



St Stephen's Primary School Newsletter

Friday 20th March 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we lead into the final week of term and then Holy Week, our new Virtue is of forgiveness. It can be challenging to turn the other cheek and to forgive others but it's a great opportunity to remember to treat others as we would like to be treated.

As usual, this past week has been a busy one with plenty of enrichment opportunities within our wider Skipton community and beyond. Year 6 children joined another school for the bus ride to participate in Crucial Crew activities. They took part in sessions about fire safety, healthy relationships, smoking and vaping and antisocial behaviour. They are very clear (if they weren't already) about what is acceptable, what is good for them and what sort of person they want to be in society. They were excellent role models within activities and on the journey there. They are definitely showing readiness for the school residential at Peat Rigg centre, which will take place next week.

Monday saw our Bake-Off competition with a host of wonderful looking and tasting entries. Thanks to our judge who expertly tasted and assessed aesthetic appearances. We had a 1st – Amelie Beilby, 2nd Matthew and Peter Shackleton and 3rd place went to Delilah and Annie Gray. All entries received a Special Mention certificate in today's Celebration assembly. In the afternoon we had some lovely families and parishioners turn up to share coffee and cakes with a Coffee and Cake afternoon hosted by the Mini Vinnies and your generous donations for this event raised £167.50. The Mini Vinnies have continued to circle the school daily with the Guess the Name of the teddy competition and next week is the final Guess the Number competition with number of sweets in a jar!

On Tuesday, Mrs Shooter welcomed 25 Little Saints families to play, share snacks and also to buy from our cake sale. It is one of her favourite times of the fortnight and a pleasure to see how it has grown over the last 18 months. They even got to enjoy some of our lovely baked goods

Year 5 went out to the annual Rewind to Easter event on Wednesday, joining with other local schools to mark this special time of year. Our Year 4s attended a dodgeball tournament - our very own Annie winning a medal for person of the tournament! Today was Sports Trilogy for our older children at Sandylands – another opportunity within our school week.

We also had another choir event, this time with Miss Howe and the Diocesan choir. Students travelled to St John Fisher in Harrogate to join her in song and reflect the beautiful work the choir have been practising over the last year.

Next week will see Movie Nights as our final fundraising opportunity; Reception and KS1 on Wednesday 25th until 4.30pm and KS2 on Thursday 26th until 5pm. Many thanks to our teachers for their support in running these events, once again with all funds going to the Catholic Care Good Shepherd Appeal.

On Thursday, Reception and Year One will go to Skipton Woods on a spring walk (we have heard there are tadpoles!) We would love to have parent volunteers to help make this as safe and successful as possible. If anyone is free on Thursday morning and would like to join their child, please see Mrs Shooter to volunteer. Many thanks for your support.

Families – this is important! We want you to read with your children. We read as often as we can in school and have volunteers to give your child opportunities to read. Some children routinely NEVER read outside of school. We don't need you to write an essay about how they've done but please – just once or twice a week – PLEASE – let your child read to you and read to them. You have the greatest chance at home to impact on their future academic outcomes. In the year of reading – please, read, read, read. If you don't have books at home, most of the children should now be signed up to Skipton library, books can be borrowed for free!! Go and enjoy some time there!

Wishing all our Muslim families Eid Mubarak as they celebrate their festival of Eid. We are full of admiration for the fasting that is involved for some of our older children. Next week is our last week of the term before we break for 2 weeks holiday. On the last day, next Friday, we will be celebrating Mass in church with members of the parish at 10am and it would be lovely to have our school family join us at this special time of year.

Enjoy your weekend.

