



St Stephen's Primary School Newsletter

Friday 15th May 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done for surviving the random weather that has come our way this week – winter hats and big coats have reappeared but hopefully not for long! Despite the unpredictable weather, our Year 6 children have been fantastic this week. They have been busy every day working through their end of Key Stage 2 assessments (SATs). They have taken them in their stride and tried their best which is all we can ask for. We are all enormously proud of them in school and they definitely deserve to have an easier today – they have earned it!

Today is International Day for families – we celebrated this in our assembly earlier in the week when we read 'The Invisible String' together. The story tells us that love binds us all through invisible string, extending out in all directions. Our St Stephen's family has a huge number of such strings, helped along by our virtues such as kindness and friendship. Please take time today and over the weekend to celebrate your own family.

To end their busy week, Year 6 have spent the day running a games afternoon for the whole school. In their efforts to Grow a £, the children have designed and made games, then they bought prizes for the younger children. Once all was ready, they invited children across the school into their classroom to take part in the different games. They were courteous and kind, and made a profit of £43.20, so a successful afternoon all round.

Year 4/5 enjoyed an Afternoon Tea Party this week. This was one of the prizes from their Wonka Bar treat. It has taken this long to book it in as there is always so much happening. After hard work in class, they settled back and enjoyed sandwiches and sweet treats.

Now onto next week – be warned as it is a busy one but full of lovely things, starting on Tuesday, when we will have Little Saints in our school hall. We are well versed in making these mornings incredibly lovely for our guests so please share the word. We are also holding a Nursey Open Morning, straight after Little Saints, and families are invited to spend time in our nursery if they have children of nursery age. If you know of any families with children who are approaching 3 years, please tell them about our fabulous nursery. We have space from September so please spread the word.

Wednesday will also be a special day for our school community as Mrs Shooter and Mrs Yearby will head into Leeds, with a small group of our Mini Vinnies, to attend Mass with fellow Mini Vinnies from the Diocese. Their hard work during Lent was to fundraise for the Good Shepherd Appeal, which in turn will support families who are living in poverty and need extra help to get by. How great that our children are developing a social conscience and understand the importance of helping others in very practical ways.

Finally, on Friday our Year 4/5 children will be heading off on the train to the theatre to see 'The Boy at the Back of the Class'. The book, written by Onjali Q Rauf, was a hit with the class when they read it in the Autumn term. It tells the story of a boy who has fled from a war-torn country. The story is a celebration of friendship, kindness and compassion and is therefore the perfect adventure for this particular week, but also for our school given the virtues it celebrates.

For the full week, all our children will be celebrating the rich culture that exists within our school family. Last year we celebrated World Day for Cultural Diversity (21st May) on a single day, whereas as this year we have decided to use it as a platform for learning across the week. Each class has a country that they will focus on and use for their writing, history, geography and art studies throughout the week. In addition, the children will get to enjoy food from around the world in our global café in the afternoon on Monday. On Wednesday, the children will get to see traditional dance and listen to music from different cultures. Thursday will see the children coming to school in traditional clothing or clothing linked to their own culture. We will have an assembly first thing at 9.10am so that we get to celebrate our diversity at the start of the day. Parents and families are welcome to attend.

The grand finale will be on Friday when we will have our food festival in our school hall from 3.20pm until 5pm. We hope that as many families attend as possible, and that food from all over the world makes an appearance in school. I know FOSS have asked for volunteers to make this a success (and even better than last year). Please get involved as it is a wonderful event that brings us all together as a family.

Please, as we head into the weekend, keep our Year 4 children in your thoughts and prayers as some make their Sacrament of First Holy Communion at St Stephen's Church tomorrow. They have been having extra classes in church to prepare them and are ready to take this special step in the faith journey. We are all immensely proud of them.

Have a lovely weekend with your families!

Warm regards,

Jo Sykes

Headteacher



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DATES



MAY:

- Sat 16th—** First Holy Communion at 10:30am
Tue 19th— Little Saints Playgroup at 9am
 Nursery Open Morning 10am
- Mon 18th to
 Fri 22nd—** Celebrating World Cultural Week
 Grow a pound activities
 (Reminders for both will be sent)
- Wed 20th—** Good Shepherd Celebration
 in Leeds (6 pupils)
- Thu 21st—** Non-uniform—Cultural Dress Day
Fri 22nd— St David visit to Bradford Alhambra
Break up for Half-term

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

Adeife!

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 18th May (week 2)



Monday

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

Tuesday

Main: Pizza
Vegetarian: Pizza
Sandwich: Tuna or Ham

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 & Cheese Pasta
Sandwich: Cheese

Attendance (05/05-08/05)

SCHOOL 96.6%

St George 93.8%

St Patrick 96.9%

St Andrew 100%

St David 98.9%

St Christopher 94.1%



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Stars of the week



St George

Stars: Millie & Zunairah

Maths: Lorenzo

St Patrick

Stars: Isaac, Gracie & Mirha

Maths: Dougie

St Andrew

Stars: Hadiyyaa & Krish

Maths: Olly

St David

Stars: Daniel & Taafeef

Maths: Amelie G

St Christopher

Stars: All of Year 6 for
their SATs efforts



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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YORK FESTIVAL OF Ideas
30 May to 12 June 2026

FUN FOR FAMILIES

ENJOY A HOST OF **FREE** FAMILY EVENTS AT YORK FESTIVAL OF IDEAS!

