



St Stephen's Primary School Newsletter

Friday 26th June 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made it to the end of a very hot week in school! Soaring temperatures, that we are definitely not used to, have dominated. Despite all that, the children have simply carried on regardless and worked hard, with only the occasional grumble. The same can be said for all the staff too! Although the classes with air conditioning have easily managed to keep their cool all week.

Our ice cream treat was perfectly planned for Tuesday. When the Yorkshire Dales Ice Cream van appeared on the Avenue in the afternoon, there were lots of excited faces! We just wanted to say thank you to the children for such fantastic behaviour – which was noted as 'exemplary' in our S48 Diocesan Inspection. We felt they deserved a reward! Also, a thank you to our staff team for working hard for our children every single day. Father Chris made a trip down the hill for an ice cream too. It was fabulous to have him join us and celebrate our school/parish community!

Tuesday morning was yet another lovely gathering of little ones as we welcomed families into school to play and meet with friends for Little Saints. We are excited to open our doors next Thursday for our Reception Open afternoon. We are planning ahead for September 2027 already! If you know of any families with young children, please spread the word.

Our exciting Bradford Penalty Shoot Out took place this morning with Billy Bantam visiting. He must have been a very sweaty chicken in the heat but it was very excitable and enjoyable for all. Well done to children and families for your fundraising – we have raised £1457.10 which is shared between Bradford City and school. Emma in Year 2 will receive the signed football for raising the largest amount of sponsor money. Well done!

Next Monday, 29th June, we have our Sports Day planned – St George and St Patrick (Mrs Shooter and Mr Bullock's classes) from 1-2pm and St Andrew, St David and St Christopher from 2-3pm. This year, we are able to use the field at the front of Ermysted's school, so only a short distance to walk for us. There will be a variety of races for the children and hopefully the weather will be 'just right'. Parents will be able to watch from the side nearest to the wall by the pavement, with children sitting in their groups on the opposite side of the racetrack. Given the short distance back to school, all children will return with their classes and be collected from school.

Nursery are having a special end of term visit on Thursday with a boat trip on the canal as they start to think about transport on water as part of their Under the Sea end of year topic in preparation for our EYFS assembly. I wonder if they will see crabs, seagulls, anemones and bristle worms – this might give you a clue as to our theme!

Another busy week ahead – some are subject to good weather so please keep a check on emails for any last-minute changes. Please remember hats and sun cream especially for sports day but also as essential kit for your children in the summer term.

Have a lovely weekend with maybe cooler temperatures.

Warm regards,

Jo Sykes, Headteacher



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DATES

JUNE: (Additional email sent out)

Mon 29th— Nursery Sports Morning (in school)
Sports Day (pm) at Ermysted's
1-2pm—Re, Y1 & St Patrick
2-3pm—St Andrew, St David & St
Christopher

(NO SWIMMING THIS WEEK)

JULY:

Wed 1st— Forest School—Y6 (am)
Y3/4 (pm)
Thu 2nd— Nursery Boat Trip at 10:30am
Reception 2026-27 Open
Afternoon at 1:30pm

Menu 29th June (week 1)

Monday

Main: Crispy Kentucky chicken
Vegetarian: Quorn Crispy Fillets
Sandwich: Ham or Cheese

Tuesday

Main: Chilli con Carne
Vegetarian: Veggie Bean Chilli
Sandwich: Ham or Cheese

Wednesday

Main: Roast Pork Loin
Vegetarian: Cheese Pasty
Sandwich: Tuna mayonnaise or Ham

Thursday

Main: Yorkshire Sausages
Vegetarian: Vegetarian Sausages
Sandwich: Ham or Crispy Chicken Wrap

Friday

Main: Crispy Baked Fish
Vegetarian: Pizza
Sandwich: Cheese



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

**Nathan A, Frankie C,
Amelia H, Gracie I!**

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.



Attendance (08/06—12/06)

SCHOOL 94.6%

St George 92.6%

St Patrick 96.4%

St Andrew 93.9%

St David 96.4%

St Christopher 92.3%



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Stars of the week



St George

Stars: Gracie, Aaron & Penny

Maths: Azaan (Y1)

St Patrick

Stars: Utochi & Mary

Maths: Lizino (Y3)

St Andrew

Stars: Aubree & Ethan

Maths: Azhrylle (Y3)
& Maggie (Y4)

St David

Stars: Sam & Izzy

Maths: Vavelo (Y5)

St Christopher

Stars: Lucie, Freddie & Ethan

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**

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HOLIDAY CAMPS

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



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