



Message from our Sports Team:

Sun safety at Sneinton C of E!

We are proud to share that St Stephen's is part of the Sun Safe Schools national accreditation programme. This means we are working hard, together with families, to make sure all children enjoy the sun safely while learning how to protect themselves from harmful UV rays.

Why is it important?

Around 90% of skin cancers are caused by overexposure to UV radiation. Children's skin is especially delicate, and over half their childhood is spent at school, often outdoors. Protecting them now helps safeguard their health long-term.

What we are already doing in school:

We try to provide shaded outdoor areas and encourage children to use these spaces when UV levels are strongest. We monitor the UV index each day and limit outdoor time during extreme heat or high UV.

Every child receives a free school water bottle, and we remind them regularly to drink and stay hydrated throughout the day, particularly during warm weather and physical activity.

What we ask families to do:

- Apply sunscreen to your child before school each morning when UV levels are 3 or above.
- Encourage your child to practise self-application of sunscreen.
- Send a clearly labelled high-factor sunscreen (SPF 30+ with 4-star UVA protection) to school so your child can reapply it during the day.
- Provide a clearly labelled broad-brimmed or legionnaire sun hat (no baseball caps, please!)

Next week's forecast shows high UV levels:



When UV Levels reach 3 or above, sunscreen and sun hats are required, and shade is encouraged. When UV levels reach 5 or above, recommendations are to limit time outdoors and/or provide shade and remember that UV can penetrate cloud cover.

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: Harrison & Aiyah
Year 1: Ruby & Elliot
Year 2: Bathsheba & Sitra
Year 3: Andrew & Hudson
Year 4: Frith & Bukumni
Year 5: Kelsey-Mae & Mariyam
Year 6: Igor & Chuk



Writers of the Week

Foundation 2: Kimarra
Year 1: Aria
Year 2: Ismail
Year 3: Holly
Year 4: Anayah
Year 5: Kardell
Year 6: Andre



Attendance

Foundation 2:	96.2%
Year 1:	96.7%
Year 2:	99.1%
Year 3:	95.4%
Year 4:	98.3%
Year 5:	97.5%
Year 6:	99.1%

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

Year 6 & 2

F1 Stars of the Week



Arfa, Ivan & Carson

In other news...



VE Day – 80th celebration

This week, we held a special collective worship to mark the 80th Anniversary of VE Day.

We reflected on the national celebration in London last weekend, watched highlights including the impressive Red Arrows flyover, and listened to part of Winston Churchill's famous speech from the historic day.

It was a meaningful moment for children to understand the importance of remembrance, gratitude, and peace.



New Library System

We're excited to be introducing a new electronic library catalogue and scanning system!

This will help us check what children are enjoying, recommend books based on their interest, and make sure books are read, enjoyed and returned so that others can share the fun. A huge thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers for helping us catalogue the library – we couldn't do it without you.



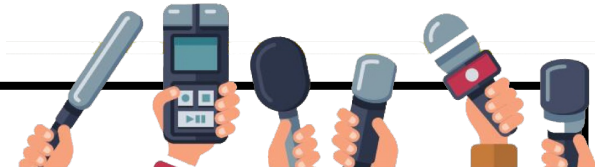
Parent/Carer Coffee Mornings

A huge thank you for all the feedback on our weekly Parent/Carer Coffee Mornings!

We've relaunched them this half term, shaped by your suggestions, and it's been wonderful to welcome new families.

Please remember these drop-in mornings are open to everyone – come along to meet other parents and chat with school leaders.

Next week, we have a special visitor sharing helpful strategies for e-safety and keeping children safe online – we hope to see you there!



Diary Dates

Mon 12 May – Thu 15 May	Y6 SATS Week
Mon 12 May	Y6 Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Test 1 and 2
Tue 13 May	Y6 Reading Test
Wed 14 May	Y6 Mathematics Tests Test 1: Arithmetic Test 2: Reasoning
Thu 15 May	Y6 Mathematics Test Test 3: Reasoning 2
Thu 22 May	Y1 Sherwood Forest Visit
Fri 23 May	INSET Day
Mon 26 May – Fri 30 May	Half Term

Please continue to check the school calendar on our Reach More Parents app.

This will show you upcoming events related to your child.

Spotlight



Water Safety

Following the recent tragic death at Colwick Park, we want to remind families how vital it is to talk about the dangers of swimming in open water.

