



# *Kirkstall St Stephen's*

## *Newsletter 21st November 2025*

<b>Diary Dates and Forthcoming PTA Events</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Non- Uniform day for Xmas Fair – tombola gifts</b>	<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>
<b>Open afternoon/evening for 2026 Reception children No need to book!</b>	<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 1.30-3.30pm 3.40-5.00pm</b>
<b>Non- Uniform day for Xmas Fair -sweets and chocolate gifts</b>	<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>
<b>PTA School fair Scholastic book fair</b>	<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December from 3.30pm</b>
<b>Scholastic book fair</b>	<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December from 3.30-4.30</b>
<b>Break up for Christmas</b>	<b>Friday 19th December</b>

<b>Class with best attendance this week</b>	<b>Year 6 94.71 %</b>
<b>Most punctual class overall this week</b>	<b>Year 1</b>
<b>Overall school attendance from 2 September</b>	<b>92.89%</b>

### 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.

### Children in Need Total

The last count of money collected from Children in Need was £144.00. This does not include a very large bag of copper which we have not had a chance to count! Big thank you to all who contributed.

### Charity Christmas Presents

Mrs Bailey has requested if anyone can please support charities giving presents to needy refugee children in the local area?

She has asked for good quality/new toys and games wrapped and with a sticker indicating who the present would be best for, (i.e. gender and age).

Please give in any presents to class teachers and Mrs Bailey will pick them up from school on the 15<sup>th</sup> December to distribute. Many thanks in advance!

### Tempest School Photographs

All children that had their photograph taken on Wednesday this week should have brought home a proof of the images taken.

To order photographs follow the instructions on the proof and enter the unique code for that image via the Tempest website. If you order within the next 10 days that will ensure you get free delivery to school.

### Open Afternoons and Evenings Reception Places 2026

**No need to book in advance to look round!**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 1.30-3.15pm and then 3.40-5.00pm

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026 1.30-3.15pm

Applications are now open to submit your school choices and you can apply online **until 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

[www.leeds.gov.uk/apply](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/apply)

### **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.

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

**Mr P Sheppard Headteacher**