



Kirkstall St Stephen's

Newsletter 11th September 2026

Diary Dates and Forthcoming PTA Events	Date
PTA Annual general Meeting in Year 5 class – all welcome if you would like to join or support	Tuesday 15 September 3.30-4.15pm
Year 6 PGL residential trip Dearne Valley	Wednesday 16-18 September
Attendance information meeting for parents - school hall	Thursday 17 September 2.50-3.15pm
Deadline for consents to receive Flu Vaccine	Wednesday 23 September
Training day school closed	Wednesday 30 September
School Nursing Team in school for Seasonal Flu Vaccine	Thursday 1 st October
Parent Equality Group meeting	Thursday 1 st October 3.30-4.15pm
Open afternoon for Reception children September 2027	Wednesday 7 October 1.30-3.20pm
Harvest Festival in Church	Wednesday 14 October 2.30pm
Open morning for 2027 Reception children	Saturday 17 October 9.00-11.00am
Break up for half term holiday	Friday 23 October

Class with best attendance this week	Year 1 96.8%
Overall school attendance	95.4%

Miss Hawes

Congratulations to Miss Hawes who has given birth to two boys- Oscar and Fraser! The twins and mum are doing great and I'm sure she will be in to say hello soon!

Attendance meeting

I am inviting all parents/carers to a meeting with meeting with myself and Mr Lewis, our attendance officer on **Thursday 17th September in the school hall 2.50-3.15pm.**

This is open for all parents, but I especially ask that new parents attend. We will be discussing the importance of good attendance and our expectations. We will also discuss ways that we can support you to achieve good attendance.

Meet the Teacher Sessions

There is an opportunity for parents/carers to meet their child's teacher. The purpose of this is to give out information about the year group, set expectations and answer any questions you may have. Children can attend with their parents/carers.

Year 3 & 4 Wednesday 16 September 3.40-4.15pm in Year 4 classroom
(parents please line up at the Year 6 side entrance)

Year 5 & 6 Monday 21 September 3.40-4.15pm in Year 6 classroom
(parents to line up at year 6 side entrance)

Year 1 & 2 Tuesday 22 September 3.40-4.15pm in Year 5 classroom
(parents to line up at Year 6 side entrance)

Seasonal Flu Vaccines

The Seasonal flu vaccine programme will take place in school on **1st October 2026**. This is available to all children **from Reception to Year 6**.

Details of how to consent if you wish your child to receive the vaccine will be put on the Class page of Class Dojo.

Even if you do not want your child to receive the vaccine you must submit a form no later than 3.00pm 23rd September. If you do not consent by the deadline date the Nursing Team will not see your child on the day.

Equality Group

Our parent equality group is an important part of school and an opportunity for parents to give their voice and support in crucial aspects of school life relating to equality and ensuring everyone is cherished at KSS.

We are aiming to meet each half term and the first meeting of the year is on **Thursday 1st October at 3.30-4.15pm in the Year 6 classroom** and there will be childcare available. Please come and meet at the Year 6 side door.

KSS Choir

Calling all singing enthusiasts!

The Kirkstall St Stephens School Choir is starting again. Choir practice will be on Monday's after school from 3.30-4.25pm.

Initially any child in years 3,4,5 and 6 are welcome. If your child is in Year 2 they can start from 2nd November after the half term.

If your child would like to attend please let the school office know. As we give out a biscuit at the start please let us know if they have any allergies.

Choir will start on Monday 21st September

Car Park

Can I remind parents and carers that the carpark is only for patients going to the medical centre and school staff unless there is a valid reason. Parents and carers should be looking for alternative parking along Norman Street or any of the Vesper minor roads that join this.

Can I also ask that parents and carers use the side path alongside the church hall at drop-off and pick-ups and not walk through the car park. We have had some near misses in the past, whereby cars reversing have narrowly missed people.

**Phil Sheppard
Head Teacher**