



# Kirkstall St Stephen's

## Newsletter 28th November 2025

Diary Dates and Forthcoming PTA Events	Date
Open afternoon/evening for 2026 Reception children No need to book!	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 1.30-3.30pm 3.40-5.00pm
Non- Uniform day for Xmas Fair -sweets and chocolate gifts	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December
Reception Nativity	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm
School Chaplins Pantomime AM m Reception Nativity 1.30pm PTA School fair after school Scholastic book fair	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December from 3.30pm
Scholastic book fair	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December from 3.30-4.30
School Christmas dinner – book on School Gateway	Thursday 18 December
Break up for Christmas	Friday 19th December
Return to school after Christmas break	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026

Class with best attendance this week	Year 1 97.50%
Most punctual class overall this week	Year 3
Overall school attendance from 2 September	93.48%

### 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.

### 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!

### Times Tables Rock Stars – England Rocks Competition

Our KS 2 pupils rocked their times tables in the recent England Rocks competition! Out of 4,356 schools, we were placed 545<sup>th</sup> nationally and an impressive 63<sup>rd</sup> in Yorkshire which is a fantastic achievement.

**Total points earned:**

**Year 4: 30,831**

**Year 5: 5,344**

**Year 6: 3,317**

**Year 3: 1,136**

A big well done to Year 4, our highest scoring year group, who have earned a trophy for their classroom.

We are proud of every child who took part. We have celebrated all participants, including top scorers and most improved, in assembly this week.

**Well done, KS2 Rock Stars! Roll on the next tournament!**

### **Tempest School Photographs**

All children that had their photograph taken 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 before 2<sup>nd</sup> December 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**