



WEEKLY INFORMATION SHEET - 23rd JANUARY 2026

STAR AWARD WINNERS	
Reception	Paul
Year 1	Sila
Year 2	Faye
Year 3	Etemma
Year 4	Luca
Year 5	Jacob
Year 6	Dolly

CLASS	% ATT	LATES
REC	96.11	3
YEAR 1	94.49	6
YEAR 2	97.78	2
YEAR 3	98.85	2
YEAR 4	95.73	8
YEAR 5	89.71	3
YEAR 6	97.04	7

HOUSE WINNERS
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HEAD TEACHER'S THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

*"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.
See, I am doing a new thing"*

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter. It's been another busy week in school with lots of high-quality learning and opportunities.

Firstly, I want to say a big thank you to everyone for supporting their children with reading and spelling activities. We know how important reading is in our lives and how 'reading unlocks learning.' Please try to read with your children on a daily basis and record in their Reading Record. Every time your child reads four times (and has been signed off by an adult) they will gain a raffle ticket for the end of term 'Remarkable Readers' draw which is another bonus! We are also very lucky to have some amazing volunteers who come into school to hear children read and help them with their word decoding and phonics.

Reading will always be a priority here at St Stephen's and developing the love of reading is certainly making a difference, let's keep it up and together help children become more confident, increase their vocabulary and understanding and enjoy a good book!

Thanks to Mrs Kerr for all her hard work as our Reading Lead and for helping to bring reading and writing to life in such an engaging way.



This week, I would like to share some important news with our school community as we say goodbye to a much-loved, long-standing member of staff at the end of this half-term. Mrs Bostock has been an integral part of our St Stephen's family for an incredible 32 years.

During that time, she has supported and cared for hundreds of children, helping them grow in confidence, and playing a key role in making our school the happy, welcoming place it is today.

Many families will have fond memories of Mrs Bostock, and her influence will continue to be felt by the children both past and present. While we will miss Mrs Bostock greatly, we are thankful for everything she has contributed and are excited for her as she begins her new chapter with Children Services for Bolton Council. We wish her every happiness and success for the future.

We wish you all a wonderful weekend and can't wait to see you all back on Monday morning ready to keep moving those mountains!

Mr Townsend
Acting Head Teacher

GOODBYE MRS BOSTOCK

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We wish all the very best as she begins her new chapter with Bolton Council, Children Services.

YEAR 1 AUDIOLOGY

The Bolton NHS Foundation Trust Healthy Families Team will be in school on **Wednesday 28th January** offering a Hearing Screening to all children in **Year 1**.

Your child will have a hearing test, using headphones for each ear, to check their response to predetermined sounds; the screening will be completed in a private area in small groups of no more than three children. If your child requires a referral for further assessment following the results of the screening the audiology team will contact you. All screening equipment will be thoroughly cleaned after each child.

Please note your child will be screened for hearing unless you email the Healthy Families Team on HF@boltonft.nhs.uk to inform them that you wish to withdraw consent.



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EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

Please can you ensure all emergency contact details and medical information is up to date for your child. Details are to be updated via the MCAS App using **"Data Collection"** and **"Parental Consent"**.

It is extremely important we have up-to-date information in case there is a need to contact you. Please ensure your child's details are kept up to date so that school are aware of any changes. Any problems, please speak to the Office.

MCAS PAYMENTS

Please remember we are progressing with becoming a cash free school; please make payment via MCAS for Dinners, Clubs, Trips and Ties. Any problems, please speak to Mrs Wall in the Office. Reception Tuck Money will continue as cash payment, to be paid at the start of each term.

SCHOOL DINNER MONEY PAYMENTS

All dinner money needs to be paid in advance. School dinners cost **£2.65 per day; £13.25 per week**.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS IN SCHOOL

If you would like to bring something in for your child on their birthday, we kindly ask if you could donate a "birthday book". Please refrain from bringing sweets, chocolate, cakes into school, in support of our Healthy Eating Policy. Thank you for your understanding.

NSPCC NUMBER DAY



On **Friday 6th February** we will be taking part in Number Day, sponsored by the NSPCC. We will be spending the day promoting numeracy in a fun maths focused way. For a donation of **£1** for the charity, your child may come to school dressed in their own clothes as long as they are sporting a number. This could be a football shirt or even a number cut out and stuck on. Please do not go to any trouble or expense.

YOUNG VOICES 2026



On **Friday 6th February**, our fabulous Choir will be taking part in the Young Voices 2026 Concert at Co-Op Live Arena. Those who have purchased tickets have now been sent directly to the email address school has on the system. Any problems, please speak to Mrs Wall.

The coach will pick students up at 12:15pm and will return to school once the concert finishes. Students will need collecting from school around 10:00pm.



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BREW MONDAY

To begin Children's Mental Health Week, we will be hosting one of our Brew Mondays by inviting parents and carers to join us in Worship on **Monday 9th February** at **9:00am**. Following Worship, we would like to invite you to stay for a brew, biscuit (maybe cake) and a chat. This is an ideal opportunity to connect with like-minded people and help to improve your emotional well-being. We look forward to seeing you.

Y2K BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

To book your child onto the morning or after-school club, please register for online bookings by using the following link: <https://y2kkidzklubuk.kidsclubhq.co.uk/login#/home>

If you have not already registered for online bookings, you will need to click on 'create an account' and follow the directions to register.

Please note, Children must be booked onto the session 24 hours in advance.



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



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
Monday 26 th January	KS2 Dodgeball 3:15pm - 4:15pm
Tuesday 27 th January	Y3 / Y4 Football 3:15pm - 4:15pm
Wednesday 28 th January	Year 1 Audiology Dancing Feet 3:15pm - 4:15pm
Thursday 29 th January	KS1 Gymnastics 3:15pm - 4:15pm
Friday 30 th January	