

St Stephen's Primary School Newsletter

Friday 17th July 2026



Dear Families,

As we reach the end of another wonderful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has played a part in making St Stephen's such a special place to learn, grow and flourish.

This morning, we celebrated a beautiful Year 6 Leavers' Mass. It was a fitting way to mark the end of our pupils' time at St Stephen's. The singing was absolutely fabulous and the children's reading was clear, confident and prayerful. Our Year 6 children should be incredibly proud of themselves, and we wish them every success and happiness as they begin the next stage of their journey. A huge thank you goes to Miss Calow, who has faithfully accompanied our singing and Mass throughout the year. Her guitar playing has enriched so many of our celebrations and helped to make our liturgies joyful and memorable.

We would also like to thank Father Chris for being such a wonderful school and parish priest. His support, guidance and encouragement are greatly valued, and we are blessed to have such a strong link between our school and parish communities.

My heartfelt thanks go to all of our staff. Every member of the team works tirelessly together, always putting children first and caring deeply for one another. The dedication, kindness and commitment shown every day make St Stephen's a truly special place.

Thank you also to our families for your continued support throughout the year. Whether helping with fundraising, attending events, supporting learning at home or simply working in partnership with us, we are incredibly grateful.

As the school year draws to a close, I wish all of our pupils, families, governors, parish community and staff a restful and happy summer break. We hope you enjoy spending time with family and friends, making wonderful memories and recharging for the year ahead.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September - refreshed, smiling and ready for another exciting year of learning together.

Enjoy your holiday!

Jo Sykes
Headteacher

Goodbye and Good Luck Year 6!





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DATES

JULY:

Fri 15th— School closes

SEPTEMBER:

Mon 7th— **School closed—Training Day**

Tue 8th— School re-opens

Fri 11th— Start of Term Mass at 10am



This week and during the summer holidays we're wishing a very happy birthday to...

Krish, Sabah, Gabriella, Aidan H, Nusaybah, Amelia I, Nila, Blossom, Esther, Anorah, Delilah, Rafferty, Anna-Claire, Emmieol & Mary!

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 7th September (week 1)

Monday

Main:

Vegetarian: **SCHOOL CLOSED—Training Day**

Sandwich:

Tuesday

Main: Spaghetti Bolognese

Vegetarian: Vegetarian Bolognese

Sandwich: Cheese or Ham sandwich

Wednesday

Main: Roast of the Day

Vegetarian: Cheese pastry

Sandwich: Ham or Tuna mayo sandwich

Thursday

Main: Yorkshire sausages

Vegetarian: Vegetarian sausages

Sandwich: Crispy chicken wrap or Ham sandwich

Friday

Main: Crispy battered fish

Vegetarian: Pizza slices

Sandwich: Cheese & onion sandwich

Attendance (13/07—17/07)

SCHOOL	93.5%
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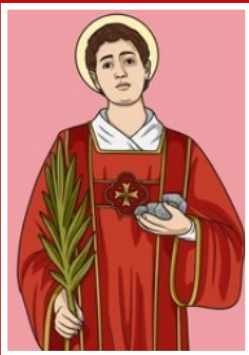
St George	94.8%
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St Patrick	90.9%
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St Andrew	94.6%
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St David	93.6%
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St Christopher	94.7%
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School Games awards

St George

Respect: **Penny**
Determination: **Gracie**

St Patrick

Respect: **Ishaal**
Determination: **Zakariya**

St Andrew

Self-belief: **Ethan**
Passion: **Catherine**

St David

Self-belief: **Angelina**
Honesty: **Amelie G**

St Christopher

Passion: **Oliver**
Honesty: **Elodie**



School Virtues awards

St George

Honesty: **Albert**
Service: **Millie & Mrs Parkinson**

St Patrick

Honesty: **Aminah**
Service: **Anorah**

St Andrew

Honesty: **Abdul**
Service: **Milan**

St David

Honesty: **Malachy**
Service: **Hafsa**

St Christopher

Honesty: **Edith**
Service: **Lucie**





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MATILDA the MUSICAL
MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP
★ acting ★ singing ★ dancing ★
with **FIONA WADDINGTON** of
BOROUGHBRIDGE ACADEMY OF MUSIC
SKIPTON LIBRARY
Tuesday 18 August • 1 - 3 pm
For 'revolving children' aged 6 - 11
Places limited - booking essential
£2 per child
skipton.library@northyorks.gov.uk
01609 534548
READ BEAT

