



WEEKLY INFORMATION SHEET - 7TH MARCH 2025

STAR AWARD WINNERS	
Reception	Violet
Year 1	Isla
Year 2	Krystee
Year 3	Benjamin
Year 4	Lydia
Year 5	Matilda
Year 6	Lucas

CLASS	% ATT	LATES
REC	93.06%	4
YEAR 1	98.83%	0
YEAR 2	100%	4
YEAR 3	98.49%	8
YEAR 4	96.93%	3
YEAR 5	95.44%	2
YEAR 6	94.44%	5

HOUSE WINNERS
CONISTON

HEAD TEACHER'S THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

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



Another incredibly busy week at St Stephen's! Loads of great learning has been going on around school as the children continue to strive towards reaching their full potential in all areas of the curriculum.

Our worships this week have been focussed around Lent and the forty days that lead us to the festival of Easter. Mr Puckey began the week looking at the real meaning behind Shrove Tuesday and how the word shrove is derived from shriven meaning 'to forgive sins' - a real important message to remember, as we strive to show tolerance and understanding as part of our justice focus.

On Tuesday, Mr Haslam and Mr Williams took a selection of KS2 girls over to the 3g pitches at Kearsley Academy, after school, to participate in their football sessions. The standard, commitment and enjoyment were off the scale as the girls showed how far they have all come on.

Today, so many classes have enjoyed celebrating World Book Day with so many amazing and creative costumes and activities. As part of our schools' cluster project, all of the children have created a book mark stating their favourite book and author, to be shared with St Teresa's (Little Lever) children. In return, our children will be receiving a bookmark from their children, later in the term; to inspire us to look at some of their choices of books and authors too - how exciting!



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As if that wasn't enough today, Mr Haslam has been running the 'Barclays: Biggest Ever Football Session' encouraging girls to participate and enjoy football, look out for those future 'Lionesses'.

Next week looks to be another busy one: it's Science Week, where the children will be basing their science learning around a famous scientist with lots of investigating and experimenting; Year 3 are off to the Lancashire Mining Museum as part of their History learning and Thursday sees us celebrate 'Kidneys for Life' a charity extremely close to our hearts.

Have a wonderful weekend, we can't wait to see you on Monday for more learning adventures- take care!

Mr Puckey
Head Teacher

SEASON OF LENT



Traditionally, the season of Lent is a time of reflection as we journey through the 40 days in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. In the past this is used as a time of fasting following the example of Jesus. Today, people choose to use the season to commit to a Lenten discipline

As generosity is the outpouring of a lived-out faith, the Mountain Movers would love it if we (a school family) donated an item of non-perishable food for the local food bank. Taking the inspiration from the Lords Prayer, one of the suggestions is that every time you buy a loaf of bread you put a non-perishable food item to one side and bring it in to school so it can be collected by the Mountain Movers.

All donations of non-perishable foods for our community will be gratefully accepted. Thank you in advance for those who choose to support our Lenten Act of generosity. The Mountain Movers Ethos Team

EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION - SEPT 2025 OFFER

We are interested in finding out from our current parents, who may have younger siblings (aged 3), whether they would be interested in sending their child to an Early Years Foundation Unit within St Stephen's Reception Class from September 2025.

To express interest, please complete the following form by Friday 14th March.

<https://forms.office.com/e/2p5dkFshGb>

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



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MY CHILD AT SCHOOL (MCAS) - BROMCOM PARENT APP



A letter will be sent out next week informing you of how our communications will be changing over the coming weeks. As previously communicated, we have moved over to a new Pupil School Management Information System (Bromcom).

We will also be introducing the My Child at School (MCAS) app to parents and carers. MCAS is part of Bromcom; an electronic communication platform which links directly to our school data systems to ensure contact details are up to date and information is received quickly. It will also allow you to book, pay and view up to date information about your child whilst also receiving messages and notifications from us too.

Please see details on the letter to sign up to this system. It is recommended that any adult with parental responsibility for the child signs up.

The website can also be found here: <https://www.mychildatschool.com>

There is no cost for the app - it is free to download and use.

THE UNITY BROOK COLLIERY DISASTER MEMORIAL

As part of their topic work in Year 3, children have been studying the Unity Brook Colliery Disaster. To commemorate this event, there will be a special service held at the memorial by the Unity Brook Inn, 452-454 Manchester Road, Kearsley, BL4 8RX on **Wednesday 12th March at 1:00pm.**



We will walk to the memorial after an early lunch and take part in the service to which parents are welcome to come along. Your child will be back in school for the end of the school day.

KIDNEYS FOR LIFE



The charity 'Kidneys for Life' raises money to enable research into kidney disease, transplantation and dialysis. The research work undertaken offers real hope for patients both now and in the future. This charity is particularly pertinent to two of our families at St Stephen's and we want to show our support by **wearing something purple on Thursday 13th March** for a donation of **£1** for this very worthwhile charity. On Thursday, Penny McKnight, ambassador for the charity, will deliver a whole school assembly and discuss the invaluable work the charity undertakes.

Take a look at our Website
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Y3 LANCASHIRE MINING MUSEUM TRIP

To support their topic this term, the Year 3 children will be going on a trip to Lancashire Mining Museum on Thursday 13th March.

The children will have the opportunity to take a tour of the site visiting the Engine House with its exhibition on the history of mining and to crawl through the mining tunnel. They will visit a mining family cottage and take part in a question and answer session with an ex-miner.

YEAR 5/6 RESIDENTIAL INTERIM PAYMENTS

Please can interim payments for the Year 5 residential to Grasmere (July) and the Year 6 residential to the Anderton Centre (June) be made. Please note, full payment must be made prior to the trips taking place.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE



We will be 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.

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 **Thursday 10th 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.





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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
Monday 10th March	KS2 Bench Ball 3:15pm - 4:15pm
Tuesday 11th March	KS1 Football 3:15pm - 4:15pm KS2 Girls Football Club 3:30pm - 4:30pm
Wednesday 12th March	Dancing Feet - Street Dance & Hairspray Musical 3:15pm - 4:15pm The Unity Brook Colliery Disaster Memorial
Thursday 13th March	KS1 Multi Sports 3:15pm - 4:15pm Y3 Lancashire Mining Museum Trip
Friday 14th March	