2 3:20-4:20pm |

This week and next week during half-term, we're wishing a very happy birthday to.....

## Amélie 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.**



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# Stars of the week

## 06/11

### Nursery

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### 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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# Stars of the week

## 13/11

### St George

Gabriella & Henry

### St Patrick

Stars: Hailix & Malahkai

Maths: Humayl

### St Andrew

Stars: Falak & Isabella

Maths: Bonnie

### St David

Stars: Anna Claire & Esther

Maths: Aaila

### St Christopher

Stars: Arthur & Ayesha

Maths: Daniel

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## PE Days Autumn Term 2




**St George - Reception**

Tuesdays and Thursdays

**St Patrick – Year 1/2**

Tuesdays and Thursdays (Forest school after half term)

**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 1

**Week commencing 16th November**

## Monday

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| Main: | Crispy Kentucky Chicken |
| Vegetarian: | Quorn Crispy Fillet |
| Sandwich: | Ham or Cheese |

## Tuesday

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| Main: | Spaghetti Bolognese |
| Vegetarian: | Veggie Bolognese |
| Sandwich: | Ham or Cheese |

## Wednesday

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| Main: | Roast Gammon |
| Vegetarian: | Cheese Pasty |
| Sandwich: | Ham or Tuna Mayo |

## Thursday

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| Main: | Yorkshire Sausages |
| Vegetarian: | Veggie Sausages |
| Sandwich: | Ham or Chicken & Cheese Wrap |

## Friday

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

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Kanga

**FREE PLACES AT KANGA HOLIDAY CLUBS THIS CHRISTMAS!**

12th November 2026

Dear Families

Are you eligible for benefits related, **targeted** free school meals? If so, we are pleased to announce that we have some funding from the Department for Education, through North Yorkshire Together's FEAST programme for free places at our Christmas Holiday Club at Greatwood Community Primary School.

Fun for all abilities, indoors and out, including sports, arts and crafts, games, competitions and more. A healthy lunch is included for free too.

- For school years; reception to year 6
- 8.30am – 3.30pm with late pick up available on selected dates.
- 21st - 24th December and 29th - 31st December

You should be contacted if you're eligible via holidayactivities.com with your vouchers. We expect booking to open on Monday 23rd November. The free places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment! More info on Holiday Activities:

https://app.holidayactivities.com/parent/providers/kanga-sports-ltd

We're also running a gym and hyrox course for eligible older siblings aged 11 - 15 years in Skipton with Commando Mindset Gym.

Any problems please contact us on 07526 600 793, email office@kangasports.co.uk, or you can message us on the Kanga Sports Facebook page.

Yours faithfully

The Kanga Team

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## Parent and Carer Support Group

From the Mental Health Support Team

Our online Parent and Carer Support Groups offer a safe and welcoming space to explore ways of supporting your child's emotional wellbeing, and your own.

Each half term, we cover a new wellbeing topic inspired by the Five Ways to Wellbeing, and share practical tips and ideas. It's also a chance to connect with other parents, share experiences, and support one another.

This half-term's topic:
Connect - Strengthening Healthy Relationships

This session will explore simple ways to strengthen communication, build trust, and maintain healthy relationships with your child and family. Together, we'll discuss how small, everyday actions can make a big difference to emotional wellbeing at home.

Date: Tuesday 17th November 2026
Times: 10:30am – 12:00pm or 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Platform: Microsoft Teams

To register your interest and receive a joining link, please email:
mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com



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## CHRISTMAS CAMPS
## TENNIS | FOOTBALL MULTISPORTS

**December** MON 21 · TUES 22 · WED 23

- 9:00am - 3:30pm £ £25 per day
- FREE Early drop-off from 8:30am
- Late pickup (3:30pm - 5pm) £7.50 per day
- Reception to 12 yrs



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## Wild Explorers

Where nature, fun and adventure collide!

A child-led, fun and nurturing holiday club set in beautiful woodland on the Broughton Estate.

We are an OFSTED registered outdoor holiday club where children can play, enjoy a campfire, woodland crafts, tools and much more!



**Price**
£35 per child per day
Childcare vouchers accepted

**Age**
Reception - Age 13

**Upcoming Dates**
21st - 23rd December
29th - 31st December
*Into the Wild running on selected dates for children in years 6 - 11*



**Time**
9.30am - 3.30pm

**Location**
Broughton Hall Estate



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