



St. Stephen's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter: Friday 24th April 2026

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School News...

Trips and Visits

Photographs and videos of this week's trips by Y3 to Chester for the Romans Experience and the Y4 Tattenhall Residential trip can be found on our Facebook page. The children had a wonderful time and represented St Stephen's brilliantly! Well done everyone!

April Attendance Newsletter

Alongside today's newsletter, we are sending home our newly introduced monthly attendance newsletter. We aim to provide more information to parents/carers about school attendance by sharing class data, pupil group data which we are sure you will find interesting. Also, we want to share key highlights so families are aware and can support us in these areas such as improving punctuality and understanding what pupils are missing out on by being late or absent from school. As always, our message from school is that we never expect families to send their child to school if they are unwell however we do need families to understand the bigger picture around attendance and punctuality that we face as a school from the Local Authority and OFSTED. Ultimately, our attendance needs to improve and we need your help and support to do this!

Y2 & Y3 Forest Skills – Wednesday 29th April

Years 2 and 3 will have their next Forest Skills session next Wednesday 29th April. This session will take place next 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.

PE Days for this half term

There are some changes to PE days for some classes this half term so please check below for your child's PE days:

Monday: Years 2 and 3

Tuesday: Reception and Years 4 and 5 and 6

Wednesday: Years 1, 3 and 4

Thursday: Years 4, 5 and 6 (Y4 will be swimming this term from 30th April)

Friday: Years 1 and 2

Y6 SATs

Reminder that Y6 SATs will take place from Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May. **All** pupils must be in school on time during SATs week. Pupils must be in school all week as they will **not** have the opportunity to re-sit the assessments again. Information has been sent home this week about Y6 SATs breakfast that will be on offer that week. In the meantime, if anyone has any questions or queries about Y6 SATs then please make an appointment to speak to Mr Gosling.





Summer Term After School Clubs

Our Summer 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. Clubs begin next week, week beginning 27th April, and will run for 9 weeks up to the week ending 10th July. All clubs run from 3.15pm until 4pm.

REMINDER: MAY BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

Please remember that it is Bank Holiday Monday on Monday 4th May so school is closed. We will reopen as normal on Tuesday 5th May at 8.45am. Booster classes and after school clubs will commence as usual.

Let's Celebrate...

Gospel Value: Humility			Proud Work of the Week:		
	YR	Emily		YR	Matej
	Y1	Albert		Y1	Leon
	Y2	Lena		Y2	Dexter
	Y3	Avie		Y3	Kobe
	Y4	Aleksandra		Y4	Annielou
	Y5	Fatima		Y5	Alexia
	Y6	Heila		Y6	Ahmad
	Lunchtime Stars:			Sports Stars:	
	YR	Sam		EYFS/KSI:	
	Y1	Genelia		Maisie in YR for putting loads of effort into her sports day practice	
	Y2	Leona		KS2:	
	Y3	David		George in Y6 for finding lots of ways to contribute and be helpful to his classmates during his PE lessons	
	Y4	Sienna			
	Y5	Diana			
Y6	Harrison				



Rainbow Champions



R: Elijah, Gheorghe, Maya-Maria, Purna, Paisley, Sam, Matej, Danya, Sofia, Axel, Maya, Maia, Naomi, Darcie, Emily

Y1: Dorothy, Avah, Lucas, Victoria, Bailey

Y2: Kyra, Theo, Lily, Bennett, Dexter, Milan, Teddie, Lyla

Y3: Olivia K, Olivia W, Alan, Brooklyn, Harley


Y4: Rhys S, Sienna

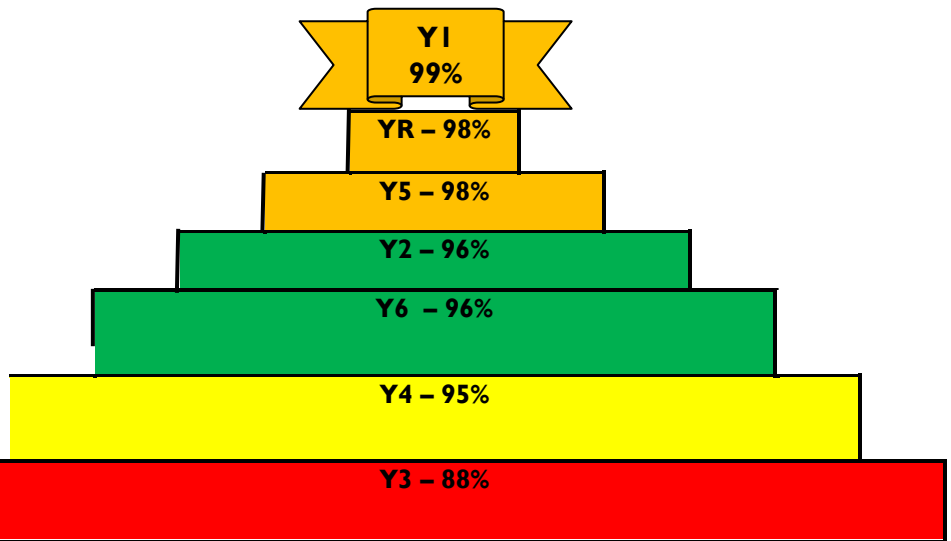
Y5: Grace, Madison, Ihe, Ruby, Fatima, Luke, Ava, Hallie, Miley, Bailey, Frankie, Jayden, Alexia

Y6: Blake, Emily, Heila, Alfie, Natalia, Jan, Ahmad, Olivia, Jaxon V, Zac, Georgia, Jordan

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

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.

