



St. Stephen's Catholic Primary School

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School News...

Price Update from WBC School Meals as of 23rd February

The council has been subsidising the service over the last few years to try and keep the cost of a meal down. However, increases in food and staffing costs mean that we unfortunately have no option but to increase the price of a school meal. Please be advised that the cost of a school meal is set to increase from £3.05 to **£3.20** per meal from 23rd February 2026. This will result in an overall weekly increase of £0.75 per child.

This does not affect children accessing Free School Meals. The government continues to support the universal infant Free School Meals (FSM) project, and this means that all children from reception, year 1 and year 2 will be provided with a school meal free of charge. Any child in years 3-6 can also have a free school meal if you are in receipt of certain allowances. To find out if you are eligible, please visit: <https://www.warrington.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

The school meals service will continue to provide a high-quality service that delivers healthy, nutritious meals, caters for all allergens and dietary requirements, and is served in a safe environment on our school premises.

Y3 & Y6 Forest Skills – Wednesday 4th February

Years 3 and 6 will have their next Forest Skills session this Wednesday 4th February. 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.

NSPCC Number Day 2026 – Friday 6th February

Next Friday 6th February, we will be celebrating NSPCC Number Day in school. We will have a special Maths themed assembly and number related activities throughout the day. Children in all classes are invited to take part in 'Dress up for Digits' next Friday by coming into school wearing clothing displaying numbers or Maths related items. These can include football or rugby shirts or shape patterned clothing, for example. Normal PE lessons will take place so pupils in Years 1 and 2 must wear trainers for school. The NSPCC charity are sponsoring Number Day and in turn are asking for donations of £1 per pupil to support the great safeguarding work they do which many of our pupils have already benefited from. Donations can be paid via Parentpay before next Friday.

Y4 Parents' Meeting - Friday 6th February

Mr Glynn will be holding a meeting in the Y4 classroom next Friday 6th February at 9am for Y4 parents/carers. He will be sharing information and updates about the upcoming Y4 Residential trip to Tattenhall in April and will answer any questions that any parents/carers may have. Following this, Mr Glynn will then share a presentation and explain the expectations and preparations that will be put into place to support the children when taking their Multiplication Times Table Check in June. We hope to see as many parent/carers join us for this important meeting.

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.

Y6 SATS Meeting – Monday 9th February







Mr Gosling will be hosting a meeting for Y6 parents/carers about the plans and arrangements for the KS2 SATs in May. He will go through revision plans and expectations, the arrangements for SATs week and how families can support the children at home. The meeting will take place on Monday 9th February at 9am in the Y6 classroom. We hope to see as many parent/carers join us for this important meeting.

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: Honesty			Proud Work of the Week:		
	YR	Maya-Maria		YR	Barney
	Y1	Frankie		Y1	Vicky
	Y2	Theo		Y2	Lily
	Y3	Niamh		Y3	Caesar
	Y4	Roman		Y4	Thomas W
	Y5	Maisie		Y5	Moses
	Y6	Denzel		Y6	Emily
	Sports Stars:		   <p>Congratulations to all of this week's winners!</p> <p>We are very proud of you all!</p>		
	EYFS/KS1:				
	Anna Y1 for showing amazing strength in her gymnastics work				
	KS2:				
Jayden B Y5 for great attitude and demonstrating super dynamic balance skills					



Rainbow Champions



R: Elijah, Jasmina, Cherry, Gheorghe, Kai, Paisley, Barney, Axel, Maya, Darcie, Emily, Miyah

Y1: Harvey, Esme, Anna, Frankie, Victoria, Emilia

Y2: Natan, Scarlett, Elizah, Theo, Marie, Alex, Leona, Maja, Lyla

Y3: Caesar, Harley, Olivia K, Bobby, Oliver, Brooklyn, Olivia W


Y4: Macy, Filip, Tedi, Leah, Eva, Barbora, Theo S, Mathias, Theo B, Harper, Maisy,

