



Message from our EYFS Lead:

EYFS Learning Celebration

This term has been a rich learning journey for our Early Years children, who have been busy developing new knowledge, practising important skills and deepening their understanding of the world around them. Their curiosity, problem-solving and growing independence have been wonderful to see, and they have flourished over the half term.

Last week, we were delighted to welcome families into school for our Autumn Parent Afternoon—a chance for the children to share and celebrate the learning they have been working on this half term. Thank you to everyone who joined us.



The children spoke confidently about what they had learned and proudly demonstrated the skills they have been developing.

Families engaged in a range of hands-on activities linked to our autumn learning journey, including:

- **Autumn leaf light catchers** to explore colour, pattern and translucency
- **Planting bulbs** to investigate seasonal change and growth
- **Clay hedgehogs** to develop fine-motor control and creative design skills
- **Sampling a homemade autumn vegetable soup**, using ingredients the children helped to prepare themselves.

A huge thank you to our EYFS staff team, whose creativity, planning and dedication have provided such rich learning opportunities for our children this half term. We are excited to see what the children will continue to learn, discover and achieve as they move into their next topic.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Baldwin-Thorley, EYFS Lead

Merit Assembly

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

Foundation 2: Lily & Arfa
Year 1: Samuel & Hassan
Year 2: Whole Class & Hania
Year 3: Ellis & Leandro
Year 4: Giovanni & Skylar
Year 5: Victor & George
Year 6: Adam & Henry



Writers of the Week

Year 1: Hannah
Year 2: Alfie
Year 3: Whole Class
Year 4: Maria
Year 5: Nia
Year 6: Perfection



Weekly Attendance

Target - 96.8%

Foundation 2: 98%

Year 1: 97%

Year 2: 98%

Year 3: 95%

Year 4: 100%

Year 5: 96%

Year 6: 92%

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

Year 4

F1 Stars of the Week



Sadie, Zaviyar & Shahran

In other news...



Learning From Others

A group of staff recently visited Whitefield Primary School in Liverpool, an outstanding school with a strong reputation for inclusion and curriculum innovation. It was inspiring to spend time with their team, observe their approaches, and reflect on how we can continue to enhance our own practice. We returned with lots of ideas and resources to share, which will help enrich our provision here at Sneinton. We are delighted to be continuing this partnership and look forward to welcoming the Whitefield team to our school later this year.



Staffing Updates

Upcoming Leave

As many of you will know, **Mr Lowe** will be taking a short period of leave as his family welcomes a new arrival. During this time, our Assistant Headteachers, Mrs Doyle and Miss Curtis, will take on additional leadership responsibilities to ensure the school continues to run smoothly. They will be available should you need anything in Mr Lowe's absence.



Farewells

This term, we will be saying goodbye to **Miss Baker**, our Year 5 teacher, who has secured a new role with the Local Authority supporting families of children with special educational needs and disabilities. We are also saying farewell to **Mrs Mason**, our Midday Supervisor, who is moving on to a new role after supporting our children for many years. I am sure you will join us in thanking both of them for all they have given to Sneinton St Stephen's and in wishing them every success for the future.



Diary Dates

Wed 3 Dec	Christmas Fayre
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

Reminders



After-School Clubs – Autumn Term

As we approach the end of term, our after-school clubs have now finished for the autumn. Our wraparound care will continue to run as usual for both breakfast and after school.

Miss Swift's Friday Dance Club will continue, as will Shine Drama Club. We look forward to sharing our new after-school club offer for the Spring Term in the New Year.

A huge thank you to our Learning Support Assistants who plan and lead these clubs for our children.

Christmas Dinner Sign-Up

If you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner in school, please complete the short form below by 1st December so we can confirm numbers with the kitchen team.

Form link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/ZC7x7QxZx6>

What have we been learning?

EYFS

This week in F2, we have been looking for signs of winter arriving. We saw ice, frost and trees with no leaves on them.

We know that the seasons are changing when we look at our environment. We especially enjoyed smashing and stamping on some ice and seeing it crack!



