



St. Stephen's Catholic Primary School

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School News...

Spring Term 2026 Diary Dates

Please find on the next page, the confirmed diary dates for this term until we break up for the Easter holidays on Wednesday 1st April. We have so many events to look forward to support and enhance the children's learning including assemblies, parent meetings, drama productions, special events week linked to British Science Week and Children's Mental Health Week. All dates have been added to the school app and school website calendar with more dates and events still to be added. As always, please note dates are subject to change and we will always try our best to give families as much notice as possible should events need to be postponed or rescheduled.

Please remember we have added an extra INSET day on to the end of the Easter holidays on Tuesday 14th April which mean that all pupils return to school at 8.45am on Wednesday 15th April.

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

Y1 & Y4 Forest Skills – Wednesday 28th January

Years 1 and 4 will have their next Forest Skills session this Wednesday 28th January. This session will take place on Wednesday regardless of the weather. Therefore, for these sessions, pupils are to wear old clothes that parents/carers don't mind getting muddy or dirty. Children can wear old trainers or wellies but must bring a change of footwear in to change into after their outdoor session. It is essential that your child wears a warm waterproof coat in order to take part.

RE Newsletter – Spring Term 2026

Accompanying the newsletter today is the Spring Term RE newsletter which has also been updated on our school website. The newsletter provides information on what your child will be covering in RE lessons between now and the Christmas holidays. All classes from Reception Class to Year 6 will follow the 'To Know You More Clearly' programme. Branch 3's theme is Galilee to Jerusalem and Branch 4's theme is Desert to Garden.

Year 3 will lead our next class assembly on Friday 13th February at 9.15am in the school hall. Parents/carers of Y3 pupils are warmly invited to come along and join us.

Y4 and Y6 Residential Trips 2026

We are just providing a polite reminder to families that the next instalment for the Y4 residential trip to Tattenhall is due on Friday 6th February. The next payment for the Y6 trip to Boreatton Park in June is due to be paid by Friday 13th February. All of the trip details for both classes can be found via ParentPay. If you have any queries or questions about the trip please speak to Mr Glynn (Y4) or Mr Gosling (Y6). The office staff are also on hand to offer support if needed with ParentPay.

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

Spring Term Diary Dates 2026



Date	Time	Event
7/1/26	Afternoon	Celebration of the Feast of St Stephen
19/1/26	All week	Spring Term After School Clubs start this week
21/1/26	10am	Y6 attending Mass at Church
28/1/26	All day	Y4 & Y1 Forest Skills
28/1/26	10am	Y5 attending Mass at Church
30/1/26	Afternoon	KS2 Online Safety Production by Altru Drama
2/2/26	All week	Children's Mental Health Week & National Storytelling Week
4/2/26	All day	Y6 & Y3 Forest Skills
4/2/26	10am	Y4 attending Mass at Church
6/2/26	All day	NSPCC Number Day- wear clothes with numbers/shapes on for a £1 donation
6/2/26	9.00am	Y4 Parent Meeting regarding Residential Trip and the Y4 Multiplication Check
6/2/26	All day	Y4 Residential Trip second instalment due by today
9/2/26	9.00am	Y6 SATs Meeting for Y6 parents/carers
10/2/26	All day	Safer Internet Day 2026
11/2/26	All day	Y5 & Y2 Forest Skills
11/2/26	10am	Y3 attending Mass at Church
13/2/26	9.15am	Y3 Class Assembly in School Hall Parents/carers are welcome to join us.
13/2/26	All day	Y6 Residential Trip second instalment due by today
13/2/26	3.15pm	School closes for half term holidays (KS2 Football Club will still take place until 4pm)
23/2/26	8.45am	School reopens after the half term break
25/2/26	9.00-10.15am	Parent Coffee Morning
25/2/26	11am	Y6 Lenten Class Mass with Fr John (pupils only)
27/2/26	All day	Own clothes day in return for chocolate donations
28/2/26	10.30am	Y4 Holy Communion Workshops in school
4/3/26	11am	Y5 Lenten Class Mass with Fr John (pupils only)
5/3/26	All day	World Book Day 2026
9/3/26	All week	British Science Week
11/3/26	11am	Y4 Lenten Class Mass with Fr John (pupils only)
13/3/26	9.15am	Reception Class Mothers' Day Stay and Pray.
16/3/26	All week	Neurodiversity Celebration Week
16/3/26	All week	Spring Term after school clubs finish this week
18/3/26	11am	Y3 Lenten Class Mass with Fr John (pupils only)
20/3/26	All day	CAFOD 'Big Lent Walk' Fundraiser – all classes
25/3/26	2.00-6.00pm	Spring Term Parents' Evening in School Hall
27/3/26	All day	Y4 Residential Trip final instalment due by today
27/3/26	2.30pm	Y1 & Y4 Easter Liturgy - Palm Sunday Parents/carers are welcome to join us.
28/3/26	10.30am	Y4 Holy Communion Workshops in school
30/3/26	2.30pm	Y2 & Y5 Easter Liturgy - Maundy Thursday Parents/carers are welcome to join us.
31/3/26	2.30pm	Y6 Easter Liturgy - Good Friday Parents/carers are welcome to join us.
1/4/26	2.30pm	Reception & Y3 Easter Liturgy - Easter Sunday Parents/carers are welcome to join us.
1/4/26	3.15pm	School closes for Easter holidays
15/4/26	8.45am	School reopens after the Easter holidays

Let's Celebrate...

