



Message from our Assistant Headteacher:

Community Partnership at Christmas

At Sneinton St Stephen's, we strongly believe in working in partnership with our community. We are always grateful for the support we receive from local faith groups, businesses and individual members of the community.

Over the past few weeks, we have been incredibly thankful for the generous support and kindness shown to our school through a number of thoughtful donations for our children and families this Christmas.

We are incredibly thankful to Jo Humberstone, who has donated a selection box for every child, helping to bring some extra festive joy. The **Salvation Army** have also kindly provided present bags to support families within our school community, and we appreciate their continued care and generosity. In addition, the **Renewal Trust** have supported some families through their 'Feel Good' bags, offering further kindness and care at this time of year.

We have also been supported by the **Energy Ombudsman**, part of the **Trust Alliance Group**, who have donated present bags for children in EYFS and Key Stage 1.

In the coming days, the **New Testament Church of God** will be providing a fantastic surprise for all children in school — something we are really looking forward to sharing with them. We are also delighted to be supported by the **Nottingham Panthers**, who are providing teddies for some of our year groups.

These partnerships are incredibly powerful evidence of our children being championed and supported by the wider community, and we are deeply thankful for the care, generosity and kindness shown to our school.



Thank you for your support,
Mrs Doyle, Assistant Headteacher for Aspiration

Merit Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who all received a certificate this week and were part of our assembly today:

Foundation 2 Lizzie & David Ag
Year 1: Whole Class & Sophie
Year 2: Whole Class & Amer
Year 3: Whole Class & Ellis
Year 4: Thalia & Ahmad
Year 5: Kara & Isa
Year 6: Mariyam & Toure



Writers of the Week

Year 1: Ndana
Year 2: Amar
Year 3: Ismail
Year 4: Aaliyah
Year 5: Haniya
Year 6: Alfie



Weekly Attendance

Target - 96.8%

Foundation 2:	99%
Year 1:	96%
Year 2:	95%
Year 3:	91%
Year 4:	90%
Year 5:	92%
Year 6:	77%

Well done to this week's classes with the highest attendance:

F2

F1 Stars of the Week



Daxton, Ivan & Isabella C

In other news...



Christmas Nativities

This week, we were incredibly proud of our **EYFS and Lower Phase children**, who performed two joyful retellings of the story of Jesus' birth. These productions were carefully created by staff, ensuring every child had the opportunity to shine, whether through speaking, singing, dancing, acting or being part of the wider ensemble. What stood out most was the children's confidence, joy and sense of togetherness. It was lovely to welcome so many families into school to share these special moments. Thank you to all who shared their thoughts on our feedback forms.

One parent shared:

"It was absolutely wonderful — such a joyful and uplifting show. The children were so confident, supported each other beautifully and clearly loved every moment."



Upcoming Christmas Events

This coming Wednesday, children will take part in our annual **Christmas Pilgrimage** around Sneinton, with each year group visiting one location to meet a character from the nativity story and reflect on their part in the Christmas journey.

It is also **Christmas Dinner Day**, and children are welcome to wear a Christmas or festive jumper. We will be inviting £1 donations on the day to support Save the Children UK.

In the afternoon, families are warmly invited to our **Upper Phase (Years 4–6) Christmas Carol Service** at St Stephen's Church, taking place from 2:00–2:45pm. The Upper Phase choir will also be performing. Years 1–3 will join the service.



Diary Dates

Tue 16 Dec	Y5 Mini Police Graduation 13:30 – 15:00
Wed 17 Dec	Christmas Pilgrimage – AM Christmas Dinner – Lunch KS2 Carol Service at St. Stephens
Fri 19 Dec	End of Term
Mon 5 Jan	Start of Term
Tue 6 Jan	Y4 visiting Dales Library
Wed 7 Jan	Dentist visit to F2 and Y1
Tue 13 Jan	Y6 visit to Bestwood Country Park
	Y3 visiting Dales Library
Tue 20 Jan	Y2 visiting Dales Library
Wed 28 Jan	F2 and Y1 Drama Workshops

Spotlight



Poppy Appeal

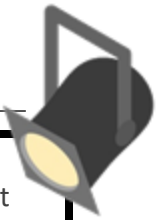
Thank you to everyone who supported the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Together, our school raised **£66.09**, helping to support veterans and their families.

