



# St. Stephen's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

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**School closes on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm for the summer holidays!**



### EYFS/KS1 Summer Concert

Our pupils in Reception, Years 1 and 2 will be providing a musical showcase on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm in the Hall. The children are very excited to serenade their parents/carers to celebrate the end of term and send us off into the summer holidays. We invite no more than 2 adults per child per class to come along and join us due to space and health and safety guidelines. A summer raffle prize will be available to win. Tickets will be £1 per strip.

### Goodbye and Good Luck to Year 6!

Next Wednesday, we say a fond farewell to our amazing Class of 2023! Over the last few weeks, we have been able to get away to the Kingswood Centre for the Y6 residential, we held a wonderful Leavers' Disco last night and gathered together for the Leavers' Mass with our Y6 families. Earlier this week, the children dazzled us all with their show stopping performance of 'I'm an 11 Year Old Get Me Out of Here!' They performed with such fun, confidence and made us all laugh with their jokes and insults! We now look forward to our final celebration which is our Prize Assembly on Wednesday at 9.30am in school where our Y6 parents/carers only are welcome to join us for this special assembly. We are going to miss this very special bunch of Y6 pupils who have shone both individually and as a class during their time at St. Stephen's. We know they are ready for the next step in their journey and we wish them love, luck and happiness for the future. Don't forget to come back and visit us!

### Family Farewells!

As much as we will miss each of our Y6 pupils, we also acknowledge that next Wednesday marks the end of an era for some of our Y6 families. Families, whose youngest or only child leaves Year 6, are also leaving after a long and successful partnership with St. Stephen's. Whether it has been seven years or longer with older siblings, we thank these families for their support, friendship and commitment to our school and wish them well for the future!

### Staff Farewells

As we wave off Y6 and their families, we also say goodbye to some staff members who are also moving on. Mrs Burnham is retiring from teaching after 15 years of service at St. Stephen's. She has loved and cared for lots of children over the years and has made a huge contribution to their learning journeys during her time here. Miss Harrison, our Reception Class TA, is moving on to take up her first teaching post at a school in Halton. We thank her for all of her hard work and efforts with Reception Class this year. Mrs Stammers, who has taught Y4 and worked with groups in KS2 since January, is leaving us too. We thank her for her commitment and support for our children and staff during her time with us. I am sure you will all join us in wishing Mrs Burnham, Miss Harrison and Mrs Stammers lots of love and happiness in their new chapters!

### September 2023 – Key Information

**School reopens to all pupils on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

**Gates will open at 8.40am. They will close at 8.50am.**

**REMINDER: School finishes at 3.15pm each day from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

**WASPS Breakfast Club opens at 7.30am on the first day of term.**

Pupils are to return to school wearing their winter uniform. Black school shoes are to be worn – no trainers.

PE lessons will start w/b 11<sup>th</sup> September. You will be notified of your child's PE days prior to this.

Pupils will have PE two times per week and must come to school dressed in a plain white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers on PE days. If pupils do not have the correct kit, pupils will be changed into spare kits provided by school.

Please make sure all uniform/kits are labelled with your child's name.

Pupils are to have a plastic water bottle for school – no metal bottles/containers are permitted as they are too heavy and causing accidents.

Staffing teams and term dates for next year are provided below for your information.

## Thank you to our wonderful school community!

What a busy and successful year we have had in school this year. From launching our new Mission Statement to introducing a new residential trip in Year 4 to lots of trips and visits provided as well as lots of special events such as Christmas plays, carol concerts, TT Rockstars Day and beautiful Come and See assemblies. It never ceases to amaze me how much we fit in as well as cover all of the subjects and topics we offer via our curriculum! I am so proud of how the children have embraced their learning opportunities with their usual sense of enthusiasm and interest.

We have made lots of enhancements to our building over the last 12 months too. The whole school has now been completely decorated, we have had new flooring fitted in all of the corridors, main entrance and office areas. New suspended ceilings have been fitted in each classroom and give a much cleaner and modern feel to the rooms. All of our signage has been upgraded in line with our Mission Statement and new website. Plus, you will have no doubt seen the work that has taken place this week and will continue next week. We have a brand new canopy for children to work and play under in Years 1 and 2. Next week, our EYFS outdoor area will be revamped and ready to go for September. The aim of all of these works being to provide a stimulating and modern learning environment for your children to work in!

