St Stephen's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 22nd October 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of the half term, there are plenty of tired faces of children (and adults) who are ready for a rest. That said, I can think of the virtues we have focused on this half term – 'Love of Learning' and 'Citizenship' – and know that they are being lived out every minute of every day. Our children are enthusiastic and want to learn. Our children do show love for their friends and neighbours and they do make a positive difference to our school family. They make the staff in school very proud.

So, this has been a short week, but what a busy and productive one it has been! The children have been working hard in lessons and developing some important skills. They are learning when to ask an adult for help, when to work independently, and when to challenge themselves further. These skills will serve them well far beyond the classroom, and it is wonderful to see them growing so steadily.

This week saw the final Forest School session for St Andrew's class, where the children learnt fire-lighting skills. Making links with their Stone Age history topic has worked well this half term, making both the history lessons and forest school lessons more meaningful. They have really enjoyed it. I think they enjoyed toasting marshmallows too!

We ended the half term on a high with Wacky Hair Day. The creations were amazing, and it was lovely to see the children's efforts and imagination on display. What a fun way to finish the half term!

As we reach the end of this half term, I want to celebrate what has been a successful one for our school. The children have settled well, and our routines are firmly in place. Our clubs have been well attended, which is a credit to the children's enthusiasm and to the staff who give their time to run them. Parents' evening is now complete, and I am grateful to everyone who attended. These conversations are valuable, and we can build on them as we work together to make our school the best it can be for your child. Any parent that has not yet managed to meet with their child's teacher will be contacted after half term and invited into school for a meeting.

Please note the following:

- **Tomorrow (Friday) is a training day.**
- **Next week is half term.**

At the end of our first week back, we will come together as a whole school to celebrate Mass in honour of St Stephen. This will take place on Friday 6th November at 10am in church and we would love you to join us. Our whole school Masses are special, and they are made even more so when families attend.

Heads up for key dates:

- **Wednesday 9th December 6.30pm:** KS2 Advent Service, St Stephen's Church
- **Thursday 10th December 2pm:** EYFS and KS1 Nativity, School Hall

Thank you for your continued support. I hope everyone enjoys a restful half term.

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

NOVEMBER

Monday 2 Nov	School re-opens
	NHS Flu Immunisations am
Tuesday 3 Nov	Little Saints Playgroup 9am
Friday 6 Nov	Whole school Mass at 10am
Thursday 12 Nov	KS2 Boys' Pathways Football
Friday 13 Nov	World Kindness Day
	KS2 Football Festival Sandylands
Monday 16 Nov	Individual and Family Photos
Tuesday 17 Nov	Cross Country Skipton Academy
	Y3/4 AM – Y5/6 PM
Thursday 19 Nov	KS2 Girls Pathways Football

This week and next week during half-term, we're wishing a very happy birthday to.....

Ethan, Ellie, Zunairah, Callie, Jeik & Ibrahim!



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 2



St George - Reception
Tuesdays and Thursdays

St Patrick – Year 1/2
Thursdays (Forest school after half term)

St Andrew – Year 3/4
Tuesdays and Thursdays

St David – Year 4/5
Mondays and Fridays (will change from 02/12 due to swimming)

St Christopher – Year 5/6
Swimming – Wednesdays (am) (from 16/09 to 25/11)
PE - Wednesdays (pm)





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Menu 2

Week commencing 2nd November

Monday

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

Tuesday

Main:	Oven Baked Pizza
Vegetarian:	Oven Baked Pizza
Sandwich:	Ham or Tuna Mayonnaise

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Main:	Crispy Chicken Burger
Vegetarian:	Veggie Burger
Sandwich:	Ham

Friday

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

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