



Kirkstall St Stephen's

Newsletter 24th October 2025

Diary Dates and Forthcoming PTA Events	Date
Break up for half term	Friday 24 th October
School re- opens	Monday 3 November
Open afternoon/evening for 2026 Reception children- No need to book in advance!	Thursday 6 th November 1.30-3.20pm 3.40-5.00pm
Parent's Evening (telephone calls and face to face appointments through week) details to follow PTA used uniform sale after school	Wednesday 12 th November from 3.30pm – 7.00pm
Tempest individual school photographs	Wednesday 19th November
Non- Uniform day for Xmas Fair – tombola gifts	Friday 28 th November
Open afternoon/evening for 2026 Reception children	Thursday 4 th December 1.30-3.30pm 3.40-5.00pm
Non- Uniform day for Xmas Fair -sweets and chocolate gifts	Friday 5 th December

Class with best attendance this half term	Year 3 97.25 %
Most punctual class overall this half term	Reception
Overall school attendance from 2 September	93.50%

Attendance

To report an absence or late arrival you can leave a message on 0113 3821960 option 1, or you can message on School Gateway. Absences will not be authorised if we do not hear from you by 9.30am
Please do not use Class Dojo to report absences or appointments as these can get missed.

MARTS Week

What a wonderful Maths/Art theme week in school! The children thoroughly enjoyed their activities and especially creating the 'Shape City' in the hall using nets of 3-D shapes. Many thanks for all the staff involvement, especially Mrs Muranka- maths leader and Miss Hawes- Art leader, for designing the week!



KSS Parent Governor Recruitment

We are currently looking for a new parent governor to join our friendly governing body.

Our governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experience but all share a common interest of wanting the best possible education for the children in our school.

We will send out a DOJO message with further information about the role.

If you would like to discuss any aspects of the role before submitting an application please leave your contact details with the school office and I will be more than happy to call you or meet up for an informal chat. If you would like to apply, please also contact the school office for the application details.

Governors are essential for the effectiveness and success of the school and it is an extremely rewarding and fulfilling role.

Mr Tim Payne Chair of Governors at KSS

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.

Open afternoons and evenings reception Places 2026

No need to book in advance!

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 half term holiday everyone!

Mr P Sheppard Headteacher