



Kirkstall St Stephen's

Newsletter 26th September 2025

Diary Dates and Forthcoming PTA Events	Date
Training Day school closed	Wednesday 1 st October
Harvest Festival in church	Wednesday 15 th October 2.30pm
Open afternoon for potential 2026 Reception children	Thursday 16 th October 1.30-3.20pm
Break up for half term	Friday 24 th October
School re- opens	Monday 3 November
Open afternoon/evening for 2026 Reception children	Thursday 6 th November 1.30-3.20pm 3.40-5.00pm
Parent's Evening (telephone calls through week) PTA used uniform sale after school	Wednesday 12 th November from 3.30pm – 7.00pm

Class with best attendance this week	Year 5 99.17%
Most punctual class this week	Reception & Year 2
Overall school attendance	94.78%

Attendance

Please inform the school office before 9.30 if your child is going to be absent and the reason for that absence.

You can leave a message on 0113 3821960 option 1, or you can message on School Gateway.

Please do not use Class Dojo or the school email to report absences or appointments as these can get missed.

Late Arrivals

From Monday 15th September we expect any child who arrives at school **after 9.30am** to be accompanied by their parent/carer into the school office, whereby the parent/carer will need to sign them into the school's inventory system.

Places Available in School

We currently have spaces available in the following classes:

Reception Class / Year 3 / Year 4 / Year 6

Do you know anyone who is looking for a school place for these year groups and would like to join our KSS family?

Please speak to Mr Sheppard or Mrs Skelton if you require further information or ask the interested families to contact school directly.

Parent Equality Group drop-in

Our fabulous Parent Equality group would like to invite you to a drop-in event in the school hall on Tuesday 14th October 3.30-4.14pm in the school hall. Refreshments and child care will be provided.

More details to follow in the next newsletter, but please save the date!

Open afternoons and evenings

We are opening up our school to parents/carers of children starting Reception year in 2026. There is no need to book in advance and families can come and visit at any time during the time window. We will have Year 6 tour guides and snacks on offer and it will be an opportunity to have an access all areas look at KSS!

Thursday 16th October 1.30-3.15pm

Thursday 6th November 1.30-3.15pm and then 3.40-5.00pm

Thursday 4th December 1.30-3.15pm and then 3.40-5.00pm

Thursday 8th January 2026 1.30-3.15pm

My School Fund

We have joined a scheme called "My School Fund" and we posted some details on Class Dojo about this. It is a fundraising initiative that combines the spending of parents and school staff to help school budgets. You can visit myschoolfund.org to register and link to our school.

You then can link a payment card and when you spend at retailers like Sainsburys and Argos you will earn 2% back on your spend in the form of eGift rewards and 1% comes back to school to help our school budgets.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Mr Sheppard Headteacher