



St. Stephen's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter: Friday 20th March 2026

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School News...

Good Shepherd Friday – Friday 20th March

Please visit our Facebook page to see the children all looking fantastic and embracing our fancy dress theme for Good Shepherd Friday. We walked, danced, sung, chatted and laughed throughout our Big Lent Walk this morning raising money for such a worthy cause. All monies raised via ParentPay for dressing in fancy dress will be donated to Nugent Care and all monies raised from our Big Lent Walk will go to CAFOD. You can still sponsor your child/ren up until Monday by clicking the link to our Just Giving page here: <https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-stephens-catholic-primary-school-fundraising-page> Thank you for your ongoing support!

Warrington Walking Day 2026

Please see the letter accompanying today's newsletter this week with an update on Warrington Walking Day 2026.

Y6 Gospel Singing Easter Concert: Tuesday 24th March

Parents/carers of our Y6 pupils are warmly invited to come along and join us for a special concert on Tuesday 24th March at 2.30pm in school. The children will perform a medley of the songs they have been learning in gospel singing sessions this term with their tutor, Mel Birkett. We look forward to seeing you all there for what is always an uplifting event!

Spring Term Parents' Evening: Wednesday 25th March

On Wednesday 25th March, we will be holding our Spring Term Parents' Evening from 2.00-6.00pm. Appointments went live on the school app on Wednesday 18th March. Appointments are allocated on a first come, first served basis. The meetings will take place in the school hall and you will have the opportunity to view your child's work books. Our Y6 Pupil Leadership Team will be on hand to support and guide families to the hall. We will also be selling raffle tickets for our Easter Raffle during Parents' Evening for £1 per strip.

Easter Liturgies starting Friday 27th March

Parents/carers are very welcome to join us as our Easter Liturgies will be presented by the following classes on the following days:

- **Friday 27th March at 2.30pm – Years 1 and 4 present their Palm Sunday Liturgy**
- **Monday 30th March at 2.30pm – Years 2 and 5 present their Maundy Thursday Liturgy**
- **Tuesday 31st March at 2.30pm – Year 6 present their Good Friday Liturgy**
- **Wednesday 1st April at 2.30pm – Reception and Year 3 present their Easter Sunday Liturgy**

Primary Art Network Exhibition

Every year, as a school, we take part in the PAN Exhibition where our artwork goes on display at the Golden Square. The exhibition was moved here so that more people can enjoy the wonderful work from schools across Warrington. As of tomorrow, Saturday 21st March, the St Stephen's display will be on show in the central area of the Golden Square. Our exhibition features work from each class across school on the theme of 'Once Spoken, Forever Echoed', which we have centred around the Scripture linked to our school mission statement. It will be on display until Tuesday 21st April so please go and see it if you can and tag yourself on our school Facebook page with a photo of you by our display!

REMINDER: After School Clubs

All after school clubs for this term have now finished after today. All children finish school as of Monday at 3.15pm. The only club that will continue will be the Every Body Counts Club ran by Warrington Wolves on Monday afternoons. This club finishes on 30th March.

REMINDER: Easter Holidays

School closes for the Easter holidays on Wednesday 1st April at 3.15pm.

We reopen for the Summer Term on Wednesday 15th April at 8.45am.

HAF

Holiday Activities and Food

Are your children
on benefit related
free school meals?

Scan me



If yes, they can attend up to four fully funded holiday activities this Easter. Browse now at warrington.gov.uk. Bookings will go live on 13 March at 12pm. Email haf@warrington.gov.uk to find out more.

Not eligible?

Many clubs offer paid places at a reduced rate.



#HAF2026



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Please note that there will be no Easter HAF Holiday Club at St Stephen's but there are other clubs available for pupils to join.

Let's Celebrate...

Gospel Value: Forgiveness			Proud Work of the Week:		
	YR	Danya		YR	Kai
	Y1	Georgia		Y1	Harvey
	Y2	Amy		Y2	Corey
	Y3	Brooklyn		Y3	Bobby S
	Y4	Maisy		Y4	Mathias
	Y5	Ava		Y5	Max
	Y6	Harley		Y6	Nova
	Lunchtime Stars:			Sports Stars:	
	YR	Gheorge		EYFS/KSI:	
	Y1	Emilia		Teddie in Y2 for following instructions really well and great teamwork	
	Y2	Anthony		KS2:	
	Y3	Charlotte		Arijana in Y3 for working hard to develop some excellent passing skills	
	Y4	Rosie			
	Y5	Sophie			
Y6	Denzel				



Rainbow Champions



R: Elijah, Maisie, Gheorge, Maya, Kayla, Kai, Paisley, Sam, Danya, Maia, Naomi, Akwaugo, Miyah

