



Message from our Assistant Headteacher:

Christmas Events at Sneinton St Stephen's

We have a number of Christmas events coming up and hope that families will be able to join us where possible. These occasions are an important part of our school year and a chance for our community to come together.

Christmas Fayre – Wednesday 3 December

Our annual Christmas Fayre will take place on Wednesday 3 December, on the top yard from 3.15pm to 4.45pm. There will be hot chocolate, mince pies and cookies available to buy, alongside free eco-craft activities for children and families. There will be music playing across the yard, and we look forward to welcoming families along.

School Nativities – Tuesday 9 & Thursday 11 December

Our much-loved school nativities return to the hall this year.

- EYFS Nativity – Tuesday 9 December
- Lower Phase Nativity – Thursday 11 December

Each performance has two showings: 9.30am and 1.30pm. Families are warmly invited to join us for a drink and a biscuit in the community room from 9.00am or 1.00pm, ahead of each performance.



Christmas Pilgrimage, Dinner & Carol Service –

Wednesday 17 December will be a very special day in school. The children will begin the morning with a Christmas pilgrimage, travelling around Sneinton to meet different characters from the nativity story. Afterwards, all children will come together to enjoy our school Christmas Dinner.

In the afternoon, Upper Phase (Years 4–6) will lead our Carol Service at St Stephen's Church from 2.00pm–3.00pm, and we warmly welcome families to join us for this festive celebration.

We are delighted to be supported once again by a number of community partners who are working behind the scenes to offer festive gifts and experiences for our children and families. We look forward to sharing and celebrating these with you over the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued 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: Simon & Amarni

Year 1: Khaya & Gracie-Mae

Year 2: Theodora & Mahesha

Year 3: Aivah-Leigh & Isla

Year 4: Aamina & Kourosh

Year 5: Harmony & Theo

Year 6: Joseph & Louis



Writers of the Week

Year 1: Nanditha

Year 2: Farhan

Year 3: Ellis

Year 4: Euny

Year 5: Frith

Year 6: Ines



Weekly Attendance

Target - 96.8%

Foundation 2: 90%

Year 1: 97%

Year 2: 95%

Year 3: 99%

Year 4: 93%

Year 5: 97%

Year 6: 96%

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

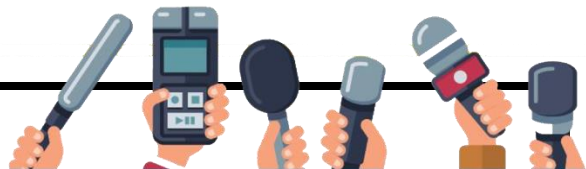
Year 3

F1 Stars of the Week



Ilisa, Aalim & Elsie

In other news...



Enrichment Opportunities

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

Y3 and Y6 have continued their Autumn Term Swimming Lessons.

Y4 visited the University of Nottingham University for a Viking Discovery Day linked to this term's topic.

Y2 and Y3 continued their singing tuition, kindly provided by St. Mary's Church

Y4-Y6 children have continued their singing tuition with Rachel Bussell and Marcia Hoffman and are excited to showcase their talents at our Upper Phase Carol Service.



Nottingham Council House – World Children's Day

On Thursday, a group of pupils from Upper Key Stage 2 represented our school at a special World Children's Day event at Nottingham Council House. This was an exciting opportunity for children to have their voices heard as part of the early planning for making Nottingham a more child-friendly city.

During the session, pupils shared the places in Nottingham they enjoy, alongside areas they feel could be improved. They discussed ideas for changes in the city centre and voted on the top three priorities for future development. They also contributed views on how children travel around Nottingham.

The children really enjoyed the session and appreciated the chance to have their voices heard.



Parent/Carer Evening – Thank You!

Thank you to all families who joined us this week for our Autumn Parents/Carer Evening meetings.

We are grateful for your engagement and any feedback offered. Thank you as well to Mrs Walker and the Digital Leads for their excellent showcase in the STEM Centre. If you weren't able to attend this week, your child's class teacher will be in touch to offer an alternative appointment or a phone call.



Diary Dates

Thu 27 Nov	Y2 Newstead Abbey Trip
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 Play Equipment

A reminder that school's play equipment should not be used after school during collection time.

We have asked children to make sure all equipment is put away in the boxes, and these should remain closed at the end of the day.

Please also be aware that the trim trail, climbing frames and slides should only be used under the supervision of a responsible adult.



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/ZC7x7OxZx6>

What have we been learning?

EYFS

This week, we loved welcoming our families and friends to our Autumn Craft Afternoon. The children had a wonderful time creating autumn leaf light catchers, planting bulbs, and sculpting their own clay hedgehogs. We also enjoyed some delicious autumn soup that the children helped to make. It was a fantastic way to celebrate the season together!



