

WEEKLY INFORMATION SHEET - 26th SEPTEMBER 2025

	STAR AWARD WINNERS	
Reception	Ireoluwa	
Year 1	Violet	
Year 2	Lucia	
Year 3	Jessica	
Year 4	Khudur	
Year 5	Toby	
Year 6	Lilly M	

CLASS	% ATT	LATES
REC	99.43	4
YEAR 1	93.33	3
YEAR 2	96.84	1
YEAR 3	96.77	3
YEAR 4	98.08	8
YEAR 5	95.94	3
YEAR 6	91.29	4
Whole	95.19	22
School		

HOUSE WINNERS	_
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HEAD TEACHER'S THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not harm to you, plans to give you hope and a future"

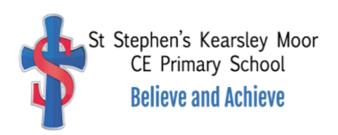


Welcome to the latest newsletter.

I hope you've all had a lovely week and enjoyed the Autumn sunshine. It's been a fabulous week in school!

We welcomed our new Reception class over in church on Wednesday afternoon; their Year 6 buddies did a fabulous job presenting them and taking them around church. The Reception class have settled in so well to the St Stephen's family and are a credit to all the parents.

Thanks to all Year 5 and Year 6 parents who joined us for 'Meet the Teacher' on Monday. I hope you enjoyed the evening and found the information useful. Our main area of focus this year is reading and comprehension across the whole of school. We know the difference that parents can make in supporting their child's reading progress. Please try to listen to your child read at least 4 times a week and record in their reading records. Remember, for each read they will receive a remarkable reader ticket which goes into the bucket for the end of term draw. Make sure you keep looking at Dojo for all homework information and updates from the Teachers, and do not hesitate to come and see them at the door if you have any questions.



Next Wednesday, 1st October, is the first of our Open Days for Reception starters in September 2026. If you've not booked your place, don't worry, you're still welcome to come and visit our lovely school.

There are places still available in this our current Reception class, so please pass the word around about St Stephen's and it's amazing EYFS Team.

Our Year 5 children are working hard in preparation for our Harvest Festival in Church next Friday 3rd October. All parents are invited to attend and we will be starting at 9:15am. It should last approximately 40 mins; please come and join us in singing songs and filling our Church with a thankful sound.

As usual, we are asking for food donations for our Harvest Festival in support of Farnworth and Kearsley Foodbank. Please bring food items such as:

- Tinned Soup / Cup a Soup
- Tinned Meat (Corned Beef, Ham, Hot Dogs, Luncheon Meat)
- Tinned Fish
- Rice (Microwaveable)
- Instant Mash / Noodles
- Biscuits / Sweet Treats
- Custard / Rice Pudding
- Tea, Coffee and UHT Milk
- Deodorant and Shower Gel (Men and Women's)
- Toothpaste and Toothbrushes

Please can children bring their donations in on Friday 3rd October. We will then take them over to Church at the beginning of the service.

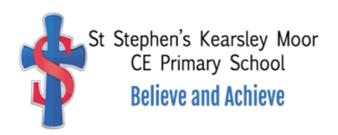
Thanks again for your support with this, it really makes a difference to the lives of local families.

Finally, massive congratulations to two of our Year 4 children who have been crowned British and UK Champions recently. Benjamin was crowned British Under 9, 25kg Kick Boxing Champion in Doncaster last week, bringing home a trophy which stood as tall as him! Jimmy was crowned UK Stunt Scooter Champion at the Scoot UK Championship for 8+ and Under in Corby. We are so very proud of you and your amazing achievements. They really are moving mountains!

Have a great weekend.

Mr Puckey

Head Teacher



HARVEST FESTIVAL

We are holding our Harvest Festival on Friday 3rd October at 9:15am in St Stephen's Church. Parents, Grandparents, relatives and friends are very welcome to come along and enjoy the service, led by Year 5, with us. The children may bring in non-perishable goods on the morning (rice, pasta, tins, toiletries etc) which will be distributed into the community.

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READING

We consider reading at home to be very important for the progress of the children across the curriculum, and we value your support in encouraging your children to read as much as possible at home. Please read a minimum of 4 times per week; each week your child will then also receive a raffle ticket for a draw at the end of term.

Child A	Child B	Child C
20 minutes additional reading at home everyday	5 minutes additional reading at home per day	1 minute additional reading at home per day
60 hours per school year	15 hours per school year	3 hours per school year
1,800,000 words per school year (one million, eight hundred thousand words)	282,000 words per school year (two hundred and eighty two thousand words)	8000 words per school year (eight thousand words)
By the end of Y6, 60 whole days' reading	By the end of Y6, 12 days' reading	By the end of Y6, 3 days' reading
Reading scores usually within 90% range	Reading scores usually within 50% range	Reading scores usually within 10% range



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer is coming into school on **Monday 6th October**. As in previous years, if you have more than one child in school, they will be photographed together. If you wish to have pre-school children photographed with those who attend St Stephen's, please come into school at **8:45am** when these family groups will be taken. Individual photographs will only be taken for those children with no siblings unless we are notified in advance. Thank you.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Polite reminder that we are a nut free school. Please reframe from bringing food or drink that may contain nut into school. We have staff and children with severe nut allergies. Thank you for your cooperation.

HEALTHY SNACK - FRUIT OR VEG

Polite reminder that children's morning snack must be one piece of fruit or veg. Children have snack time at morning break. KS1 children also receive free fruit/veg should you forget to provide your child with a snack. Years 2 to 6 each their snack out on the yard at break time.

PARKING

Please be respectual to our neighbours when parking before and after school. We know there is limited parking outside school, however please avoid parking over driveways or blocking cars in. Please continue in helping to keep drop off and pick up a safe area for our children.

RECEPTION 2026 - OPEN DAY

We will be holding two Open Days for parents of children due to start in Reception Class in 2026. Wednesday 1st October and Tuesday 25th November 9.30am, 1:30pm and 4:30pm

Please contact the School Office on 01204 333642 to book your place.

This is the perfect opportunity to meet the staff, hear about our vision for the school and ask questions about how our provision will ensure your child's potential is really fulfilled. We look forward to welcoming you and your child.

Please also note, we have some places available in our current Reception Class. Please contact the School Office for more details.





IS YOUR CHILD STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2026?

Come and see our fantastic school in action on:

Wednesday Ist October 2025 &

Tuesday 25th November 2025

9:30 / 13:30 / 16:00



Please call the office to book your tour 01204 333642



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	
Monday 29 th September	KS2 Multi-Skills Club	
	3:15pm - 4:15pm	
	KS1 Multi-Skills Club	
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Tuesday 30 th September	KS2 Girl's Football Club	
	Kearsley Academy Football	
	3:30pm - 4:30pm	
	Reception Open Day	
	9:30am, 1:30pm and 4:00pm	
Wednesday 1 st September	Dancing Feet - Street Dance	
	3:15pm - 4:15pm	
Thursday 2 nd September	KS1 Football Club	
	3:15pm - 4:15pm	
	Harvest Festival	
Friday 3 rd September	Church	
	9:15am	