



Message from our Headteacher:



DfE announces 36 new attendance and behaviour hubs

Sneinton St. Stephen's in the news:

RISE Attendance & Behaviour Hub Lead School

We are delighted to share the exciting news that Sneinton St Stephen's has been selected by the Department for Education to become a RISE Attendance and Behaviour Hub Lead School. This is a significant achievement for our community and a recognition of the strong, inclusive culture that has been developed over many years.

The RISE hub programme brings together a small number of schools nationally, with an exceptional track-record in attendance and behaviour, to support other schools across the country. The focus is on creating safe, supportive and inclusive school environments where every child can thrive, and where strong attendance and respectful relationships underpin learning and wellbeing.

As one of currently **56 hub lead schools**, we will be working collaboratively with other schools to share the successful strategies that underpin our excellent levels of attendance, our values-led approach to behaviour, and the deep partnership we have with our families. This work also gives us the chance to learn from others, strengthening our own practice as we continue striving for excellence.

Guided by our school mission and belief that 'Together, We Can Achieve,' we are committed to helping strengthen inclusive approaches to attendance and behaviour so that every child — here at Sneinton and beyond — can flourish.

Over the coming months, we will keep families updated on how this work develops and how it will continue to benefit our children and families. We are proud to play a part in a national programme that puts children's wellbeing, belonging and success at its heart.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mr M. Lowe

Merit Assembly

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

Foundation 2: Frankie & Hammad

Year 1: Harrison & Avery

Year 2: Amer & Amar

Year 3: Chaithra & Baryal

Year 4: Bryan & Henos

Year 5: Hiyab & Aleeza

Year 6: Oscar & George



Writers of the Week

Year 1: Aleesa

Year 2: Anaya

Year 3: Nathan C

Year 4: Gloria

Year 5: Rumaisa

Year 6: Chloe



Weekly Attendance

Target - 96.8%

Foundation 2: 93%

Year 1: 99%

Year 2: 98%

Year 3: 97%

Year 4: 94%

Year 5: 97%

Year 6: 93%

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

Year 1

F1 Stars of the Week



Zuri, Isabela & Erena

In other news...



Reading Celebration Assembly

We had a wonderful whole-school assembly on Wednesday celebrating reading.

- Our librarians shared brilliant book recommendations and introduced our new Reading Recommendation Book, now in the library for children to explore and contribute to.
- Mrs Doyle also launched her Poetry Challenge, and we celebrated the 115 children who have been consistently reading at home this term — an amazing achievement!

A big well done to Year 2, who topped the regular readers leaderboard, with Year 6 in second place and Year 3 in third. Congratulations too to Theo, Cataleya and Rahman, who won our reading voucher raffle, and to Leon's family, who won the school-home prize draw.

At Sneinton, reading for pleasure is central to our vision for every child. If you would like support with developing reading routines at home, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact Mrs Doyle.

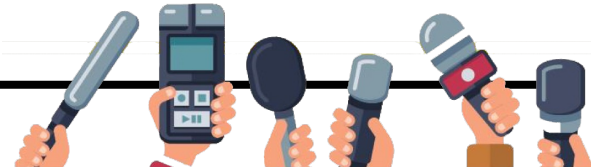


Pause for Remembrance

On Tuesday, all classes came together for a reflective Remembrance Collective Worship.

We explored why remembrance matters and different ways remembrance is marked around the world. We emphasised the importance of recognising the service and sacrifice of people from many countries, backgrounds and faiths, whose contributions have helped to shape the freedoms we enjoy today. Our children showed real thoughtfulness as they considered what remembrance means for a diverse, global community like ours.

We were especially proud to celebrate Jahmai and Elliott, who are both members of the Sea Cadets and both participated in the Nottingham Remembrance Day Parade at the weekend. They shared their experiences of the parade, and their maturity and sense of responsibility were wonderful to see.



Diary Dates

Wed 19 Nov	Parent/Carer Evening
Thu 20 Nov	Parent/Carer Evening
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

Spotlight



Our Catering Manager, Mrs Lack, has recently been working with one of our Transform Trust partner schools in Hucknall and wanted to highlight a role currently being advertised by Aspens Services.

Chef Manager – Hucknall (Aspens Services)

The role involves:

- Leading and developing the school kitchen team
- Overseeing menus and promoting creativity in school food
- Managing food quality, safety and standards
- Taking responsibility for financial and operational aspects of the service

If you would like any more information about this opportunity, please speak to Louise.

You can also view the full job details and apply via the Aspens vacancies website:

👉 <https://careers.aspens-services.co.uk/>

What have we been learning?