- ★ Full Steam Ahead @Discovery Zone
- ★ Storytelling in a Virtual World
- ★ Where Are All the Aliens?
- ★ Festival Fringe Family Fun Afternoon
- ★ Treasure-Hunting and Origami Making

Plus, explore the world of graphic novels, connect with nature, discover a magical world built by fairies – and much, much more!

DON'T MISS Songs of Nature: An evening of words and music with author Michael Morpurgo and cellist Clare O'Connell

yorkfestivalofideas.com

SOCCER HUB MAY HOLIDAY CAMP

TAKE YOUR GAME TO THE NEXT LEVEL THIS HALF TERM

- ✓ HIGH ENERGY FOOTBALL CAMPS
- ✓ OPEN TO ALL ABILITIES – EVERYONE WELCOME
- ✓ ENJOY FUN, ENGAGING SESSIONS WITH THE BALL
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£20 PER SESSION
£50 FULL 3-DAY PACKAGE

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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
26th - 29th May

Into The Wild (Year 6 upwards) is running 26th - 27th May
Click [here](#) for more info

Time
9.30am - 3.30pm

Location
Broughton Hall Estate

hello@wildexplorers.org.uk
www.wildexplorers.org.uk

SWIM + RUN

50% off Thanks to the Rotary Club
Use Code "50offCeSBR"

Sat Afternoon 13th June
CRAVEN LEISURE CENTRE
JUNIOR AQUATHLON

Come have fun and try out a multi-sport event

Swim 50 m (2 lengths)
Run 1km
Age 7-14 years

Enter Here!

Rotary Club Skipton

Swim Bike Run - Skipton



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PROFESSIONAL, AFFORDABLE TRAINING
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THE YORKSHIRE SCHOOL OF
PERFORMING ARTS

Aged 7 to 16?
Join us for our 2026
**Summer
School!**

**ACTING &
DRAMA**
PLAY IN A WEEK!

An action-packed, feel-amazing week of professional workshops in acting and drama, culminating in an original live performance on the Friday evening!

Monday 24 to Friday 28 Aug
At Skipton Girls' High School
9:30am to 4:30pm daily (Friday eve show at 5:00pm)
Official Summer School T-shirt included
Open to new and current students

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Join us for our 2026 **Stage 84** Summer Schools
THE YORKSHIRE SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS

Where young stars come to shine!

If your child loves to perform all year round, then being a part of one of our 2026 Summer School weeks could be just the ticket!



Tell Me More!

On the very first morning, students are welcomed into the studio, introduced to our team, and receive their official Summer School t-shirt. This marks the moment our brand-new performing cast is formed!

With briefings done, we jump straight in to a range of games & warm-ups, then begin work on creating an original, never-to-be-repeated performance. Musical Theatre students might wish to audition for solo roles, while Acting & Drama groups will begin shaping their own original script and characters.

As the days progress, we take a deeper dive into acting / dancing / singing (appropriate to the theme of the week), making sure every voice is heard and everyone can shine. Breaks throughout the day (hopefully in the summer sunshine!) offer time for friendships to grow and for young performers to connect with like-minded peers. On Friday at 5:00pm, it's showtime: a live performance for family and friends to enjoy. The week wraps with a unique sense of joy, achievement, and pride - a feeling our students (and their families!) never forget.

About Us

Founded in 1984 by Valerie Jackson MBE, Stage 84 proudly offers weekly classes including Performing Arts, Drama, Dance, Singing, Speech & Drama and more, from our established studio base in Bradford, together with our much loved Drama Workshop classes in Skipton. Having offered a host of holiday programmes and workshops for young people over the past 4 decades, we deliver a vibrant and memorable Summer School experience every year. We believe that a blend of dedication, belief, creativity, team work and fun will allow our students to succeed and gain the most from working with our professional tutors, over the course of an action-packed week.



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Share your ideas for Skipton's future
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Tell us what matters to you
Make your voice heard!

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20 MAY 2026 TO BE
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FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL MAYA.WHITTON@SELF.A.ORG.UK



PLAYERS WANTED!

Want to play football, make new friends and have fun in a great team environment?

We are recruiting NOW for the new season!

Boys & Girls Ages 10-12

We provide fun training and friendlies on Saturdays as well as

Sunday League Games and a mid-week training sessions.

Please get in touch for further details.

Amreet - 07739654131



MAKE A HAT AS PART OF
DEMENTIA AWARENESS WEEK 2026!



Enjoy a fun crafting session in the library
to make a hat which you can wear for
Dementia Forward's Hat Day on Friday
22nd May

Skipton Library

Thursday 21st May

3:30pm - 5:15pm

skipton.library@northyorks.gov.uk | 01609 534548

FREE!
Just turn up.
For ages 4 - 11

STAGECOACH SUMMER WORKSHOP



3rd - 7th August 2026

Age: 5-18

Time: 10 - 4pm Friday Performance 5pm

Cost: £160 (£32 per day)



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