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Friday 6th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance & Punctuality

Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 was 94.11% this week. This means that we are in the **Amber Zone** and we are not meeting our targets set by the Department for Education.



Attendance	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Week commencing 2 nd March 2026	97.86%	96.15%	93.67%	89.66%	95.81%	95.90%
Spring Half Term 2	97.15%	96.60%	93.84%	90.52%	95.65%	97.60%

Healthy Packed Lunches Reminder

Recently, we have noticed an increasing number of lunchboxes containing sweets, sherbet-style treats and lollies. As a reminder, these items should not be included in packed lunches. Foods high in sugar can impact children's concentration and overall health, and we aim to support positive eating habits for all pupils.

We kindly ask parents and carers to check lunchboxes before school to ensure they follow our guidance.

You can read our full Healthy Packed Lunch Guidance here:

https://www.ststephensprimaryschool.co.uk/files/ugd/872c7b_0fa4dee683064a4baa1d626a26d852bc.pdf

Cake, Cuppa and Choir

We are delighted to let you know about our school Cake, Cuppa and Choir event happening on **Tuesday 31st March 9.00am**.

Book Raffle

We are pleased to announce that a School Book Raffle that will be drawn on **Friday 13th March**.

There are a number of fantastic book bundles and reading-themed prizes to be won, offering something to inspire and delight readers of all ages. This is a wonderful opportunity to encourage a love of reading while supporting our school community. All proceeds will go directly to our school PTA fund, supporting initiatives that have a direct and positive impact on our pupils.

Raffle tickets will be available to purchase from **Monday 2nd March** at a cost of **£1.00 per ticket**. Tickets can be obtained from the school office.

We greatly appreciate your continued support and look forward to announcing the winners on Friday 13th March.

ST STEPHEN'S
Cake, Cuppa and Choir
Tuesday 31st March 9.00am

Our wonderful St Stephen's choir will perform a medley of uplifting songs whilst you enjoy a relaxing cuppa and a slice of delicious cake.

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 All are welcome - we look forward to seeing you there!

Dates for the Diary (as always, dates are subject to change!):

Monday 9th March – Dance Festival
Tuesday 10th March – Lego League at Village Hotel
Tuesday 10th March 9.00am – Connect Parent Coffee Morning
Wednesday 11th March – Classes to visit Book Fair during school day
Thursday 12th March 3.15pm-4.00pm – Book Fair open after school for parents
Friday 13th March 9.00am – Year 3 Prayer, Song and Soup
Monday 16th March – Friday 27th March – Year 5 Swimming Lessons
Tuesday 17th March and Wednesday 18th March – Parents Evenings (Reception – Year 6)
Friday 20th March 9.00am – Year 5 Prayer, Song and Soup
Tuesday 24th March 1.00pm-3.00pm – Spring Disco
Wednesday 25th March 9.00am – Awards Assembly
Friday 27th March 9.00am – Year 2 Prayer, Song and Soup
Monday 30th March 3.15pm – Parent Meeting for Year 4 Newby Wiske Hall Residential
Tuesday 31st March 9.00am – Cake, Cuppa and Choir
Wednesday 1st April – Reception Stay and Play
Thursday 2nd April – Nursery Stay and Play
Thursday 2nd April – Last day of Spring Term
Friday 3rd April – Good Friday (School Closed)
Monday 20th April – INSET Day (School Closed)
Tuesday 21st April – Pupils return to school after Easter Holidays