We really appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness.



What have we been learning?



EYFS

This week children from EYFS performed in their Christmas Play. They were absolutely fantastic and it was so lovely to see their confidence and joy on the stage. Thank you to everyone who came to watch and support us. We were delighted to have such an enthusiastic audience!



Year 2

In RE this week, we have been learning about how we belong. We thought carefully about how we are all unique and we celebrated our differences. We learnt about other things that are entirely unique such as fingerprints and snowflakes. To show off our uniqueness, we made these beautiful snowflakes.



Year 4

This week we have been learning about the range of jobs carried out by people the children know. As part of their homework they interviewed people about what they did for a living, and the opportunities and challenges they face. Year 4 have been so wonderful at presenting what they have found out and listening carefully.



Year 6

Year 6 have been investigating frame structures in DT this week. To help us to understand how they work, we did a FaceTime with Rob, a structural engineer, who showed us round his construction site in Egypt. We saw how frames are used in construction and how they are made strong enough to resist external forces and stay intact. Some of us liked the sound of a career in engineering one day! We will be using our knowledge to help us to design and build frame structures next week.



WEEK 4

Autumn Winter 2023/26

01/09/26, 22/09/26, 13/10/26,
03/11/26, 24/11/26, 15/12/26,
05/01/26, 26/01/26, 16/02/26,
09/03/26, 30/03/26



**MAIN
EVENT**



**RAINBOW
MAGIC**



**RAINBOW
ALLEY**



**BIG
TOPPING**



**DESSERT
TROLLEY**

What impact has your meal
had on planet Earth today?



MONDAY

Cheese and Tomato
Pizza Slice
with Wedges

Baked Sweetcorn
Fritters
with Wedges

TUESDAY

Sweet Chilli
Chicken Noodles

Hoisin Sticky
Vegetable Noodles

WEDNESDAY

Roast Chicken,
Stuffing, Skin on
Roasties
and Gravy

Roasted Vegetable
Strudel, Skin on
Roasties and Gravy

THURSDAY

Moroccan Meatball
Tagine and Rice

Sweet Potato Tagine
and Rice

FRIDAY

Golden Fish Fingers
or
Salmon Fingers
and Chips

Cheesy Bean Wrap
with Chips

Vegetable Sticks

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo

Butterfly Pastry
Biscuits

Green Beans

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo

Strawberry and
Pineapple Jelly

Carrots and Cabbage

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo

Banana Bread
and Custard

Mixed Greens

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo

Apple
Cinnamon Buns

Peas

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo

Lemon
Drizzle Cake

VEGETABLE DELI
DAILY SALAD BOWL, FRESHLY BAKED
BREAD, TONGERS AND CUT FISH

PASTA TWISTER
TOPPED PASTA
WITH TUNA TOPPED WITH
ROASTED TOMATO SAUCE
& CHEESE

Autumn Term Faith Events



Church at School

Tue 30 Sep | Tue 14 Oct | Tue 25 Nov | Tue 16 Dec

School Hall, 3:15 – 4:00 pm

Open to all year groups and their families.

Hosted by St. Stephen's Church Leaders

Drink and Snack | Craft | Games | Worship and Bible Stories



Foundation 2 Welcome Service

Thu 2 Oct

St. Stephen's Church, 2.15pm – 2.45pm.

Open to all families with a special invite to the families of Foundation 2 children.



Harvest Festival

Wed 15 Oct

School Hall, 2pm

We will invite families to donate long-life food and drink to be donated to our local Food Banks.



