St Stephen's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 16th October 2026



Dear Parent and Carers,

First of all, I would like to say a huge thank you to all of you who attended our Parents' Evenings this week. Throughout the two evenings, teachers were able to share the hard work our children have been putting in, and I hope you came away with a real sense of your child's progress and achievements. Thanks to everyone who managed to fill out the survey we shared at the meetings this week. We will also share the link to the survey at the end of this newsletter. Please complete it if you haven't already done so. Once half term is over, we will share the results with you and, most importantly, act on the feedback you give us. Your views help us to continue to shape the school we are building together.

Our Year 1 and Year 2 children in St Patrick enjoyed their trip to Skipton Castle this week. Learning about history outside the classroom brings our curriculum to life, and it was a joy to see our Key Stage 1 pupils so curious and engaged. Again, comments were made about their excellent behaviour and how interested in the activities they were. A good day out! Thank you to Mrs Millington who organised the day and to all the adults who helped on the day.

This week, our Key Stage 2 pupils also took part in a CPR road show from Airedale Hospital, where staff and volunteers came into school to teach them key life-saving skills. These are skills that can make a real difference in an emergency, and I am proud that our children approached the sessions with such maturity and enthusiasm. Thank you to everyone who gave their time to make this possible. To say our thank you properly, we will host a bake sale on Thursday 5th November with all monies raised going to the Children's Ward at Airedale Hospital.

We have also had the pleasure of another visitor into school this week when we were visited by Nick from our lovely St Stephen's parish, who came to meet with our Mini Vinnies. Nick explained all about St Vincent de Paul and why the work our school does, with our Mini Vinnies at the forefront, is so important. It was inspiring to hear how our children's kindness and compassion reach far beyond our school gates. Our Mini Vinnies should be very proud of the difference they are making.

We were also thrilled by the turnout at the FOSS (Friends of St Stephen) Annual General Meeting this week. It was brilliant to see so many of you there, and I am so delighted by the continued support for our school community. FOSS do great things for the whole school and is the reason we have a delightful school library, a fantastic, revamped Key Stage 1 playground, as well as contributing to trips and events in school.

As we look ahead to the final week of the half term, please make a note of the following:

Reading Ambassadors: We are excited to announce our new Reading Ambassadors, who will help promote a love of reading across the school. We are on the look out for avid readers - children who read all sorts of books and read a book whenever they can – throughout next week. More information will be shared with the children next week.

Well-being Champions: Our Well-being Champions will support the health and happiness of everyone in our school family. Next week, Mrs Holt will be chatting to children so that when we return after half term, we have a team of Well-being Champions throughout school.

Stay & Play in Early Years: Please note that on Tuesday 20th October we are having a Stay & Play Session in Nursery and Reception from 9am to 10:30am. All are welcome!

Wacky Hair Day: On Thursday 22nd, we are having a Wacky Hair Day to raise money for FOSS. Pupils are invited to come to school with their wackiest hairstyles. Every contribution helps support the activities and resources FOSS provide for our children, so please get creative and join in the fun.

Final Day of the Half Term: Please note that Thursday is our last day in school next week. Friday is a training day, when all staff head to a school to learn new things themselves. We then have a week's holiday to rest and recharge.

Parent Survey Link: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/isvddjm7jY

Have a lovely weekend,

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

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
Tuesday 3 Nov	Little Saints 9:00-10:30am
Thursday 5 Nov	Bake Sale
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
Tuesday 17 Nov	Little Saints 9:00-10:30am

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

Hadiyyaa & Milan!



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)



St Patrick's class went to visit Skipton Castle on Thursday.



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Stars of the week

Nursery

Oliver

St George

Kian & Isabella

St Patrick

Stars: Valentina & Malahkai

Maths: Watson

St Andrew

Stars: Emma & Gracie

Maths: Arlo

St David

Stars: Aubree & Oliver

Maths: Milan & Frankie

St Christopher

Stars: Daisy & Vavelo

Maths: Alex

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Menu 1

Week commencing 19th October

Monday

Main:	Crispy Kentucky Chicken
Vegetarian:	Quorn Crispy Fillets
Sandwich:	Ham or Cheese

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Main:	Roast Pork
Vegetarian:	Cheese Pasty
Sandwich:	Ham or Tuna mayonnaise

Thursday

Main:	Yorkshire Sausages
Vegetarian:	Veggie Sausages
Sandwich:	Ham or Crispy Chicken Wrap

Friday

Main:	
Vegetarian:	**School closed**
Sandwich:	

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