



Message from our Headteacher:

Chickens at Sneinton St. Stephen's

Last year, our senior leadership team received a letter from our children asking if we could keep chickens at school. They had been thinking about how wonderful it would be to watch hens hatch, see them grow, learn how to care for them, and one day collect eggs to share with our community. Their letter was full of excitement, curiosity, and a lot of persuasive language!

Our Allotment Officer, Kathryn, has driven this idea forward and, this term, launched a fundraising campaign so we could buy a hen house and a run for the school. We were blown away by the generosity of the community who supported this. We reached our target of £600 to fund the equipment needed to keep the hens properly. We were also generously donated a hen house from the community!

As we explored this project further, we discovered that keeping hens in schools offers real educational value. According to the British Hen Welfare Trust, keeping hens in school can help children learn where food comes from, understand life cycles, and develop skills linked to responsibility and empathy.

They also highlight that caring for hens supports wellbeing, providing calming, purposeful activity that can make a positive difference to children's school experience.

Just as importantly, we want our hens to thrive. The British Hen Welfare Trust makes it clear that hens must be kept in a safe, secure environment where their physical and emotional needs are met. We are taking this responsibility seriously, ensuring that the space we provide, our routines, and our staff training reflect high welfare standards.

We are hoping to welcome our new hens later this academic year, and they will be housed beside the allotment, near the school pond — a quiet, natural space that offers opportunities for children and families to observe and care for the hens with staff support.

Thank you for your support,
Mr Lowe



Merit Assembly

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

Foundation 2: Arabella & Mayas

Year 1: Ellis & Isla B

Year 2: Ruby-Mae & Evie

Year 3: Johan & Joshua

Year 4: Bella-Mae & Jaxon

Year 5: Saffron & Breccan

Year 6: Theo & Ben



Writers of the Week

Year 1: Senashi

Year 2: Reign

Year 3: Baryl

Year 4: Kaitlyn

Year 5: Harley

Year 6: Whole Class



Weekly Attendance

Target - 96.8%

Foundation 2: 97%

Year 1: 98%

Year 2: 94%

Year 3: 87%

Year 4: 93%

Year 5: 94%

Year 6: 93%

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

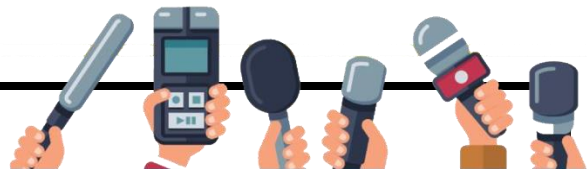
Year 1

F1 Stars of the Week



Isabelle, Dominion, Eli

In other news...



Enrichment Opportunities

Our children have had an amazing time filled with a range of exciting enrichment opportunities:

- Our **Shine Drama group** were given the opportunity to visit Nottingham Playhouse Christmas Pantomime – Snow White.
- Our **Y4** children enjoyed breakfast in Sneinton with our Attendance Officer, Mr Buckmaster, as they received overall best attendance last term.
- **Y2** visited Newstead Abbey for a special Christmas trip, linked to their Victorians topic.
- **Y1** visited Dales Library for a reading for pleasure session.



EYFS Parent/Carer Reading Meeting

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined our EYFS reading meeting this week. It was wonderful to share how we work together with families to cultivate a strong Reading for Pleasure culture and how this begins right from the earliest stages. We explored ways to enjoy books together at home, nurture a love of stories, and introduce the first phonics books in a way that supports confidence and joy.



Christmas Fayre – Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Christmas Fayre. It was wonderful to see so many families and members of our community gathering together to celebrate the start of the festive season.

A huge thank you to our staff team for coordinating the event, and to our brilliant Learning Support Assistants for planning and leading the craft activities that the children loved. Thank you also to our musicians, whose performances brought so much joy and atmosphere.

A special thank you goes to Louise for cooking for us and providing the mince pies, cookies and biscuits that proved incredibly popular. She also supported us in making the delicious hot chocolate that so many of you enjoyed!