Remembrance Collective Worship

Tue 11 Nov

School Hall, 11:00 am

Our Humanities Leaders will be hosting a short Collective Worship for Remembrance. Children in Y1-Y6 will attend this. Families are welcome to join us.



Christmas Fayre

Wed 3 Dec

School Hall and Playground, 3:15 – 5:00 pm

An opportunity for all in our community to celebrate together.

Food and Drink | Christmas Craft | Christmas Stories | Stalls



EYFS Nativity

Tue 9 Dec

School Hall, Morning Performance 9:30 am, Afternoon Performance 1:30 pm

All families of children in EYFS are invited to attend these performances. Our Learning Mentor will be providing tea and coffee in the Community Room before each performance begins.



Lower Phase Nativity (Y1, Y2 and Y3)

Thu 11 Dec

School Hall, Morning Performance 9:30 am, Afternoon Performance 1:30 pm

All families of children in EYFS are invited to attend these performances. Our Learning Mentor will be providing tea and coffee in the Community Room before each performance begins.



Christmas Pilgrimage

Wed 17 Dec

Children across the school (Y1 – Y6) travel out of school and into Sneinton to visit characters relating to the events of Jesus' birth. They interview the characters and complete activities relating to their event in their classrooms. We ask for adult volunteers to join classes to support walking to the locations.



Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Service

Wed 17 Dec

St. Stephen's Church 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Children in Key Stage 2 invite their families to join them in a carol concert at St. Stephen's.

School Dates 2025-26

AUGUST 2025							SEPTEMBER 2025							OCTOBER 2025						
M		4	11	18	25		M	1	8	15	22	29		M		6	13	20	27	
T		5	12	19	26		T	2	9	16	23	30		T		7	14	21	28	
W		6	13	20	27		W	3	10	17	24			W	1	8	15	22	29	
T		7	14	21	28		T	4	11	18	25			T	2	9	16	23	30	
F	1	8	15	22	29		F	5	12	19	26			F	3	10	17	24	31	
S	2	9	16	23	30		S	6	13	20	27			S	4	11	18	25		
S	3	10	17	24	31		S	7	14	21	28			S	5	12	19	26		

NOVEMBER 2025							DECEMBER 2025							JANUARY 2026						
M		3	10	17	24		M	1	8	15	22	29		M		5	12	19	26	
T		4	11	18	25		T	2	9	16	23	30		T		6	13	20	27	
W		5	12	19	26		W	3	10	17	24	31		W		7	14	21	28	
T		6	13	20	27		T	4	11	18	25			T	1	8	15	22	29	
F		7	14	21	28		F	5	12	19	26			F	2	9	16	23	30	
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FEBRUARY 2026							MARCH 2026							APRIL 2026						
M		2	9	16	23		M		2	9	16	23	30	M		6	13	20	27	
T		3	10	17	24		T		3	10	17	24	31	T		7	14	21	28	
W		4	11	18	25		W		4	11	18	25		W	1	8	15	22	29	
T		5	12	19	26		T		5	12	19	26		T	2	9	16	23	30	
F		6	13	20	27		F		6	13	20	27		F	3	10	17	24		
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MAY 2026							JUNE 2026							JULY 2026						
M		4	11	18	25		M	1	8	15	22	29		M		6	13	20	27	
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AUGUST 2026						
M		3	10	17	24	31
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W		5	12	19	26	
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Key						
	In school					
	School holiday					
	Public holiday					
	In Service Training Day					

Regular Community Events at School (open to all)



Family Breakfast 'Books and Breakfast'

Every Monday morning

School Hall 8:15 am – 8:45 am



Parent/Carer Tea and Coffee Drop-In

Every Friday morning (*Starting 20 Sep*)

Community Room 8:35 am – 9:30 am



Church at School, Led by St. Stephen's Church

Once a Month

School Hall 3:30 pm – 4:15 pm



Parent/Carer Prayer Group



For more information about these events or other ways to get involved at school, please speak to our Learning Mentor, Mrs Pruszek or our Headteacher, Mr Lowe.