Year 2

Year 2 had a wonderful time at Newstead Abbey this week to experience a Victorian Christmas! We played games, made scent bags, experienced a magic light show and also visited the children's nurseries and school room. We had a brilliant day and Year 2 showcase so much of their knowledge from their topic.

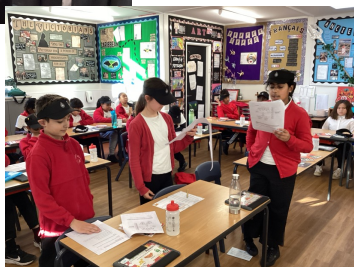


Year 5

Year 5 have been taking part in Mini Police throughout the Autumn Term.

This week, we acted out our very own court scene so that we could understand the Criminal Justice System in more detail.

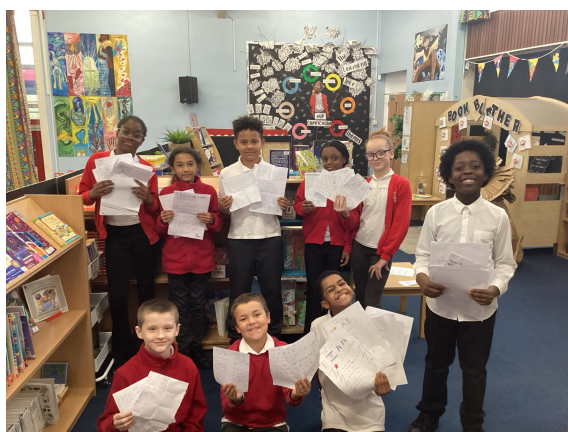
We even had a Magistrate come into class to talk to us about their role in court. The children loved it!



Year 6

Year 6 have shown incredible enthusiasm during Young Poets' Week! Every day this week we have written, read and shared poetry from the best contemporary poets including Laura Mucha and Zohab Zee Khan.

Here are some of the poems the children have written at home - they have been so inspired and we have loved their creativity.



FOOD FESTIVAL

By Aspens

WEEK 2

Autumn Winter 2025/26

08/09/25, 29/09/25, 20/10/25,
10/11/25, 01/12/25, 22/12/25,
12/01/26, 02/02/26, 23/02/26,
16/03/26

LUNCHTIME

PRIMARY
WORLD



MONDAY

Vegetable Lasagne



TUESDAY

Chicken Jambalaya



WEDNESDAY

Roast Gammon,
Skin on Roasties
and Gravy



THURSDAY

Spanish Chicken
Stew, Potatoes &
Tomato Sauce



FRIDAY

Golden Fish Fingers
and Chips



Green Veg & Butter
Bean Pie
with Wedges



Veggie Enchiladas
with Rice



Cheddar and Broccoli
Crustless Quiche



Spanish Spinach &
Chickpeas with
Potatoes &
Tomato Sauce



BBQ Veggie Wrap
with Chips



Sweetcorn

Broccoli

Carrots and Peas

Mixed Greens

Baked Beans

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo



Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo



Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo



Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo



Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo



Flapjack



Orange and
Peach Jelly



Apple Tea Cake
and Custard



Iced Vanilla
Sponge Cake



Carrot Cake



AVAILABLE DAILY

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

PASTA
TWIRLER
AVAILABLE
EVERY DAY

HOT PASTA TOPPED WITH
HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE
& CHEESE



What impact has your meal
had on planet Earth today?



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	
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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	
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T		6	13	20	27		T	4	11	18	25			T	1	8	15	22	29	
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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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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 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

Advent Activity Night

Join church@community to build an Advent nativity Lantern – book your half hour slot to build and decorate your lantern, then take it home



supported by:



Monday 1 December

3:30pm to 6pm

Cherry Lodge, King Edward Park, Carlton Road NG3 2AS

50p per person

Book your place bookwhen.com/renewaltrust



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



WINTER 2025/26



MAGAZINE & WEBSITE

THE GO-TO GUIDE FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILD

raring2go.co.uk

WINTER 2025/26

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

Please click on the link below!

<https://8bbal.r.a.d.sendibm1.com/mk/cl/f/sh/SMK1E8tHeG13GxqL4ibhEtSS1bF6/P4mXzMEVrgfX>

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!

