



## St. Stephen's Catholic Primary School

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# School News...

## PE Kit days for Spring Term 2026

Please send your child to school wearing the correct PE kit of plain white t-shirt, black shorts/tracksuit bottoms and trainers on the following days:

**Monday:** Year 2 and Year 3

**Tuesday:** Reception, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

**Wednesday:** Year 1, Year 3 and Year 6

**Thursday:** Year 4 and Year 5

**Friday:** Year 1 and Year 2

## Spring Term After School Clubs

Our Spring Term after school clubs have been shared this week via the school app. Bookings for most clubs have been offered on a first come, first served basis and waiting lists will be set up should there be a big demand for a club. All pupils who sign up for a club are expected to attend for each of the 8 weeks. Should a child not attend the club, their place will be offered to the first child on the waiting list. Clubs begin next week, week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> January, and will run for 8 weeks up to the week ending 20<sup>th</sup> March. All clubs run will run from 3.15pm until 4pm.

## ADVANCE NOTICE FOR YEARS 1/2/4/6

Please take note of the key statutory assessments that the following classes will take in the Summer Term. All pupils **must** be present in school during these weeks as they will not be able to take the assessments after these dates:

- Year 6 SATs Week – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026
- Year 4 Multiplication Check – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026
- Year 1 Phonics Screening/Year 2 Phonics Retake Screen – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026

## Advanced Solutions – Spring Term 2026

ADDvanced Solutions aims to improve the emotional health and wellbeing of families living with neurodevelopmental conditions, learning difficulties and associated mental health needs through a social model of learning and support. Attached to today's newsletter is ADDvanced Solutions Spring Newsletter. They offer lots of support, advice and sessions both online and face to face to help families. Please take a look and familiarise yourself with the workshops and activities provided. If you need any advice or have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher, Mrs Kirkland, our Pastoral Lead or Miss Bedworth, our SENCO and Mental Health Lead.

## Allergies Reminder

Families who provide their children with snacks and packed lunches are reminded **not** to send in products containing nuts. We have several children in school with nut allergies and coming into close contact with nut based products can have serious medical implications for their health and wellbeing. Please take this into consideration when sending in food to school and for packed lunches, snacks or trips. Thank you!

## New Year, New Challenge for Mr Gosling!

We are proud to share that Mr Gosling, our Year 6 teacher, will be taking on the incredible challenge of running the Manchester Marathon in April in support of a chosen charity close to his heart: Alzheimer's Society. This is a fantastic achievement that requires months of training, commitment, and determination, and we are incredibly proud of his efforts both in and out of school. If any parents or families are able to support this cause, donations—no matter how small—it would be very gratefully received and will help make a real difference. If you wish to donate, please scan the QR code:



# Let's Celebrate...

Gospel Value: Love			Proud Work of the Week:		
	YR	Elijah		YR	Axel
	Y1	Elizabeth		Y1	Albert
	Y2	Elizah		Y2	Alex
	Y3	Arijana		Y3	Brooklyn
	Y4	Eva		Y4	Leah
	Y5	Ruby		Y5	Grace
	Y6	Heila		Y6	Darcey
   	Sports Stars:		  <div>Congratulations to all of this week's winners!  We are very proud of you all!</div>		
	EYFS/KS1:				
	Purna in Reception for showing fantastic skills in gymnastics lessons.				
KS2:					
Hattie in Y6 for showing great bravery and challenging herself to improve her jumping skills in PE lessons.					



## Rainbow Champions



**R:** Whole Class

**Y1:** Genelia, Esme, Anna, Victoria, Dorian, Oliver

**Y2:** Max, Theo, Alex, Sienah, Marie, Elizah, Kyra, Teddy A, Milan, Lemon, Teddie T, Natan, Bennett

**Y3:** David, Caesar, Anthony, Harley, Avie, Olivia K, Laura, Oliver, Bobby S, Hunter, Anson, Brooklyn, Darcy, Olivia W


**Y4:** Mathias, Maisy, Oscar, Rosie, Lennon, Theo B, Antoni

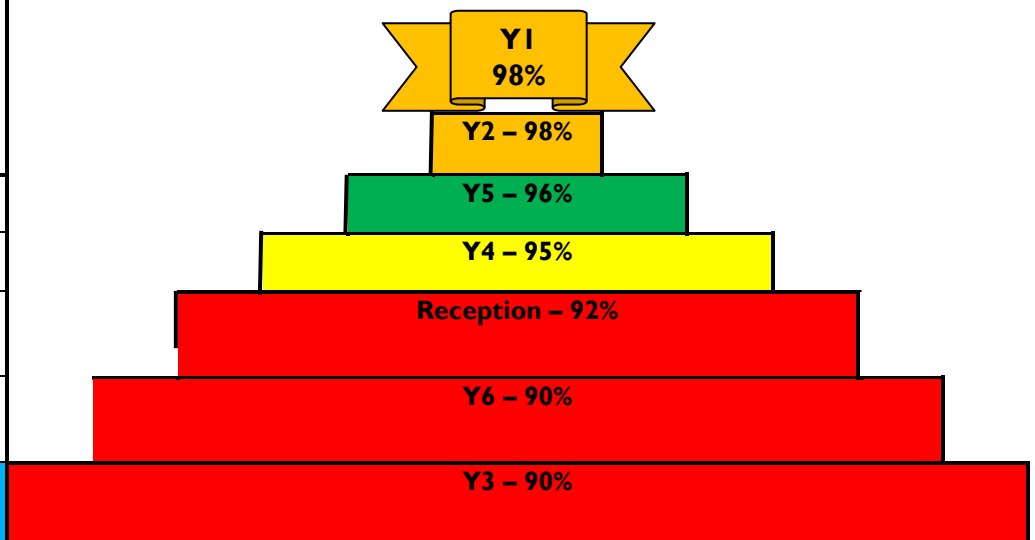
**Y5:** Jayden, Lacey, Bella, Jaiden, Sonny, Maisie, Alfie, Luke, Diana, Max, Bailey, Sophie

**Y6:** Phoebe, Hattie, Tilly, Jaxon O, Jan, Jakub, Natalia, Heila, Georgina, Blake

# Attendance Update...

**Congratulations to Y1 for having the best attendance this week!**

 <b>Attendance Matters</b> Every student. Every day.	
98-100%	Excellent
96-97%	Good
93-95%	Needs to Improve
90-92%	Cause for Concern
Our attendance target is: 96%	



Where a child has 10 or more unauthorised absences (equivalent to 5 full school days) in an academic year, this may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) being issued.