Christmas Holiday Club

Open to all children aged 3 to 11 years, with funded places available for children in Reception to Year 6

We are running two days of Christmas parties on 22nd and 23rd December, which will include lots of festive activities, games, craft and a disco!



RUNNING AT:

- Claremont Primary School, Sherwood
- Firbeck Academy, Wollaton
- Huntingdon Academy, St Ann's
- Stanstead Flying High Academy, Rise Park

HOW TO BOOK:

Scan the QR code or visit our [website](http://www.holidayactivities.com)



FREE places available for children in receipt of benefit-related free school meals

To book a funded place visit www.holidayactivities.com



Some
sessions
maybe
virtual

The Music Man Project



A monthly music workshop for people with learning disabilities

Carers are welcome (essential where health/care needs dictate)

Friday 5th December 10.30am onwards

The Salvation Army
William Booth Memorial Centre,
14 Notintone Place,
Sneinton, NG2 4QG



Contact:
ian.young@salvationarmy.org.uk
07587348459

Warm up Wednesday



Wednesday 4:30pm to 6:30pm

Cherry Lodge, King Edward Park

Free – open to Nottingham City residents only

Join us for a hot meal and a warm welcome – book your hour slot!



Book here



Carols around the Christmas Tree



Sunday 21 December, 10:30am

Cherry Lodge, King Edward Park

Carlton Road NG3 2AS

Join Church@Community for carols around the Christmas Tree – make a Christingle and enjoy a hot drink and a mince pie. No need to book just turn up!

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**Community Games
Holiday Club**

**THE OLIVER HIND YOUTH CLUB,
EDALE ROAD,
NG2 4HT**

**MONDAY 22ND - TUESDAY 23RD DECEMBER
FRIDAY 2ND JANUARY**

**FREE place and lunch for children eligible for
free school meals
when booking with your E-voucher**

10:00am - 2:00pm **Ages 5 - 12**

PLEASE BRING A REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLE
WEAR SUITABLE CLOTHING FOR THE WEATHER
Children can choose from a variety of sports and creative activities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT VOUCHERS
Email - support@holidayactivities.com

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PLACES TO GO Pg 5
THINGS TO DO Pg 14-15
COMPETITIONS Pg 30

WINTER 2025/26



MAGAZINE & WEBSITE THE GO-TO GUIDE FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILD

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Raining2go have produced a great Winter Magazine with lots of things for families to do this season, we hope you enjoy reading it!

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OF SCIENCE & CURIOSITY

2026

SOWING SNEINTON & FOSAC

PRESENT...

Four special science sessions at Lindum Grove
Community Garden !!

Behind Tow'j Supermarket, Sneinton, NG2 3DG

Monday 9th Feb 2026 The fascinating world of soil - suitable for 0-99 years
10.30am - 1pm

Thursday 12th Feb The fascinating world of soil - suitable for 0-5 years
10am - 12.30pm

Monday 16th Feb Monitoring & helping local wildlife- suitable for 0-99
10.30am - 1pm

Thursday 19th Feb Monitoring & helping local wildlife - suitable for 0-5
10am - 12.30pm

Sessions are free - no booking required -
include hot drinks and free vegetarian lunch
suggested lunch donation is £2

www.sowingsneinton.org



LINDUM GROVE
COMMUNITY GARDEN

WINTER HOLIDAY CLUB

10am - 12.30pm

Mon 22nd Dec

Tues 30th Dec

PLAY-GARDEN-HARVEST-
COOK & EAT TOGETHER



ALL WELCOME

Children
to be
accompanied
by an adult

Suggested donation
of £2

Free if on benefits
or an asylum
seeker

at Lindum Grove
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(behind Tow'j Supermarket)

No booking needed

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