



Kirkstall St Stephen's Newsletter 3rd October 2025

Diary Dates and Forthcoming PTA Events	Date
Parent Equality Group drop in event	Tuesday 14 th October from 3.30 in the hall
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 3 100%
Most punctual class this week	Rec & Year 1 & 3
Overall school attendance	92.95%

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 after 9.30am need to be signed in by the parent at the school office.

Harvest Festival Wednesday 15th October @ 2.30pm

We are really looking forward to welcoming you to our Harvest Festival in Church in a few weeks. If families would like to contribute any packaged foods for our chosen charity- The Food Pantry project at St Andrew's, please send them into school on either Monday 13th/Tuesday 14th or Wednesday 15th and classes will box them up and present them in Church. Many thanks in advance!

Parent Equality Group Drop-in Tuesday 14th October 3.30-4.15pm

Drop in, grab a hot drink in the hall, meet some group members and find out about what the Parent's Equality group have been involved in at KSS, its aims and how you can get involved if you would like to.

The KSS Parent's Equality and Inclusion Group is open to all parents who want to promote greater equality and inclusion at the school and want to learn more about empowering their children to advocate for themselves and each other to build a more inclusive, equal and just world.

Black History Month

This October we are celebrating Black History Month. The theme for this year is “Standing Firm in Power and Pride”, a powerful tribute to the resilience, strength and unwavering commitment to progress that defines the Black Community across the globe.

In school, Black History is an important part of our learning all year round and is intertwined into our curriculum. During this month, each class will be focusing on inspiring people and their stories, from leaders, activists and pioneers who changed the world to people who are dedicated to future continued empowerment, unity and growth.

In EYFS we will be creating art and celebrating African and Caribbean culture. In KS1 and KS2 we will be focusing on people such as Walter Tull, one of the first Black professional footballers and a soldier who showed bravery and Leadership.

Rosa Parks, who stood up for equality by refusing to give up her seat, helping to change civil rights history. Benjamin Zephaniah, a poet and writer who used words to inspire and give voice to others and also Stormzy, a musician and role model who uses his platform to speak out about social issues and support young people to achieve their goals.

Children will also be creating artwork to celebrate inspirational individuals, which will be displayed in school to share with our community. This is a wonderful opportunity for us all to reflect, learn and celebrate together.

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.

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

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Mr Sheppard Headteacher