



# Kirkstall St Stephen's Newsletter 13 February 2026

Diary Dates and Forthcoming PTA Events	Date
Break up for half term	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February
Return to school	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February
Parent's Evening - with phone calls through the week	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 3.45-7.00pm
World Book Day – dress up as your favorite book character	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March
Science week in school	w/c 9 <sup>th</sup> March
Councilor Venner drop in surgery in hall	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 9-10.00
PTA disco after school	Date TBC
Year 3/4 production 'Dorothy in Oz' shows in the school hall Ticket details TBC	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March @ 2pm Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April @ 6pm

Class with best attendance this term	Year 1 96.07%
Overall school attendance	93.20%

Thank you everyone for your continued positivity and support in a very rainy and dreary half term weather-wise! I have never known so many wet plays! Have a lovely half term, whatever you are doing.

### 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. **Please do not message teachers on Class Dojo as this can get missed.**

Email Mrs Wren - [nicola.wren@kirkstallss.net](mailto:nicola.wren@kirkstallss.net)

### PTA film night

Many thanks to our amazing PTA for last night's film night. The children had lots of fun and raised a good amount for the PTA to use to support special events and areas in school. For example, the PTA have contributed to us purchasing a new quantity of laptops for special intervention programmes.

### World Book Day Competition Time

Would you like to be in with a chance to win a Waterstones Voucher?

There is a competition to design your own book cover and there will be a winner from KS1 and another from KS2.

Entries need to be sent to Mrs Coverdale (Year 3) by Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.


The winners will be announced on World Book Day on 5<sup>th</sup> March.

**PS don't forget children can dress up as their favourite book character and some of the staff also may not look like they usually do!**

## World Book Day 2026 Competition Time

Would you like to be in with a chance of winning a Waterstones voucher?

**Design Your Own Book Cover**



**Be an Illustrator**  
Design a book cover!  
Include:

- a bold title
- your name as author
- an imaginative scene which matches your chosen title

### **Kirkstall St Stephen's Pre School Vacancy**

Kirkstall St Stephen's Pre School are looking for a reliable, enthusiastic and fun loving, Early Years Practitioner to join the team.

A level 3 Early Years qualification is required and past experience of working in an early years setting would be an advantage. An enhanced DBS check will be undertaken for the position.

The position is for 16 hours a week (term time only).

Please contact [sam.thackwray@ksspreschool.co.uk](mailto:sam.thackwray@ksspreschool.co.uk) for an application form or for further information.

The closing date is Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

### **Family Games Café**

Kirkstall St Stephens Church will be holding a family games night in the church hall on 18 March from 6.00 to 7.30pm. Bring your family, friends and favourite game for a night of laughter and fun for all ages. Entrance is only £1 per adult and 50p for children with refreshments available.

**Mr P Sheppard**  
**Headteacher**