



WEEKLY INFORMATION SHEET – 24th JANUARY 2025

STAR AWARD WINNERS	
Reception	Heavenly
Year 1	Wallis
Year 2	Ianis
Year 3	Esme
Year 4	Annie
Year 5	Lilly C
Year 6	Alice

CLASS	% ATT	LATES
REC	91.59	5
YEAR 1	93.02	0
YEAR 2	93.01	1
YEAR 3	92.50	6
YEAR 4	98.15	3
YEAR 5	92.62	4
YEAR 6	94.78	4

HOUSE WINNERS
CONISTON & ULLSWATER

GOLDEN RULE WINNER
YEAR 4

HEAD TEACHER'S THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

"Take a leap of faith and begin this wondrous new year by believing"



Welcome to the latest edition of the newsletter. It's been a very interesting week weather wise! Hope everyone stays safe in the high winds.

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 homework 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 they will gain a raffle ticket for the end of term remarkable readers drawer which is another little bonus!

Thanks also for ensuring that homework books are brought in and activities completed for marking every Wednesday. All these activities help support learning and give the children best opportunities to reach their potential. 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!



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Talking of books, the school is looking amazing with our new hall displays based on our new writing scheme. Every class has chosen one of their new books to display and they are fantastic.

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.

We continue to give our children a great curriculum offer in school and the sound of drumming and singing is also filling the air! Mr Raisbeck has taken over from Mrs Raisbeck as our specialist music teacher while she is on maternity leave. Big congratulations on the safe arrival of baby Daniel. Also, great work from Year 5 in their music sessions with Mr Townsend. They are enjoying exploring rhythm and pulse with Mr Townsend as their conductor!

In other news, congratulations to our Boccia team who competed at Bolton Arena on Wednesday afternoon. Mr Haslam was very impressed with their performance, narrowly missing out on a place in the semi-final by goal difference. Well done to the team for such positive play and Mr Haslam for transporting and coaching them superbly!

Finally, please ensure you are driving and parking sensibly around school grounds. Please slow down, make sure you are not parked illegally and respect our neighbours. It is everyone's responsibility to keep our children safe and unfortunately, we have recently witnessed some poor driving and incidents of disrespect towards one another. Traffic officers will be patrolling the streets, so please help keep all our children and adults safe.

Thanks so much for your support.
Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Puckey
Head Teacher



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RECEPTION CHINA TOWN VISIT

To celebrate Chinese New Year, we are taking the Reception children to China Town in Manchester on **Friday 31st January**. The children will tour around this area of Manchester and learn about the Chinese traditions that take place during this time; they will also have the opportunity to sample some of the Chinese food on offer, enhancing their experience of the day.



Children will also visit Manchester Central Library where they will listen to a story and have their lunch. Children who normally have a packed lunch should still bring lunch with them; those who are on school meals will have a packed lunch provided.

YOUNG VOICES CONCERT

St Stephen's (KM) CE School Choir will be joining forces with All Saints Primary School Choir to form part of a massed choir of schools, from all over the North West. This is the largest children's choir concert in the world!

This year's concern will take place on **Tuesday 25th February** at the **Coop Live Arena**, 1 Sports City Way, Etihad Campus, Manchester, M11 3DL and we have **3x tickets available** costing £24 each. The concert starts 6:00pm.

If you would like to attend this inspirational music event, please contact the Office. For more information, please visit <https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/>



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CUBS

If your child is in **Year 3** they are eligible to join the **24th Farnworth (St Stephen's) Scout Group**. The group meets on Mondays from 7:00pm - 8:15pm at the Scout Hut next to school. Your child will be able to take part in lots of amazing activities and have the opportunity to complete Challenge Awards. **Please contact Mrs Savage directly on 01204 270024** if your child is interested in joining.



24th Farnworth (St. Stephen's) Scout Group

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FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

All children who are in receipt of free school meals at St Stephen's will also benefit from school trips being funded by school.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
Monday 27th January	KS2 Dodgeball 3:15pm-4:15pm
Tuesday 28th January	KS1 Gymnastics 3:15pm-4:15pm Y3 & Y4 Football 3.30pm-4.3pm
Wednesday 29th January	Dancing Feet - Cheerleading 3:15pm-4:15pm
Thursday 30th January	KS1 Multi Sports 3:15pm-4:15pm
Friday 31st January	Reception Chinatown Visit