# Kirkstall St Stephen's Newsletter 6th November 2026

| Diary Dates and Forthcoming PTA Events | Date |
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| **Parent's Evening (phone calls throughout week as well)**<br>**PTA used uniform sale from 3.30pm** | **Wednesday 11 November 3.45-7.00pm** |
| **Closing date for Class Fundraising Christmas card orders** | **Monday 16 November 12.00** |
| **Tempest Individual photographs (on roll children only)** | **Wednesday 18 November AM in school** |
| **Open afternoon for Reception 2027** | **Wednesday 2 December 1,30-3.15pm**<br>**3.40-5.00pm** |
| **Non- uniform day for Xmas Fair tombola** | **Friday 4 December** |
| **Reception Nativity- further details to follow** | **Wednesday 9 December** |
| **"Winter Warmer" with Santa after school -further info to follow** | **Wednesday 9 December** |
| **Key Stage 1 Christmas show-further details will follow**<br>**Key Stage 1 Christmas show** | **Monday 14 December 1.30pm**<br>**Tuesday 15 December 9.30am** |
| **Class Christmas parties** | **Wednesday 16 December pm** |
| **Christmas Church Service in St Stephen's Church**<br>**Break up for Christmas break** | **Friday 18 December 2.30pm** |
| **Return to school 2027** | **Monday 4 January** |

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| **Class with best attendance this week** | **Year 4 99.11%** |
| **Overall school attendance** | **95.6%** |

**Correct Procedure for Reporting Absence**

**A Ring the school office on 01133821960 and leave a message on option1.**
**B Email via the school email contactus@kirkstallss.net or contact Mrs Wren on nicola.wren@kirkstallss.net**
**C Message Mrs Wren via School Gateway.**
**Please do not use Class Dojo or message other members of staff.**

**MART week**

Many thanks to Mrs Muranka for organising the annual Maths and Art theme week. Classes have created some amazing art/maths work and the creative homework has been brilliant. Well done to all.

**Rocksteady Music Sessions**

We are pleased to announce that there will be a new and exciting musical opportunity for children at KSS to be part of small music bands with the 'Rocksteady' music school.
www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/
On Monday the children will take part in a whole school assembly/ musical activities in their key stages with the Rocksteady.
There will then be an opportunity for parents to sign up their children to small group music sessions, commencing Tuesday 17th November in the morning. These will run alongside other Artforms music lessons on Wednesday.
More details will be sent to you after the Monday about how to sign up.

## Give it 100%

In March this year, we began our 'Give it 100%' attendance initiative, whereby for the whole month we rewarded children weekly with stickers and extra playtime if they had 100% attendance or no unauthorised absence (that means there is a genuine reason for being absent and the school office is informed). We also gave a certificate to children who achieved it all month.

We will repeat 'Give it 100%' in November, starting when we return from the holiday on the 2nd November and it will stretch until Friday 27th November.

## Congratulations Miss Lewis!

Congratulations to Miss Lewis and her partner on the birth of their baby son Otis! Mother and baby are doing great and I am sure we will see them visit soon.

## Class Fundraising Christmas Card Orders

Your child should have received home a Christmas card design they have created.
You can order Christmas cards and other merchandise with this design via the Class Fundraising website, details on the card on how to do this.
School receives a commission based on the number of sales via the PTA and this goes towards resources and supplementing costs for trips etc

**The closing date for orders is noon on the 16th November.**
**This is to allow for printing and so orders can be delivered in time before we break up for Christmas.**

**Have a lovely weekend everyone!**

**Phil Sheppard**
**Head Teacher**