EYFS

This week, F2 had a fantastic trip to St Ann's Community Orchard. We enjoyed some autumn crafts, used the apple press to make apple juice, cooked popcorn on the bonfire and even had sparklers!

The children really enjoyed exploring this exciting environment and experiencing the beautiful autumn season.



Year 2

Year 2 have been learning about the importance of hygiene for humans.

We been investigating why we should use soap when we wash our hands and we were shocked at just how easily germs can spread!



VIP Visitors: Apple School Visit

As an Apple Distinguished School, we were delighted to welcome Lauren Craddock from Apple and Terri Stockton from Jigsaw24 to Sneinton this week. They visited classrooms to see how iPads are used to support and enhance children's learning.

They shared how impressed they were by the warmth and openness of our staff and the genuine joy children showed when using technology in such a purposeful way. They also praised how confidently our pupils talk about their learning, and how naturally iPad use is embedded across the school.

We were especially proud of our digital leads, Motunrayo and River, who led the tour and spoke with clarity and enthusiasm about life at Sneinton. The visitors described their time with us as 'inspiring' and were keen to continue working with our school.



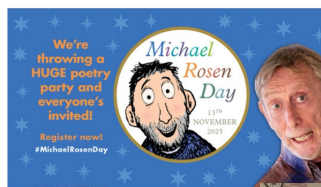
Distinguished School

Year 6

On Thursday, we celebrated Michael Rosen Day! We had a fantastic live webinar with Michael Rosen himself, joined by over 3500 other schools.

We loved watching Michael talk about his writing and reading some of his best poetry to us. We were so inspired that we wrote our own poems based on his poem, 'My Drink'.

Michael Rosen Day 'Poetry Party': Thursday 13 November 2025



FOOD FESTIVAL

by Aspern

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	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese and Tomato Pizza Slice with Wedges 	Mild Chicken Tikka Masala and Rice 	Roast Pork, Skin on Roasties and Gravy 	Chicken Rasta Pasta 	Golden Fish Fingers & Chips 
Macaroni Cheese 	Tarka Dhal 	Carrot & Stuffing Puff Pastry Plait, Skin on Roasties with Gravy 	Sweet Potato Coconut Bean Stew with Rice 	Vegetable Fingers with Chips 
Vegetable Sticks	Carrots and Green Beans	Roasted Roots	Sweetcorn	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 
Sweet Potato Chocolate Brownie 	Jelly 	Eve's Apple Pudding & Custard 	Muesli Bars 	Vanilla Cookies 

What impact has your meal had on planet Earth today?



AVAILABLE DAILY

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



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						
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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



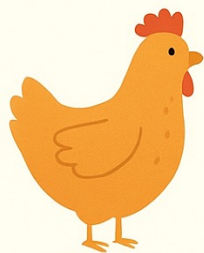
Parent/Carer Prayer Group

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 Pruszek or our Headteacher, Mr Lowe.



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.

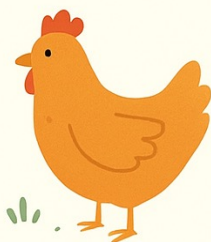
-  Give children the chance to learn about and enjoy caring for chickens
-  Share fresh eggs with our school and wider community

Please donate to our Crowdfunder:

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

Every little helps - thank you
for your support!

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YOU'RE INVITED TO...

DIGITAL SHOWCASE

**WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER (DURING PARENTS'
AND CARERS' EVENING)**

IN THE STEM CENTRE

An opportunity to see how pupil and staff digital leaders are using technology to make Sneinton a brilliant place to learn



mini growers

For parents/carers and pre-schoolers

Friendly outdoor
playgroup



THURSDAYS 10 - 12.30

Term Times only

@Lindum Grove community garden

(NG2 3GD, BEHIND TWO'J)

Veggie lunch
included



£2 suggested donation - free for
refugees/unwaged

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www.sowingsneinton.org

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EVERY MONDAY
IN TERM TIME

ALL WELCOME
10.30AM-1PM

LINDUM GROVE COMMUNITY GARDEN

LUNCH CLUB



Join us every Monday to take part in harvesting, prepping, and enjoying a delicious seasonal meal made with fresh picked produce from the garden.

Drop-in session is for all ages and abilities. A great way to meet people in your community, spend time outdoors, and even get a bit of inspiration to taste or cook something new!

Suggested donation of £2 per person.

All meals are vegetarian, served with pudding. Please let us know about any dietary requirements and we'll do our best to accommodate.

Everything at the garden is a group effort, so we do ask that everyone pitches in to wash up their own dishes once they've finished their meal.

LINDUM GROVE, BEHIND TWO'J SUPERMARKET, SNEINTON, NG2 3GD

www.sowingsneinton.org

