



Weekly Newsletter: Friday 9th January 2026

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Happy New Year!

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the start of the Spring Term 2026! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with your loved ones and enjoyed all of the festivities. The staff would like to say a huge thank you for the lovely cards, gifts and good wishes we received at Christmas. They are never expected but always mean so much. As we enter 2026 and the new term, we have lots to look forward to over the coming weeks and months so please keep up to date on the school website <https://ststephencps.com/> and via the school app in the 'Events' tab.

The Feast of Epiphany

Earlier this week in collective worship, we celebrated the Feast of Epiphany. In the gospel of Matthew, we heard the story of how the wise men from another part of the world were led by a star and travelled the long journey to Bethlehem, looking for Jesus. They found him in a stable and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

An Epiphany Blessing:

Dear God, our Father in heaven,

Your star led the Wise Men to your Son, Jesus.

Bless us and bless all the people who visit our school,

May we welcome all people, as you welcomed the Wise Men.

So that our love for one another will reveal your love for everyone.

Amen.



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

After School Clubs

Information will be sent home via the school app by the middle of next week with details about the Spring Term after school clubs that will be on offer. Bookings are to be made as usual via the app and will issued on a first come first served basis. All clubs will begin week beginning Monday 19th January from 3.15 – 4.00pm.

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. Thank you for joining us in cheering Mr Gosling on as he prepares for this amazing event. If you wish to donate, please scan the QR code:



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

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| Meat Free Monday |
| Vegetarian Sausage Roll Herby Diced Potatoes and Baked Beans |
| Mousse/ Scone/ Raisins |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |






Week Two

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| Meat Free Monday |
| Margarita Pizza Rounds Served with Baked Jacket Wedges and Sweetcorn |
| Oven Baked Jam Doughnut |
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| Tuesday |
| Roast Turkey with Creamed Potato, Roast Potato, Carrot and Broccoli |
| ✓ Quorn Chicken Roast Dinner |
| ✓ Fresh Fruit Salad or Yoghurt |
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| 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 |
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| Thursday |
| Brunch Lunch (Sausage, Beans, Hash Brown, Omelette) |
| ✓ Vegetarian Brunch Lunch (Quorn Sausage, Beans, Hash Brown, Omelette) |
| ✓ Raspberry Jelly and Fruit |
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| 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 |





Week Three

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| Meat Free Monday |
| Tomato and Mascarpone Pasta Bake Served with Seasonal Vegetables |
| Mousse/ Scone/ Raisins |
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| Tuesday |
| Chicken Katsu Curry served with Rice |
| ✓ Quorn Chicken Katsu Curry served with Rice |
| ✓ Fresh Fruit Segments or Yoghurt |
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| Wednesday |
| ✓ Selection of Pizza (pepperoni/cheese) Served with Jacket Wedges, Salad |
| ✓ Jelly and Fruit |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |





Menu Cycle Week One: 17th June, 8th July, 2nd Sept, 23rd Sept, 14th

Menu: 2024



Holiday Dates 2025/26

| | Open | Close | No. of Days |
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| Autumn Half Term 1 | Wednesday 3 rd September 2025 | Friday 24 th October 2025 | 38 |
| Autumn Half Term 2 | Monday 3 rd November 2025 | Friday 19 th December 2025 | 35 |
| Spring Half Term 1 | Tuesday 6 th January 2026 | Friday 13 th February 2026 | 29 |
| Spring Half Term 2 | Monday 23 rd February 2026 | Wednesday 1 st April 2026 | 28 |
| Summer Half Term 1 | Wednesday 15 th April 2026 | Friday 22 nd May 2026 | 27 |
| Summer Half Term 2 | 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