A huge thank you goes to my staff for the love, dedication and commitment they have given to our pupils this year. Each member of the team plays an important part in helping the school day, week and year run as it does. We couldn't provide what we do for our children without everyone making a valid contribution. Whether it be booking coaches, ordering resources, providing bagels and intervention programmes, running after school clubs, checking everyone has something to eat at lunch time, cleaning the classrooms and sanitising the desks and teaching over 10 different subjects per week! I am proud of them all and hope they have a well-deserved rest this summer!

My thanks and gratitude also extends to our families for their continued support of school and the children over the course of the academic year. Thank you for helping with homework, sorting costumes, attending assemblies and Masses at church and engaging with school life so willingly.

On behalf of myself and the governors, I wish everyone a wonderful summer holiday when it arrives! Enjoy making memories together, stay safe and have fun! See you all on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September for a brand new, exciting school year!

*Best wishes,  
Mr Hatton*

Berrie

Conor

Frayah

Riley

Laney-  
Mai

Alissa

Connor

Mason

Paula

Ruby

Kornel

Amelia  
K

### Year 6 Leavers' – Class of 2023

*Thank you for all of your wonderful contributions to St. Stephen's over the years. You shall be missed dearly but will always remain a part of our St. Stephen's family. Wishing this wonderful group of children every success and happiness as they move on to their new schools.*

Cecylia

Nikola

Dominic

Diraz

Tia

Maria

Amelia  
R

Lacey

Ollie

Talullah

Damian

Breanna

Oliwier

Julia

James

Jacob

Harvey

Maksym



PRIMARY SCHOOL

## **STAFFING**

### **2023/24**

**Headteacher:** Mr Hatton

**Deputy Headteacher:** Mrs Georgiou (DSL/SENDSCO)

<b>Year Group:</b>	<b>Teacher/s:</b>	<b>Teaching Assistant/s:</b>
<b>Reception</b>	Mrs Doyle	Mrs Jones Mrs Hughes (am)
<b>Year 1</b>	Mrs Fitzharris (Mon-Wed) Miss Parker (Thurs-Fri)	Mrs McLoughlin Mrs Hughes (am)
<b>Year 2</b>	Mrs O'Regan	Mrs Butterworth Mrs Gaskell (1:1 support)
<b>Year 3</b>	Miss Williams	Mrs Thompson Mrs Backlund – am (1:1 support) Mrs Warburton – pm (1:1 support)
<b>Year 4</b>	Miss Price	Mrs Bishop (HLTA)
<b>Year 5</b>	Mr Glynn	Miss Cooper (HLTA)
<b>Year 6</b>	Mr Gosling	Mrs Coy Mrs Beeley – am (1:1 support) Mrs Hughes pm (1:1 support)
<b>School Business Manager</b>		
	Mrs Burton	
<b>Office Admin</b>		
	Mrs Bellis	
<b>Maintenance Officer</b>		
	Mr Donovan	
<b>Midday Assistants</b>		
	Mrs Warburton Ms Gleave Mrs White Ms Delooze Ms Sant Mrs Rustage	



## Holiday Dates 2023/24

	<b>Open</b>	<b>Close</b>	<b>No. of Days</b>
<b>Autumn Half Term 1</b>	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	38
<b>Autumn Half Term 2</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	33
<b>Spring Half Term 1</b>	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	27
<b>Spring Half Term 2</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	29
<b>Summer Half Term 1</b>	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	32
<b>Summer Half Term 2</b>	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024	31
			<b>TOTAL: 190</b>

**School closed: Bank Holiday Monday - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

### **INSET Days: School closed for pupils**

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – Warrington Walking Day (TBC)
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024



# SCHOOL UNIFORM NETWORK

Come and get your items of preloved school wear  
or donate items and help them find a new home!

We have lots of school branded and unbranded items in many sizes. Please come and take a look and feel free to ask if your school/size is not on display - we have lots more in stock!

## **WARRINGTON FOODBANK INFO CENTRE**

Golden Square, Warrington Town Centre  
Next door to The Works

**Shop Open Tuesday to Saturday 10am - 2pm**