## Fixed Penalty Notice Charges:

**£80** per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.  
**£160** per parent per child if paid within 28 days.

## Punctuality Reminders:

### Do you know what good time keeping means?

#### Lost minutes = Lost learning



**Make sure your child is at school and ready to learn, before the bell rings!**

**This means arriving early**  
 Try to get to school 10 minutes early, get settled and ready to learn!

#### Did you know?

Being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing two weeks of school!

- School gates open at 8.40am to all pupils each day.
- Pupils are to be in their class lines on the playground for 8.45am where they will be accompanied into class and the registers and lunch orders will be taken.
- Registration closes at 8.50am and the main pedestrian gate will be closed and locked.
- Any pupils arriving to school after 8.50am must be brought to the school office and signed in by an adult who must provide a reason for the lateness.

# We are on Week 3 of the menu next week.

SCHOOL MEALS		
		
Available daily as an alternative: - Filled jacket potatoes served with vegetables, a dessert and drink. An alternative dessert from a selection of seasonal fresh fruit, yoghurt, scone and cheese & biscuits Available daily - Unlimited fresh salad and wholemeal bread, drinking water or fresh milk.		
Week One	Week Two	Week Three
<b>Meat Free Monday</b> Vegetarian Sausage Roll Herby Diced Potatoes and Baked Beans Mousse/ Scone/ Raisins	<b>Meat Free Monday</b> Margherita Pizza Rounds Served with Baked Jacket Wedges and Sweetcorn Oven Baked Jam Doughnut	<b>Meat Free Monday</b> Tomato and Mascarpone Pasta Bake Served with Seasonal Vegetables Mousse/ Scone/ Raisins
<b>Tuesday</b> Pork Sausage with Yorkshire pudding Creamed Potatoes, served with Carrots and Peas V Quorn Sausage Yorkshire pudding Creamed Potatoes, served with Carrots and Peas V Fresh Fruit Salad or Yoghurt	<b>Tuesday</b> Roast Turkey with Creamed Potato, Roast Potato, Carrot and Broccoli V Quorn Chicken Roast Dinner V Fresh Fruit Salad or Yoghurt	<b>Tuesday</b> Chicken Katsu Curry served with Rice V Quorn Chicken Katsu Curry served with Rice V Fresh Fruit Segments or Yoghurt
<b>Wednesday</b> V Veggie Fajitas served with savory rice and sweetcorn. Beef Broccoli Burger in a Bun served with herby Diced potato and Fresh Side Salad V Quorn Burger in a Bun served with herby Diced potato and Fresh Side Salad V Orange Jelly and Fruit	<b>Wednesday</b> Beef Spaghetti Bolognese served with garden peas V Quorn mince Spaghetti Bolognese served with garden peas Garlic and Herb Chicken served with Vegetable rice and Broccoli. Arctic or Chocolate Ice Cream	<b>Wednesday</b> V Selection of Pizza (pepperoni/cheese) Served with Jacket Wedges, Salad V Jelly and Fruit
<b>Thursday</b> BBQ chicken Pitta served with Baked Wedged Potatoes, and Sweetcorn V BBQ Quorn chicken Pitta served with Baked Wedged Potatoes, and Sweetcorn Homemade Blueberry Cake/Muffin	<b>Thursday</b> Brunch Lunch (Sausage, Beans, Hash Brown, Omelette) V Vegetarian Brunch Lunch (Quorn Sausage, Beans, Hash Brown, Omelette) V Raspberry Jelly and Fruit	<b>Thursday</b> Pork Meatballs in Tomato and Basil Sauce Served with Pasta and Garden Peas V Quorn Meatballs in Tomato and Basil Sauce Served with Pasta and Garden Peas Vanilla and Chocolate Marble Cake
<b>Friday</b> Crumb Coated Chicken served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans Oven baked Fish Fingers Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans V Quorn Vegan Dippers Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans Homemade Cooks Choice Biscuit	<b>Friday</b> Oven Baked Chicken Poppers Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans Oven baked Battered Salmon served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans V Quorn Vegan Dippers Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans Homemade Cooks Choice Biscuit	<b>Friday</b> Crumb Coated Chicken Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans Oven Baked Fish Stars Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans V Quorn Vegan Dippers Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans Homemade Cooks Choice Biscuit

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## **Holiday Dates 2025/26**

	<b>Open</b>	<b>Close</b>	<b>No. of Days</b>
<b><i>Autumn Half Term 1</i></b>	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	38
<b><i>Autumn Half Term 2</i></b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	35
<b><i>Spring Half Term 1</i></b>	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	29
<b><i>Spring Half Term 2</i></b>	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2026	28
<b><i>Summer Half Term 1</i></b>	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	27
<b><i>Summer Half Term 2</i></b>	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2026	33
			<b>TOTAL: 190</b>

**School closed: Bank Holiday Monday - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

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

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2026