



Kirkstall St Stephen's Newsletter 9th January 2026

Diary Dates and Forthcoming PTA Events	Date
PTA film night in school – further details to follow	Thursday 12 February 3.30-5.30pm
Break up for half term	Friday 13 February
Return to school	Monday 23 February
Parent's Evening - with phone calls through the week	Wednesday 4 March 3.45-7.00pm
World Book Day	Thursday 5 th March
Science week in school	WC 9 March

Class with best attendance this week	Year 3 98.66%
Most punctual class this week	Year 2 and Year 6

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you had a lovely and restful time with your loved ones!

Scholastic Book Fair

A big thanks once again to Mrs Coverdale for organising and running the book fair and also thanks to all the parents and children that purchased books. School raised over £170 that we have been able to spend on class reading books. Great work!

Advice for Online Safety

A reminder of the links sent out this week to give advice for parents and carers about how to keep children safe when they go online, for example if your child plays the Roblox game.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/>

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Bad Weather Protocol

We have been very lucky with the snow this week (maybe not according to the children!), but just to remind you of what will happen if we do decide to close school due to snow or bad weather.

We will attempt to make a decision before 7.30am, to prevent families travelling in for Breakfast Club.

We will alert parents via Class DOJO, so please ensure you are checking this before you set off.

If snow arrives during the school day and we decide to close, we will contact you via Class DOJO and allow you to come and pick up your children. We will, of course, keep children safe in school until they are collected.

Sometimes we may keep registers open or suggest a later start, if like this week driving or walking to school may take longer due to icy conditions. This would also be put on Class Dojo.

Reporting Your child Absent

The correct procedure for reporting absence is any of the following:

Telephone on 0113 3821960 and leave a message on option 1 (you can still leave a message outside of school hours). The office is incredibly busy first thing and if you can't get through use the following:

Message on the School Gateway app.

Email Mrs Wren - nicola.wren@kirkstallss.net

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