



St Stephen's Primary School Newsletter

Friday 19th June 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week we have had! Starting with last weekend, Skipton Gala was absolutely fantastic – the turnout from families was amazing. We had parents ready for action from 9 o'clock in the morning to decorate the school float. It was no easy task with gale force winds giving all our decorations their own lease of life. It was hard work! That said, it was brilliant to see so many of you supporting the event, both before and after. Amelie was super in her role as Gala Queen, taking over from Delilah from last year's Gala. What struck me most was seeing the children so delighted and happy throughout the day. These occasions really do bring our community together, and your involvement makes all the difference. Thanks to everyone that got involved in any way they could. To come away with a 1st place for best decorated float was the icing on the cake. I'm looking forward to next year already!

On the sporting front, our Year 5 and 6 pupils finally got the opportunity to take part in their cricket competition at Sandylands, and it was wonderful to see them out on the field enjoying the game. Rain had led to cancellations more than once but this time the weather held out, the event went ahead and the children played really well together as a team. We are so lucky to have so many opportunities to get involved in across Skipton.

We also had our first chess competition this week, organised by Ermysted's Grammar School. Lots of schools in the area took part and played some really great chess. The competition was all very formal yet the children coped well and enjoyed the day. There was great team effort shown by all our participants. Chess requires patience, strategy and resilience – qualities we work hard to nurture here at St Stephen's. A special mention must go to Malachy for achieving second place. That's a fantastic achievement and I'm sure it's just the beginning of many more successes in chess.

Our Year 6 pupils demonstrated exemplary behaviour during their park visit with their buddies this week. They headed out to help our younger children explore the local park, looking at plants and wild life. It's always a pleasure to hear about occasions where our older pupils show such maturity with our youngsters. This week was no different. These buddy relationships are so important in building a caring school community, and it's clear that our Year 6s are taking their responsibilities seriously.

Our Little Saints sessions continue to be an important part of our school life, and we're delighted to see families returning every fortnight. Next Tuesday we will open the doors again and welcome our families into our school to play with all sorts of fun things.

We also have our exciting Bradford penalty shootout coming up next Friday, which promises to be a thrilling event for those involved. Children have been busy seeking sponsors in the hope they can win some prizes – football prizes are proving to be a big draw for the children.

Next Friday is a non-uniform day for the whole school. This time we are asking for donations of sweets for a stall at our Summer Fayre which is going ahead on Saturday 4th July. These fundraising activities are so important in supporting the wonderful work that our FOSS does for the school, and we're grateful for your continued support. The Summer Fayre is also an event shared with the parish and a great opportunity to get mingle and get to know one another.

A busy week where there are so many events to celebrate and we will work hard to ensure this continues as we begin to plan for the next academic year. In the meantime, have a lovely weekend, hopefully with some warm sunshine and fewer rain clouds.

Warm regards,

Jo Sykes

Headteacher



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DATES

JUNE: (Additional email sent out)

- Tue 23rd—** Little Saints at 9am
Fri 26th— Non-Uniform Day
 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

JULY:

- Wed 1st—** Forest School—Y6 (am)
 Y3/4 (pm)
Sun 5th— **St Peters House Mass at 10am**



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

**Aaron (Y6), Alexandra,
Oliver (Y6) & Aidan (Y6)!**

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 22nd June (week 3)



Monday

Main: Chicken Korma Curry
Vegetarian: Veggie Korma Curry
Sandwich: Ham or Cheese

Tuesday

Main: Beef Burger
Vegetarian: Veggie Burger
Sandwich: Tuna or Ham

Wednesday

Main: Roast Chicken
Vegetarian: Cheese Pasty
Sandwich: Cheese or Ham

Thursday

Main: Pork Meatballs with Tomato Pasta
Vegetarian: Mac & Cheese
Wrap: Ham & Cheese or Chicken & Cheese

Friday

Main: Fish Goujons
Vegetarian: Pizza
Sandwich: Cheese

Attendance (08/06—12/06)

SCHOOL 94.7%

St George 91.3%

St Patrick 93.6%

St Andrew 93.8%

St David 98.7%

St Christopher 94.4%



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Stars of the week



St George

Stars: Albert & Ivy

Maths: Matilda (Y1)

St Patrick

Stars: Anorah & James

Maths: Nastia (Y2)

St Andrew

Stars: Abdul & Catherine

Maths: Milan (Y3)

St David

Stars: Nika & Hafsa

Maths: Ivy (Y4)

& Daniel (Y5)

St Christopher

Stars: Edith, Elodie

& Amelia

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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GIRAFFE SPORTS

HOLIDAY CAMP UK

MONDAY 20TH – WEDNESDAY 22ND JULY

MONDAY 27TH – WEDNESDAY 29TH JULY

MONDAY 3RD – WEDNESDAY 5TH AUGUST

**0900–1530
£20**

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HOLIDAY CAMPS

BOOK NOW

- 28th, 29th & 30th JULY
- 4th, 5th & 6th AUGUST
- 11th, 12th & 13th AUGUST
- 18th & 19th AUGUST

SANDYLANDS SPORTS CENTRE, SKIPTON, BD23 2AZ
FROM 10AM TO 3PM
£20 A DAY - SOCCER HUB - MEMBERS RECIEVE 25% DISCOUNT
BOOK ONLINE AT [SOCCERHUB.ORG.UK](https://www.soccerhub.org.uk)