Warm regards,

Jo Sykes

Headteacher



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DATES

March:

Mon 23rd

to 25th—

Fri 27th—

Sat 28th—

April:

Mon 13th—

Tue 14th—

Fri 17th—

Tue 21st—

Year 6 Peat Rigg Residential
Whole school Mass at 10am
School closes for Easter Hols
FOSS Easter Bingo

School re-opens
Little Saints at 9am
Whole school Mass at 10am
St Patrick visit to
Ponderosa Zoo



This week we're
wishing a very happy
birthday to
**Banah, Dhyan &
Sara!**

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 16th March (week 1)

Monday

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

Tuesday

Main: Pizza
Sandwich: Ham or Tuna

Wednesday

Main: Roast Turkey
Vegetarian: Cheese Pasty
Sandwich: Ham or Chicken & Cheese Wrap

Thursday

Main: Spaghetti Bolognese
Halal: Spaghetti Bolognese
Sandwich: Ham

Friday

Main: Baked Fish Fingers
Vegetarian: Tomato & Cheese Pasta
Sandwich: Cheese



Attendance (09.03—13.03)

SCHOOL 90.8%

St George 92.7%

St Patrick 92.5%

St Andrew 91.7%

St David 90.9%

St Christopher 93.9%



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Stars of the week



St George

Stars: Luis, Millie & Albert

Maths: Jonah

St Patrick

Stars: Alon & Mirha

Maths: Olivia

St Andrew

Stars: Evana & Nusaybah

Maths: Naomi

St David

Stars: Sam & Ayesha

Maths: Jacob & Hadi

St Christopher

Stars: Paula & Edith

Maths: Dhyan



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)**. These sessions will run from **Monday 12th January until Friday 27th March (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 3-6

Lacrosse with Mr Abbott

Years 3-6

TTRockstars with Mrs Sykes

Tuesdays: Years Rec, Y1 & Y2

Stay & Play with Mrs Shooter

Thursdays: Years 3-6

Drumming club with Mr Douglass (FULL)

Fridays: Years 2-6

Art 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 at Sandylands (4-5pm)



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ambitions
gymnastics

Easter Holiday Programmes
Cross Hills - Earby - Gargrave - Settle

Cross Hills (9am - 3pm)

- Tuesday 31st March
- Wednesday 1st April
- Thursday 2nd April
- Tuesday 7th April
- Wednesday 8th April
- Thursday 9th April

Earby (9am - 3pm)

- Tuesday 31st March
- Wednesday 1st April
- Tuesday 7th April
- Wednesday 8th April

Settle (9am - 3pm)

- Wednesday 1st April
- Thursday 2nd April

**EASTER HOLIDAY
CAMPS**

**£20 PER DAY
OR £50 FOR THE
FULL THREE DAY
CAMP**

**8TH, 9TH AND 10TH APRIL
10-3PM - AGES 4-12
SANDYLANDS, SKIPTON**

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UNITED KINGDOM**

www.soccerhub.org.uk/book-online

craven arts house
cravenarts.co.uk

OUR SUPPORTERS

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

Easter Music & Art Kids Club
Tuesday 7th – Friday 10th April
9.00am – 3.30pm
(Wrap around childcare available 8.00 – 9.00am and 3.30 – 4.30pm)

The Craven Arts Charitable Trust, Craven Arts House, 55 Otley St. Skipton, BD23 1TJ. Registered Charity No. 1172218. Visit us online at www.cravenarts.co.uk or get in touch with us by contacting info@cravenarts.co.uk

EASTER

**ARTS & CRAFTS
KIDS' WORKSHOP**

*Come and make some exciting Easter crafts!
One hour session, includes two crafts to take home*

Sunday 29th March

- 2pm to 3pm
- Teas and coffees included for parents
- Best for primary school aged children
- (3yr olds welcome at parents' discretion)

**Carleton-in-Craven
Village Hall**

£12 per child

@sarahtheartcoach

Book online at:
<https://sarahtheartcoach.eventbrite.com>
or scan the code to book

7TH-9TH APRIL

**EASTER
HOLIDAY CAMP**

BOOKING NOW OPEN!

Looking for something fun (and full of variety) for the kids over Easter? Join us for our FREE Ofsted registered Easter Holiday Camp, in partnership with HAF! We've got loads planned including...

- Arts, crafts & sensory play
- Baking activities
- Sports & games
- Fun learning activities
- Movie time
- Easter wreath making with Lottie Rose Designs
- ... and lots more!

7TH, 8TH, & 9TH APRIL
9am-3pm

GATEWAYS EDUCATION
Skeeton Primary School

100% FREE FOR CHILDREN IN RECEIPT OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS OR WITH SEND! OTHERWISE JUST £30/ DAY!

JOIN NOW **LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE!**
Use the booking link in caption or message us to secure your child's place!