



WEEKLY INFORMATION SHEET - 14TH MARCH 2025

STAR AWARD WINNERS	
Reception	Elsie
Year 1	Renzo
Year 2	All of Year 2
Year 3	Alfie
Year 4	Darcie
Year 5	Oscar
Year 6	Teegan

CLASS	% ATT	LATES
REC	97.54%	1
YEAR 1	96.51%	2
YEAR 2	93.70%	1
YEAR 3	97.00%	3
YEAR 4	95.06%	1
YEAR 5	97.32%	1
YEAR 6	95.93%	4

HOUSE WINNERS
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HEAD TEACHER'S THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

"Lent is a journey that moves us towards the cross."



Welcome to this week's newsletter. Spring is certainly in the air with some lovely sunshine even though it's still a bit chilly!

Firstly, thanks to all the expressions of interest for 3-year olds from September 2025. As you know, we are currently exploring creating a Foundation Unit for Reception/Nursery children for September 2025 due to birth rates being so low in the coming year. Miss Wild is very excited about it and we are finding out more information as the weeks go on. We will know more in April once we have allocated Reception numbers and update the interested families as soon as we can. Watch this space!

Also thank you to those who have responded to our Homework questionnaire. We really do value your input and are always striving to help parents to support their children.

Big thank you to our Year 3 children who attended the Unity Brook Memorial on Wednesday. We joined children from Spindle Point to read the names of the 43 men and boys who sadly lost their lives in the mining disaster of 1878. Thank you to friends and families who also joined us in the commemoration, it was a very poignant service about our local history. The Year 3 children spoke brilliantly and were a credit to our school.

On Thursday we celebrated National Kidney Day by inviting Penny from Kidneys For Life into school to speak to the children in assembly. As you know, one of our Year 6 children had a Kidney transplant at an early age and has benefitted from the brilliant charity. Penny gave us lots of information and raised awareness of the charity. Thank you so much for all your kind donations for 'wearing a splash of purple' and any change you put into the bucket.



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Ember wanted me to say a special thank you to everyone but especially her friends Adam, Kayleigh and Cleo who have also donated their mini enterprise bangle business money to Kidneys For Life too. Well done guys we are proud of you!

Another congratulations to Year 3 for an amazing trip to Lancashire Mining Museum on Thursday. They have been researching the industrial revolution in History and this gave them some hands-on experience. Thank you to all our helpers on the day, the children were magnificent and represented our school wonderfully well. Miss Stokes can't wait to go again!

Easter Bingo is now in the diary for Wednesday 9th April. This is always a well-attended and fun event with raffles, Duck races and lots of giggles. Doors will open from 6:00pm for a 6:30pm start. Tickets will go on sale next week and all funds raised will go towards school projects from FOSSS.

Next week Year 6 are off to study Ancient Egypt at Bolton museum and Reception are having their ever-popular Creepy Crawly Roadshow!

Finally, we had a lovely visit from Steph and Alison at the Changes Places Team in Bolton. They were conducting their prayer walk around the church schools in Kearsley and Farnworth. They met with myself and some of our Mountain movers. They are spreading the message of prayer and love and enjoyed spending time with our brilliant students. They commented on what a lovely school we are and how we are moving mountains. Well done Alison and Steph on your mammoth walk and thank you for visiting us and for your gifts of love.

Have a wonderful weekend.

*Mr Puckey
Head Teacher*

FOSSS EASTER BINGO AND QUIZ



FOSSS will be hosting an Easter Bingo and Quiz evening on **Wednesday 9th April**. The evening will start at **6:00pm** and will finish around **8:30pm** with a break for supper. Please support this event which promises to be a fun filled evening. Tickets, which include a supper, are **£5.00** per adult and **£2.50** per child. Your child will have brought a letter home this week with an order form to return to school with payment.

Take a look at our Website
www.ststephenskearsley.co.uk



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ADVANCE NOTICE - KS1 EASTER BONNET ASSEMBLY

We are looking forward to seeing parents, friends and relatives at our Key Stage 1 (Reception to Year 2) Easter Bonnet Assembly on **Wednesday 9th April at 9:15am**. All children in Key Stage 1 are invited to make an Easter Bonnet at home which they will parade during the Assembly. First, second and third prizes will be given for the best bonnet in each year level. As usual, ALL children who take part will receive a chocolate treat for their efforts.



EASTER EGG RAFFLE



We are collecting Easter Eggs in school for our Easter Egg Raffle which takes place for three weeks on the run up to Easter. This runs in exactly the same way as the Selection Box Raffle we have at Christmas. If you would like to contribute an Easter Egg for the raffle, your donations will be gladly received in the School Office. Tickets will be on sale for **10p** each.

DANCING FEET - OPEN DAY & PARTY

Dance School Open Day - Saturday 22nd March at 10:30am.

This is free to attend but will need to book and parents must stay with their child. To book a place, please contact **Carol** directly on **07730 565 096**.

Dancing Feet are hosting an **Arty Party** on **Sunday 6th April, 1:00pm-4:00pm** at St Stephen's. During the 3 hours, children will enjoy Easter crafts galore and playing as many party games as they can with prizes to be won. **Tickets are £15** and include a snack and party bag to take home.

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THE UNITY BROOK COLLIERY DISASTER MEMORIAL

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SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER VACANCY

Mrs Kilroy is set to leave us at the end of April, therefore we are looking for a brilliant replacement. Please see below links for further information and application process:

[School Business Manager in Bolton | greater.jobs](#)

[SBM advertisement .pdf](#)

[SMB JD Person Spec.pdf](#)

THREADWORMS

We have recently seen a small increase of children having worms. These are linked to hygiene and cleanliness, and are easily passed on. Please see the following link for some advice -

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/worms-in-humans/>

To prevent worm infections:

- wash your hands before eating or preparing food, and after touching soil or using the toilet
- only drink bottled or boiled water in high-risk areas (places without modern toilets or sewage systems)
- thoroughly wash garden-grown fruit and vegetables
- deworm pet dogs and cats regularly
- dispose of dog and cat poo in a bin as soon as possible



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
Monday 17th March	KS2 Bench Ball 3:15pm - 4:15pm Reception Creepy Crawly Workshop
Tuesday 18th March	KS1 Football 3:15pm - 4:15pm KS2 Girls Football Club 3:30pm - 4:30pm
Wednesday 19th March	Dancing Feet - Street Dance & Hairspray Musical 3:15pm - 4:15pm
Thursday 20th March	KS1 Multi Sports 3:15pm - 4:15pm Y6 Bolton Museum Egyptology Workshop
Friday 21st March	