



St Stephen's Primary School Newsletter

Friday 22nd May 2026



Dear Parents and Carers.

A really big thank you to all our families this week (a bigger one than usual). We have been somewhat busy!

We already had a lot of plans to share wonderful things as part of our Celebrating our diverse cultures week - which we have all very much enjoyed. Then we had the pleasure of having some extra visitors in school that we weren't expecting. A team from Leeds Diocese arrived on Wednesday to inspect our provision as a Catholic School and were so impressed by our children. As I have said many times before, the children are a credit to you. Beautiful manners and kind words could be heard all over school. It was wonderful to share all that we do as a school family.

Celebrating our community this week has been absolutely delightful. Everybody has embraced all our activities with enthusiasm and kindness. We continue to develop a sense of unity and community with our children so that they are very clear about how to make the world a better place. We started the week with our global café, with children tasting food from all around the world. We had a day of study where we researched different countries and created art linked to our theme of cultures from around the world. Dancing was the order of the day on Wednesday, when our school families stepped in to support. They helped us by delivering a Ceilidh dance session with Mr Gilligan, some folk dancing with Mary (Y2) and her sister Olive and friends, and we had Neethu with some super Indian dancing. The week clearly needed a dressing up day so Thursday was a chance to wear clothing linked to traditions and cultures. We saw children arriving with all sorts of impressive outfits and colours that were important to them and their family. On Thursday we also celebrated a very special Celebration of the Word where we read a passage from the Bible that spoke of unity rather than division. Our school family is most definitely built on unity, creating a strong sense of community of which we are most proud.

If that doesn't sound busy enough, we had some of our Mini Vinnies head in to Leeds to St Anne's Cathedral to take part in a special service for the Good Shepherd Appeal. They presented their cheque for £950 and enjoyed a few words with Bishop Marcus. They were proud that all their efforts had raised so much money for those in need, and they should be proud.

We also have had St David's class head out today to the Alhambra Theatre to see 'The Boy at the Back of the Class'. They took a train to Bradford early this morning and have had a superb time. Cries of 'It was brilliant' and 'I had the best time ever' tells us all we need to know. It was fabulous and the children enjoyed it!

This afternoon, we have also had our Marian Procession, where the children processed to our two grottos singing hymns and listening to readings. We said a decade of the rosary together, placed flowers for Mary and said prayers for our own intentions. It was calm and reverent - the perfect way to end our half term all together.

After school is our food festival where our families have made food with origins all over the world. Last year was busy and we hope today will be same! Hope to see you there!

We are at the end of our half term. Year 6 have had a busy couple of weeks and will be heading into their final half term with us. But before that we have a week off. A week off with the promise of good weather. A week off to recharge and do lovely things together and less rushing around trying to fit everything in. Thanks to everyone who has helped with all the extra activities we have been able to offer this week!

Have a fantastic half-term holiday.

Jo Sykes

Headteacher



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JUNE:

Mon 1st—

School re-opens
Swimming sessions resume (pm)
Y3 (St Patrick)

Tue 9th—

Little Saints at 9am

Thu 11th—

Rounders Tournament am for Y5/6
at Skipton Academy

Fri 12th—

KS2 Mini Olympics Sandylands

Sat 13th—

Skipton Gala

Thu 18th—

Class Group Photos

Fri 19th—

KS1 Mini Olympics Sandylands
Father's Day Gift Shop (FOSS)

Tue 23rd—

Little Saints at 9am



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

**Peter, Olly, Paula, Raahil,
Jazmin, Paddy & Alex!**

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 1st June (week 3)

Monday

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

Tuesday

Main: Beef Burger
Halal: Halal Burger
Sandwich: Tuna or Ham

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Friday

Main: Fish Goujons
Vegetarian: Pizza Slice
Sandwich: Cheese

Attendance (11/05-15/05)

SCHOOL 96.9%

St George 95.3%

St Patrick 97.1%

St Andrew 97.9%

St David 99%

St Christopher 95.7%



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School Games awards



St George

Honesty: Zunairah
Determination: Lachlan

St Patrick

Honesty: Amelia
Determination: Mary

St Andrew

Honesty: Frankie
Determination: Ethan

St David

Honesty: Daniel
Determination: Ellie

St Christopher

Honesty: Banah
Determination: Musa



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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GO ALL IN!

CALL FOR ENTRIES FOR OUR SUMMER EXHIBITION
OPEN TO ALL

WORDS & PICTURES
— THE ART OF READING —
CELEBRATING THE NATIONAL YEAR OF READING
THURSDAY 2ND JULY - SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST

Submit upto 3 pieces of 2D or 3D artwork inspired by books, language, literacy, storytelling, or the joy of reading itself.

SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION

ENTRIES CLOSE:
Monday 15TH June 2026

ENTRY FEE:
£10 under 18s
£20 18 and over

WIN
one of two amazing prizes!

THE ART SHOP SKIPTON

The winning People's Choice Artist in the under 18s and over 18s category will each win a prize worth £200 generously donated by The Art Shop Skipton

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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
- ✓ GAMES, CHALLENGES AND SMALL SIDED MATCHES EVERY DAY
- ✓ BUILD CONFIDENCE, MAKE FRIENDS AND STAY ACTIVE

LIMITED PLACES REGISTER NOW

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TUE 26th, WED 27th & THU 28TH
SANDYLANDS, SKIPTON 10-3PM

£20 PER SESSION
£50 FULL 3-DAY PACKAGE

ACCREDITED CLUB

SOCCER HUB UNITED KINGDOM

WILD EXPLORERS

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

CRIVEN LEISURE CENTRE

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

Enter Here!

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