Summer Term Diary Dates 2026



Date	Time	Event
27/4/26	All week	Summer Term after school clubs begin this week
28/4/26	5.00pm	Full Governing Body Meeting
29/4/26	All day	Y3 & Y2 Forest School
30/4/26	1.00pm	Y4 swimming lessons begin
1/5/26	All day	Y6 residential trip final payment due today
2/5/26	11am	Y4 Holy Communion Mass
4/5/26	All day	Bank Holiday Monday - school closed
6/5/26	All day	Y4 & Y1 Forest School
8/5/26	All day	Y3 & Y5 Forest School
11/5/26	All week	Mental Health Awareness Week
11/5/26	All week	Y6 SATs Week
12/5/26	All day	Y4 & Y1 Forest School
14/5/26	11am	Mass for Ascension & First Holy Communion Thanksgiving at Church
15/5/26	All day	Non-uniform day
19/5/26	All day	Y2 & Y5 Forest School
20/5/26	All day	Y6 Forest School
22/5/26	9.15am	Y2 Class Assembly with parents/carers
22/5/26	Morning	Sports Day morning with parents/carers from 10am
22/5/26	3.15pm	School closes for Whit holidays
8/6/26	8.45am	School reopens to all pupils
8/6/26	All week	Y1 Phonics Screening Week
8/6/26	All week	Y4 Multiplication Check Week
9/6/26	Afternoon only	Y5 Growing Up Talk with School Nurse
10/6/26	All day	Y2 & Y3 Forest School
15/6/26	All day	Y5 Retreat Day at Church with Cardinal Newman
16/6/26	All day	Y5 Taster Day at Cardinal Newman
16/6/26	All day	Y2 trip to Safety Central
17/6/26	All day	Judaism workshops for all classes
18/6/26	All day	Y6 & Y1 Forest School
18/6/26	2.15pm	Parent Coffee Afternoon
19/6/26	9.15am	Reception Class Fathers' Day Stay and Pray
22/6/26	Morning only	Tempest Photography Class Photos
24/6/26 - 26/6/26	All day/ overnight	Y6 Residential Trip to Boreatton Park
29/6/26	All morning	Prayer Stations for pupils only
30/6/26	All day	Y5 trip to Safety Central
1/7/26	All day	Y6 High School Transition Day 1
1/7/26	All morning	Transition Morning for Reception – Year 5
2/7/26	All day	Y6 High School Transition Day 2
2/7/26	All day	Y2 & Y3 Forest School

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, 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="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="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 V Quorn Sausage Yorkshire pudding Creamed Potatoes, served with Carrots and Peas V Fresh Fruit Salad or Yoghurt <p style="color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0 0 0;">Wednesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p style="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 V BBQ Quorn chicken Pitta served with Baked Wedged Potatoes, and Sweetcorn Homemade Blueberry Cake/Muffin <p style="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 V Quorn Vegan Dippers Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans Homemade Cooks Choice Biscuit 	<p style="color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Meat Free Monday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Margherita Pizza Rounds Served with Baked Jacket Wedges and Sweetcorn Oven Baked Jam Doughnut <p style="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 V Quorn Chicken Roast Dinner V Fresh Fruit Salad or Yoghurt <p style="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 V 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="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) V Vegetarian Brunch Lunch (Quorn Sausage, Beans, Hash Brown, Omelette) V Raspberry Jelly and Fruit <p style="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 V Quorn Vegan Dippers Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans Homemade Cooks Choice Biscuit 	<p style="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="color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0 0 0;">Tuesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken Katsu Curry served with Rice V Quorn Chicken Katsu Curry served with Rice V Fresh Fruit Segments or Yoghurt <p style="color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0 0 0;">Wednesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> V Selection of Pizza (pepperoni/cheese) Served with Jacket Wedges, Salad V Jelly and Fruit <p style="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 V Quorn Meatballs in Tomato and Basil Sauce Served with Pasta and Garden Peas Vanilla and Chocolate Marble Cake <p style="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 V 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

ST. STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC



PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

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	Open	Close	No. of Days
Autumn Half Term 1	Thursday 3 rd September 2026	Friday 23 rd October 2026	37
Autumn Half Term 2	Monday 2 nd November 2026	Friday 18 th December 2026	35
Spring Half Term 1	Tuesday 5 th January 2027	Friday 12 th February 2027	29
Spring Half Term 2	Monday 22 nd February 2027	Wednesday 24 th March 2027	23
Summer Half Term 1	Wednesday 7 th April 2027	Friday 28 th May 2027	37
Summer Half Term 2	Monday 14 th June 2027	Friday 23 rd July 2027	29
			TOTAL: 190

School closed: Bank Holiday Monday - Monday 3rd May 2027

INSET Days: School closed for pupils

- Tuesday 1st September 2026
- Wednesday 2nd September 2026
- Monday 4th January 2027
- Friday 2nd July 2027 – Warrington Walking Day (TBC)
- Monday 26th July 2027