Gospel Value: Humility			Proud Work of the Week:		
	YR	Miyah		YR	Emily
	Y1	Harvey		Y1	Esme
	Y2	Milan		Y2	Nova
	Y3	Bobby N		Y3	Anthony
	Y4	Theo B		Y4	Filip
	Y5	Gabriel		Y5	Sonny
	Y6	Natalia		Y6	Harley
	Sports Stars:		 Congratulations to all of this week's winners! We are very proud of you all!		
	EYFS/KS1:				
	KS2:				
		Olivia Y2 for her impressive jumping and landing skills in gymnastics			
		William Y4 for displaying great agility and balance skills.			



Rainbow Champions



R: Cherry, Bella, Kayla, Sam, Axel, Maya, Darcie, Akwaugo, Emily, Miyah

Y1: Mohammad, Dorothy, Genelia, Georgia, Frankie, Leon, Elizabeth

Y2: Amy, Lemon, Olivia, Sienah, Roksana, Alex, Klaudia, Lena, Bennett, Dexter, Lyla, Anthony

Y3: Harley, Jessica, Bobby N, Olivia W, Charlotte


Y4: Annielou, William, Leah, Kenichi, Filip, Oscar, Madison, Rhys, Theo B

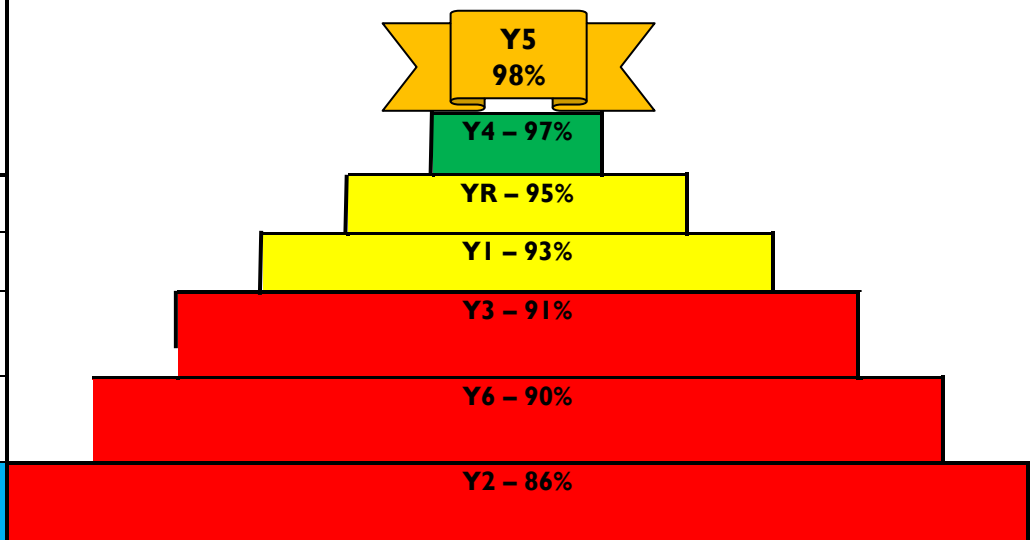
Y5: Frankie, Miley, Fatima, Maisie, Grace, Szymon, Diana, Ihe, Bailey, Sophie, Phoebe

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

Attendance Update...

Congratulations to Y6 for having the best attendance this week!

 Attendance Matters 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 1 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
Meat Free Monday Vegetarian Sausage Roll Herby Diced Potatoes and Baked Beans Mousse/ Scone/ Raisins Tuesday 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 Wednesday 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 Thursday 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 Friday 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	Meat Free Monday Margherita Pizza Rounds Served with Baked Jacket Wedges and Sweetcorn Oven Baked Jam Doughnut Tuesday Roast Turkey with Creamed Potato, Roast Potato, Carrot and Broccoli V Quorn Chicken Roast Dinner V Fresh Fruit Salad or Yoghurt Wednesday 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 Thursday Brunch Lunch (Sausage, Beans, Hash Brown, Omelette) V Vegetarian Brunch Lunch (Quorn Sausage, Beans, Hash Brown, Omelette) V Raspberry Jelly and Fruit Friday 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	Meat Free Monday Tomato and Mascarpone Pasta Bake Served with Seasonal Vegetables Mousse/ Scone/ Raisins Tuesday Chicken Katsu Curry served with Rice V Quorn Chicken Katsu Curry served with Rice V Fresh Fruit Segments or Yoghurt Wednesday V Selection of Pizza (pepperoni/cheese) Served with Jacket Wedges, Salad V Jelly and Fruit Thursday 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 Friday 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
Menu Cycle Week One: 17 th June, 8 th July, 2 nd Sept, 23 rd Sept, 14 th Menu: 2024		

ST. STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC



PRIMARY SCHOOL

Holiday Dates 2025/26

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

School closed: Bank Holiday Monday - Monday 4th May 2026

INSET Days: School closed for pupils

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