Y1: Genelia, Avah, Harvey, Georgia, Frankie, Bailey, Alex

Y2: Kyra, Scarlett, Corey, Marie, Milan, Maja, Maja, Teddie

Y3: Caleb, Niamh, Jessica, Harley, Bobby L, Bobby N, Mya, Brooklyn

Y4: Madison, Theo S, Mathias, Elizabeth, Lennon, Leah, Filip, Alaya, Rosie

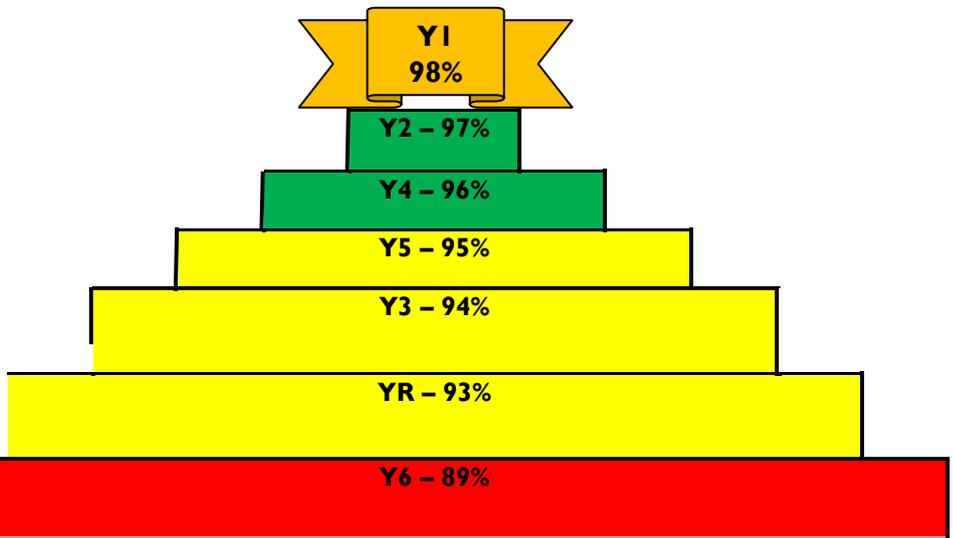
Y5: Hallie, Fatima, Lacey, Max, Sonny, Jayden, Miley

Y6: Blake, Emily, Heila, Natalia, Jan

Attendance Update...

Congratulations to Y1 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



*Over one full academic year

- 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.

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!*

Spring Term Diary Dates 2026



Date	Time	Event
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	Good Shepherd Friday Fancy Dress Day for £1 donation CAFOD 'Big Lent Walk' Fundraiser – all classes
24/3/26	2.30pm	Y6 Easter Gospel Concert for pupils and Y6 families
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



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, soren and cheese & biscuits
Available daily - Unlimited fresh salad and wholemeal bread, drinking water or fresh milk.



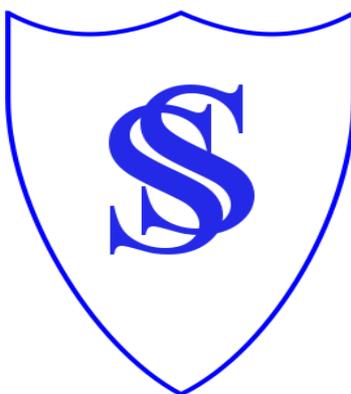

Week One	Week Two	Week Three
<p style="text-align: center; color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Meat Free Monday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetarian Sausage Roll • Herby Diced Potatoes and Baked Beans Mousse/Soreen/ Raisins <p style="text-align: center; color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0 0 0;">Tuesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p style="text-align: center; color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0 0 0;">Wednesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p style="text-align: center; color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0 0 0;">Thursday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p style="text-align: center; color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0 0 0;">Friday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<p style="text-align: center; color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Meat Free Monday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Margerita Pizza Rounds Served with Baked Jacket Wedges and Sweetcorn Oven Baked Jam Doughnut <p style="text-align: center; color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0 0 0;">Tuesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roast Turkey with Creamed Potato, Roast Potato, Carrot and Broccoli • Quorn Chicken Roast Dinner • Fresh Fruit Salad or Yoghurt <p style="text-align: center; color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0 0 0;">Wednesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p style="text-align: center; color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0 0 0;">Thursday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brunch Lunch (Sausage, Beans, Hash Brown, Omelette) • Vegetarian Brunch Lunch (Quorn Sausage, Beans, Hash Brown, Omelette) • Raspberry Jelly and Fruit <p style="text-align: center; color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0 0 0;">Friday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<p style="text-align: center; color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Meat Free Monday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tomato and Mascarpone Pasta Bake Served with Seasonal Vegetables Mousse/ Soreen/ Raisins <p style="text-align: center; color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0 0 0;">Tuesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken Katsu Curry served with Rice • Quorn Chicken Katsu Curry served with Rice • Fresh Fruit Segments or Yoghurt <p style="text-align: center; color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0 0 0;">Wednesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection of Pizza (pepperoni/cheese) Served with Jacket Wedges, Salad • Jelly and Fruit <p style="text-align: center; color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0 0 0;">Thursday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p style="text-align: center; color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0 0 0;">Friday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
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