READ BEAT
Instrument Making Craft Event
Use your crafty skills to make a musical instrument to take home.
FREE
Skipton Library
Wednesday 22 July
2pm - 3:15pm
Booking required. Please call or email the library to book. For ages 4-11
skipton.library@northyorks.gov.uk 01609 534548

READ BEAT
Hide and Seek
Join local author Sarah Jane Elliott who will be reading her brilliant children's book 'Little Wizards'. Afterwards have a go at creating a magical craft.
FREE
Skipton Library
Thursday 20 August
10:30am - 11:30am
Booking required. Please call or email the library to book. For ages 5-8
skipton.library@northyorks.gov.uk 01609 534548

READ BEAT
Vinyl Painting Craft Activity
Turn old records into works of art
FREE
Skipton Library
Thursday 25 August
10:30am - 12pm
Booking required. Please call or email the library to book. For ages 4-11
skipton.library@northyorks.gov.uk 01609 534548

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 17 July 2026
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
better lives, together W: www.bdct.nhs.uk @BDCT

GIRAFFE SPORTS
HOLIDAY CAMP UK
MONDAY 20th - WEDNESDAY 22nd JULY 0900-1530 £20
MONDAY 27th - WEDNESDAY 29th JULY WRAPAROUND FROM 0800-1700 £5 EXTRA
MONDAY 3rd - WEDNESDAY 5th AUGUST
@SKIPTON RFC, SANDYLANDS FUN FOR ALL FREE FLOWING CHILD LED ACTIVITIES
PAYMENT - CASH ONLY SIBLING AND BLOCK BOOK DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE SAFE - ACTIVE UNFORGETTABLE FUN!
GET IN TOUCH: MESSAGE US ON FACEBOOK WHATSAPP 07949342382

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 grassroots teams!
✓ NEW 26/27 SEASON U12 PLAYERS (CURRENTLY SCHOOL YEAR 6)
✓ Friendly, supportive environment
Contact us via social media: Skipton Juniors FC (Facebook)

Proudly sponsored by: **Butterfields Electrical Ltd** **AIREDALE HOSPITAL & COMMUNITY CHARITY**
CPR-a-thon
School Roadshow 2026
12 - 23 October
Join the fun as we try to complete CPR non-stop...
Build confidence Practice life-saving skills from our fabulous Children's Ward team and volunteers.
This is a fun, charity hosted event intended to showcase CPR and the essential skills that go with it, to children of all ages.
Work as a team Challenge yourself
Proudly supported by: **SLAT Training**
www.airedalecharity.org

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!
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
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.
GROW CONFIDENCE, BUILD CONNECTIONS, CELEBRATE PROGRESS!
ONLINE AT www.brightstartssn.com BOOK YOUR PLACE EMAIL brightstartssn@gmail.com

FOUR WEEKS OF FUN!
HOLIDAY CAMPS
BOOK NOW
SANDYLANDS SPORTS CENTRE, SKIPTON, BD23 2AZ
FROM 10AM TO 3PM
£20 A DAY - SOCCER HUB - MEMBERS RECEIVE 25% DISCOUNT
BOOK ONLINE AT SOCCERHUB.ORG.UK
28th, 29th & 30th JULY
4th, 5th & 6th AUGUST
11th, 12th & 13th AUGUST
18th & 19th AUGUST
SOCCER HUB UNITED KINGDOM