



# *Kirkstall St Stephen's*

## *Newsletter 20th December 2024*

### Diary Dates / PTA Events 2025

Forthcoming Events	Date
<b>School re-opens</b>	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>
Final open afternoon for Reception 2025 parents 1.30-3.20pm	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
PTA Mother's Day cards to be designed (further information to follow)	WC 20 <sup>th</sup> January
PTA film night in school	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February
Break up for February half term	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February
Return to school	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February

### Attendance

The class with best overall attendance this term was year 6 with 94.35%  
Overall school attendance for the term was 93.04%

**To report an absence please ring the school on 0113 3821960 and choose option 1, or message Mrs Wren on School Gateway or Class Dojo (not class teacher as this may not be seen). Please let Mrs Wren in advance if your child needs to leave school early for a medical/dental appointment that cannot be taken outside of school hours. We will ask for sight of the appointment text message or letter in order to potentially authorise these absences.**

### Mrs Bailey

Today, we say good bye to Mrs Bailey who is retiring after 19 years of amazing dedication to KSS. The children and staff celebrated this during the 'Songs around the tree' event this morning and staff sang a special rendition of the '12 Days of Christmas' song about all the wonderful things Mrs Bailey has brought to KSS. Each class also created a special card to present to her. Mrs Bailey has promised to visit and see us all, so hopefully it will only be a temporary goodbye!

### PTA

A special word to our amazing PTA who do so much to support school events. For example, they subsidised half of the pantomime costing this year and we just want to say how much we appreciate everything they do!

Have a wonderful and restful Christmas break everyone with your families and loved ones!

**Head Teacher**  
**Mr P Sheppard**