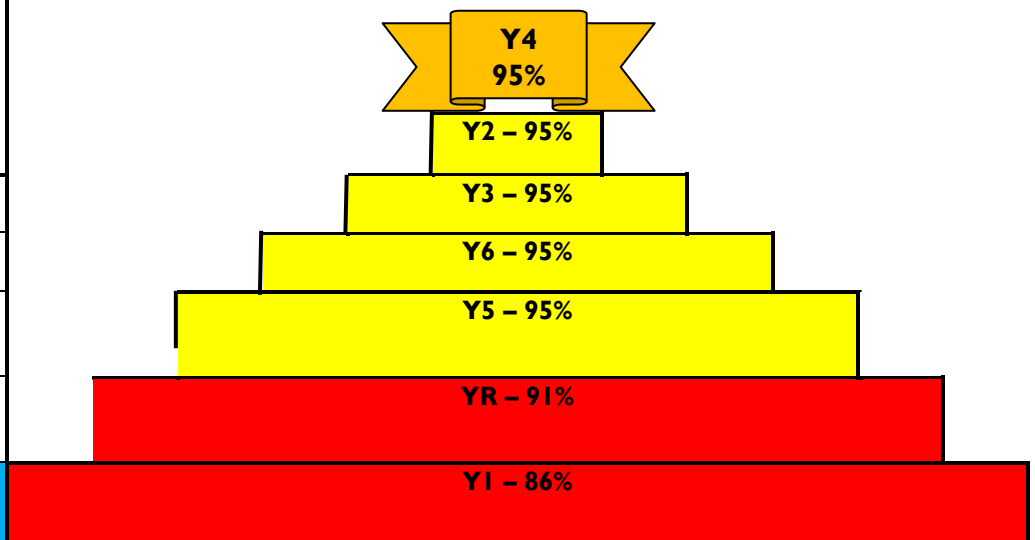
Y5: Bradley, Grace, Luke, Frankie, Ihe, Moses

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

Attendance Update...

Congratulations to Y4 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 2 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	Meat Free Monday Margherita Pizza Rounds Served with Baked Jacket Wedges and Sweetcorn Oven Baked Jam Doughnut	Meat Free Monday Tomato and Mascarpone Pasta Bake Served with Seasonal Vegetables Mousse/ Scone/ Raisins
Tuesday Pork Sausage with Yorkshire pudding Creamed Potatoes, served with Carrots and Peas Quorn Sausage Yorkshire pudding Creamed Potatoes, served with Carrots and Peas Fresh Fruit Salad or Yoghurt	Tuesday Roast Turkey with Creamed Potato, Roast Potato, Carrot and Broccoli Quorn Chicken Roast Dinner Fresh Fruit Salad or Yoghurt	Tuesday Chicken Katsu Curry served with Rice Quorn Chicken Katsu Curry served with Rice Fresh Fruit Segments or Yoghurt
Wednesday Veggie Fajitas served with savory rice and sweetcorn. Beef Broccoli Burger in a Bun served with herby Diced potato and Fresh Side Salad Quorn Burger in a Bun served with herby Diced potato and Fresh Side Salad Orange Jelly and Fruit	Wednesday Beef Spaghetti Bolognese served with garden peas Quorn mince Spaghetti Bolognese served with garden peas Garlic and Herb Chicken served with Vegetable rice and Broccoli. Arctic or Chocolate Ice Cream	Wednesday Selection of Pizza (pepperoni/cheese) Served with Jacket Wedges, Salad Jelly and Fruit
Thursday BBQ chicken Pitta served with Baked Wedged Potatoes, and Sweetcorn BBQ Quorn chicken Pitta served with Baked Wedged Potatoes, and Sweetcorn Homemade Blueberry Cake/Muffin	Thursday Brunch Lunch (Sausage, Beans, Hash Brown, Omelette) Vegetarian Brunch Lunch (Quorn Sausage, Beans, Hash Brown, Omelette) Raspberry Jelly and Fruit	Thursday Pork Meatballs in Tomato and Basil Sauce Served with Pasta and Garden Peas 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 Fingers Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans Quorn Vegan Dippers Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans Homemade Cooks Choice Biscuit	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 Quorn Vegan Dippers Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans Homemade Cooks Choice Biscuit	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 Quorn Vegan Dippers Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans Homemade Cooks Choice Biscuit

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