Diary Dates

Tue 9 Dec	EYFS Nativity 9:30am and 1:30pm
Thu 11 Dec	Lower Phase Nativity 9:30am and 1:30pm
Thu 11 Dec	Choir performing at St. Christopher's Christmas Fayre.
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

Spotlight



Job Opportunities at Sneinton St. Stephen's

We are currently advertising for a **Midday Supervisor** and a **Care Assistant**. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please follow the links below for more information and how to apply.

Midday Supervisor

Permanent post

Applications close: Thursday 11th December

Midday Supervisor

Sneinton C of E Primary School
Nottingham, Nottinghamshire



Salary: £4,147 Actual Salary per annum

Posted yesterday

[Click for more info](#)

Care Assistant

Fixed-term until 31st August 2026

Applications close: Monday 15th December

Care Assistant

Sneinton C of E Primary School
Nottingham, Nottinghamshire

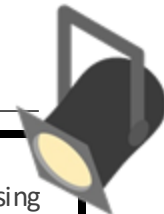


Salary: Actual salary 22,004.38 – 22,353....

Posted today

[Click for more info](#)

What have we been learning?



EYFS

In F1, we've been exploring the different ways vegetables can be used to create art. We used a variety of vegetables including potatoes, carrots, broccoli and swede. The children learned how to make their own natural stamps by cutting the vegetables into different shapes and dipping them in paint.



Year 1

Year One have had a very busy week practising for our nativity. We still had time to go to Dale's library on Tuesday. The children explored the books and independently chose and read them. They had a brilliant time! We read a lovely story together about the stars and the sun! They walked so sensibly there and back. We are so proud of them.



Year 3

This week we completed our DT project. We cooked Indus Valley lentil daal (khichri), with a cucumber and mint raita and spiced flatbreads! The children learned to chop onions, tomatoes and cucumber, rip spinach and mint leaves, mix and knead bread and grate garlic.



Year 5

Year 5 have started to learn about equivalent fractions in maths.

We've been using fraction walls to understand fraction families and notice patterns that will help our understanding.



FOOD FESTIVAL

By Aspens

WEEK 3

Autumn Winter 2025/26

15/09/25, 06/10/25, 27/10/25,
17/11/25, 08/12/25, 29/12/25,
19/01/26, 09/02/26, 02/03/26,
23/03/26

LUNCHTIME

PRIMARY
WORLD



MONDAY

Cheese and Tomato
Pizza Slice
with Wedges 

Macaroni Cheese 

Vegetable Sticks

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo 

Sweet Potato
Chocolate Brownie 

TUESDAY

Mild Chicken Tikka
Masala and Rice 

Tarka Dhal 

Carrots and
Green Beans

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo 

Jelly 

WEDNESDAY

Roast Pork,
Skin on Roasties
and Gravy 

Carrot & Stuffing
Puff Pastry Plait,
Skin on Roasties
with Gravy 

Roasted Roots

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo 

Eve's Apple
Pudding & Custard 

THURSDAY

Chicken Rasta Pasta 

Sweet Potato Coconut
Bean Stew
with Rice 

Sweetcorn

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo 

Muesli Bars 

FRIDAY

Golden Fish
Fingers
& Chips 

Vegetable Fingers
with Chips 

Baked Beans

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo 

Vanilla Cookies 



What impact has your meal
had on planet Earth today?



AVAILABLE DAILY

DAILY SALAD BOWL, FRESHLY BAKED
BREAD, YOGHURTS AND CUT FRUIT



PASTA
TWIRLER
AVAILABLE
EVERY DAY

TOPPED PASTA
HOT PASTA TOPPED WITH
HOMEMADE 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	
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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						
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AUGUST 2026						
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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

2nd and 4th Monday of each month

Community Room 8:45 am – 9:15 am



For more information about these events or other ways to get involved at school, please speak to our Learning Mentor, Mrs Pruszk 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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Feel Good Christmas Festival

Saturday 6 December

10:30am to 2:30pm

Cherry Lodge, King Edward Park
Carlton Road NG3 2AS



Free entry

Children's funfair,
Christmas activities
and refreshments



Book your place to visit Santa's Grotto and receive a gift

£2 per child

Book your place: bookwhen.com/renewaltrust



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