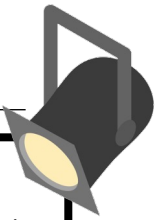
We will be working with the children in school about water safety, helping them understand the risks and how to stay safe.

We encourage parents and carers to continue these important conversations at home and remember:

- Stay away from the edge of canals, rivers and lakes - they can be slippery.
- Never climb on lock gates, bridges or barriers.
- Don't swim or paddle in open water – it's cold, deep and unpredictable.
- Always follow local safety signs and advice.
- If someone is in trouble, never jump in – find an adult and call 999.



What have we been learning?



EYFS

In F1, we have continued our Ready, Steady, Go topic and have been busy making model buses. We chose which colour to paint the boxes and then added features such as wheels and windows.



Year 1

Year 1 had a fantastic time at the allotment and forest school this week. They were very fortunate to have Kathryn lead the session at the allotment.

Our topic in science this half term is plants, so this linked perfectly as Kathryn taught the children all about different types of plants and their parts. The children also got to get stuck-in with weeding and went on a plant hunt at forest school.



Year 4

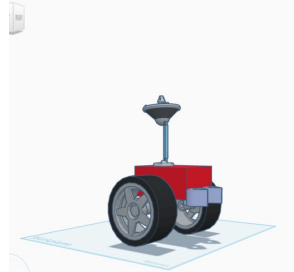
Over the past few weeks, Year 3 have been working on making recycled planters in our DT project exploring structures. We used milk and juice cartons and have decorated them in recycled papers from old magazines. This week, we planted our sunflower seeds and have a class competition for who can grow the tallest sunflower!



Year 5

This week, Year 5 have been designing space vehicles in DT, creating 3D models on iPads using TickerCAD.

We also went to forest school as a reward and got to make s'mores on the fire and learn about the plant life that grows locally to our school.



LUNCHTIME

TRADITIONAL

Week 1

**Spring Summer
2025**

21/04/25, 12/05/25,
02/06/25, 23/06/25,
14/07/25, 04/08/25,
25/08/25, 15/09/25,
06/10/25

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



All Day Breakfast

Picnic Style
Sausage Roll
Lunch

Roast Pork,
New Potatoes
and Gravy

Tomato and Basil
Chicken
Pasta Bake

Golden Fish
Fingers or
Salmon Fingers
and Chips



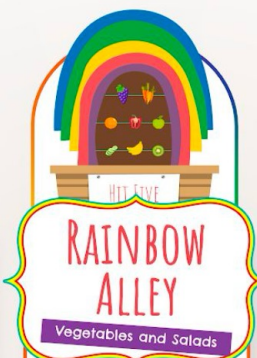
Margherita Pizza
Slice and Wedges

Picnic Style
Veggie Sausage
Roll Lunch

Vegetable and
Stuffing Loaf with
New Potatoes

Veggie Noodle
Stir Fry

Cheesy Bean Wrap
with Chips



Baked Beans

Crudites

Carrots and
Cabbage

Green Salad

Peas



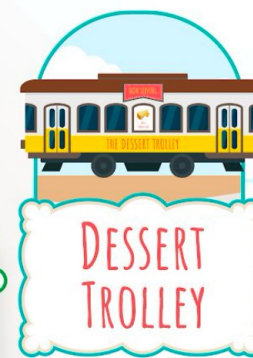
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Toffee
Biscuit Bars

Classic
Trifle

Bananas
and Custard

Strawberry and
Pineapple Jelly

Coconut Crisp
Bar



School Dates 2024-25

Aug-24							Sep-24							Oct-24						
M		5	12	19	26		M		2	9	16	23	30	M		7	14	21	28	
T		6	13	20	27		T		3	10	17	24		T	1	8	15	22	29	
W		7	14	21	28		W		4	11	18	25		W	2	9	16	23	30	
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Nov-24							Dec-24							Jan-25						
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Feb-25							Mar-25							Apr-25						
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May-25							Jun-25							Jul-25						
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-  Inset Days
-  Bank Holiday
-  School Holiday

- Half term 1 - 7 weeks 2 days
- Half term 2 - 7 weeks
- Half term 3 - 6 weeks
- Half term 4 - 6 weeks
- Half term 5 - 4 weeks 3 days
- Half term 6 - 8 weeks

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.