Year 1

Year one have been learning about Charles Darwin. We pretended we were him, travelling across the continents and studying animals.

We picked animals to draw like Charles Darwin did.

We wrote about our discoveries.

It has been a very fun week.



Year 3

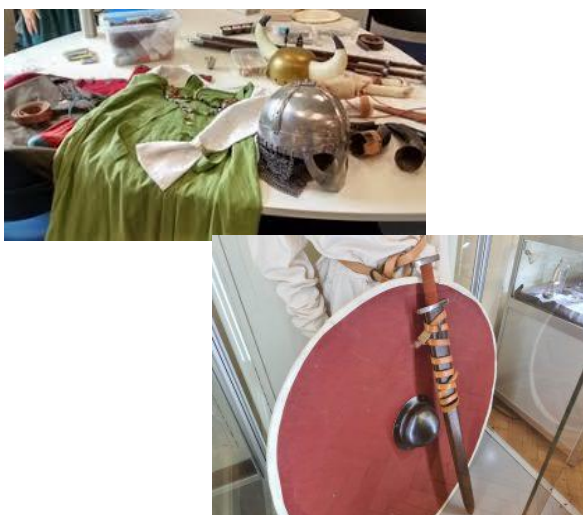
We made Indus Valley seals from clay. We shaped the clay, carved an animal or a symbol, and pressed it to make a print. It showed us how people in the Indus Valley marked their goods long ago (a bit like a brand's logo today). Some people also believed their seals could bring protection or good luck.



Year 4

Year 4 have a great day out to Nottingham University this week for the Viking Exploration Day!

They had the opportunity to handle armor, have a go at a treasure hunting game and even found what items you would be buried with in Viking times. It was a brilliant and informative day and they all behaved exceptionally.



FOOD FESTIVAL

By Aashita

WEEK 1

Autumn Winter 2025/26

03/09/25, 22/09/25, 13/10/25,
03/11/25, 24/11/25, 15/12/25,
05/01/26, 26/01/26, 16/02/26,
09/03/26, 30/03/26



MAIN
EVENT



HEAT THE
MAGIC

Veggie Mix



RAINBOW
ALLEY

Vegetables and Toppings



BIG
TOPPING

Added Toppings



DESSERT
TROLLEY

What impact has your meal
had on planet Earth today?



LUNCHTIME

PRIMARY
WORLD



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese and Tomato Pizza Slice with Wedges	Sweet Chilli Chicken Noodles	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Skin on Roasties and Gravy	Moroccan Meatball Tagine and Rice	Golden Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips
Baked Sweetcorn Fritters with Wedges	Hoisin Sticky Vegetable Noodles	Roasted Vegetable Strudel, Skin on Roasties and Gravy	Sweet Potato Tagine and Rice	Cheesy Bean Wrap with Chips
Vegetable Sticks	Green Beans	Carrots and Cabbage	Mixed Greens	Peas
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
Butterfly Pastry Biscuits	Strawberry and Pineapple Jelly	Banana Bread and Custard	Apple Cinnamon Buns	Lemon Drizzle Cake

AVAILABLE DAILY

DAIRY SALAD BOWL, FRESHLY BAKED
BREAD, YOGHURT AND CUT FRUIT



PASTA
TWIRLER

Available 1st Oct - 31st Oct

TOPPED PASTA

Hot PASTA TOPPED WITH
BOMBARDI 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	
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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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FEBRUARY 2026							MARCH 2026							APRIL 2026						
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MAY 2026							JUNE 2026							JULY 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

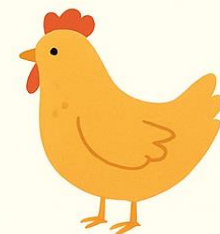
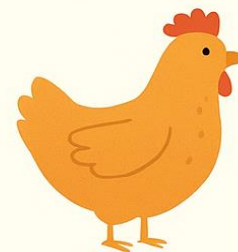
HOW TO BOOK:

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



Help Us Bring Chickens to Sneinton C of E!

We're raising money for a new chicken project at Sneinton C of E Primary School.



Give children the chance to learn about and enjoy caring for chickens



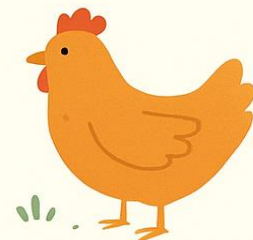
Share fresh eggs with our school and wider community

Please donate to our Crowdfunder:

www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/sneinton-eggs

Every little helps - thank you for your support!

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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

Raring2go 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!



Book here

