



## St. Stephen's Catholic Primary School

### Weekly Newsletter: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

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# School News...

## REMINDER: MAY BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

Please remember that it is Bank Holiday Monday on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May so school is closed. We will reopen as normal on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 8.45am. Y6 Booster classes and after school clubs will commence as usual.

## Y4 Holy Communion – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 11am

Please keep our Y4 pupils in your prayers this weekend as they make their First Holy Communion. The Mass takes place at Church tomorrow at 11am. We hope the sun shines for the children on their special day after they have prepared so well for this important step in the sacramental journey. God Bless, Y4!

Families have received a message about arrangements for the Mass tomorrow from Father John. He asks that: you arrive 20 minutes before 11am so that you may be seated in your allocated bench in Church. Remember and respect that photographs may be taken at the end of the Mass only. Be respectful before and during the service as we ask that ALL mobile phones are switched off. Please share these messages with your friends and family too!

## Summer Term Curriculum Information

Earlier this week, class teachers sent home overviews of what subjects and topics your child will be covering over the Summer Term. Please discuss this with your child and use it to ask about your child's day. Teachers have also outlined reading and homework expectations which we expect our families to support us with. We stress again the importance of reading at home with an adult even if it is just for 5 minutes per day – little and often will make a big difference. There are only so many hours in the day at school with so many subjects to cover – we need support from our families to help our children consolidate their learning and make progress.

## Y1 & Y4 Forest Skills – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Years 1 and 4 will have their next Forest Skills session next Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May. 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. Please wear sun cream and bring a cap if it is sunny!

## Y3 & Y5 Forest Skills – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Years 3 and 5 will have their next Forest Skills session next Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May. This session will take place next Friday 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. Please wear sun cream and bring a cap if it is sunny!





## Y6 SATs – week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> May

Reminder that Y6 SATs will take place from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 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. Y6 SATs breakfast that will be on offer that week in the school hall. In the meantime, if anyone has any questions or queries about Y6 SATs then please make an appointment to speak to Mr Gosling.

## Morning Drop Off Routines

Please remember that children from Y1-6 are to come on to the playground from 8.40am and line up with their class teaching assistant, who will supervise the children. Messages can be passed on at the gate to Mr Hatton, Miss Bedworth or Mrs Kirkwood or via the school office. Reception Class may still be dropped off by parents/carers but we will trial the children lining up on their own after the Whit holidays in preparation for joining Y1 in September.

# Let's Celebrate...

Gospel Value: Honesty			Proud Work of the Week:		
	<b>YR</b>	<b>Naomi</b>		<b>YR</b>	<b>Jasmina</b>
	<b>Y1</b>	<b>Lucas</b>		<b>Y1</b>	<b>Calub</b>
	<b>Y2</b>	<b>Annmiya</b>		<b>Y2</b>	<b>Teddy</b>
	<b>Y3</b>	<b>Alan</b>		<b>Y3</b>	<b>Anson</b>
	<b>Y4</b>	<b>Theo S</b>		<b>Y4</b>	<b>Whole Class</b>
	<b>Y5</b>	<b>Sophie</b>		<b>Y5</b>	<b>Ava</b>
	<b>Y6</b>	<b>Jaxon V</b>		<b>Y6</b>	<b>Emily</b>
	<b>Lunchtime Stars:</b>			<b>Sports Stars:</b>	
	<b>YR</b>	<b>Barney</b>		<b>EYFS/KSI:</b>	
	<b>Y1</b>	<b>Avah</b>		Leon in Y1 for better effort in PE lessons.	
	<b>Y2</b>	<b>Teddy A</b>		<b>KS2:</b>	
	<b>Y3</b>	<b>Jessica</b>		Eva in Y4 for showing great bravery in PE lessons and trying hard to improve her skills.	
	<b>Y4</b>	<b>Mathias</b>			
	<b>Y5</b>	<b>Sophie</b>			
<b>Y6</b>	<b>Nova</b>				



## Rainbow Champions



**R:** Elijah, Jasmina, Gheorghe, Bella, Kayla, Matej, Maia, Naomi, Darcie, Akwaugo

**Y1:** Avah, Jan, Lucas, Georgia, Victoria, Bailey, Leon, Louie, Calub, Albert, Emilia, Elizabeth

**Y2:** Teddy, Lemon, Olivia, Theo, Leona, Nova, Milan, Teddie, Annmiya

**Y3:** Caleb, Darcy, Niamh, Harley, Kobe, Jess, Alan, Hunter, Olivia K, Olivia W


**Y4:** Roman, Mason, Maisy, Alaya, Madison, Annielou, Thomas W, Antoni, Elizabeth

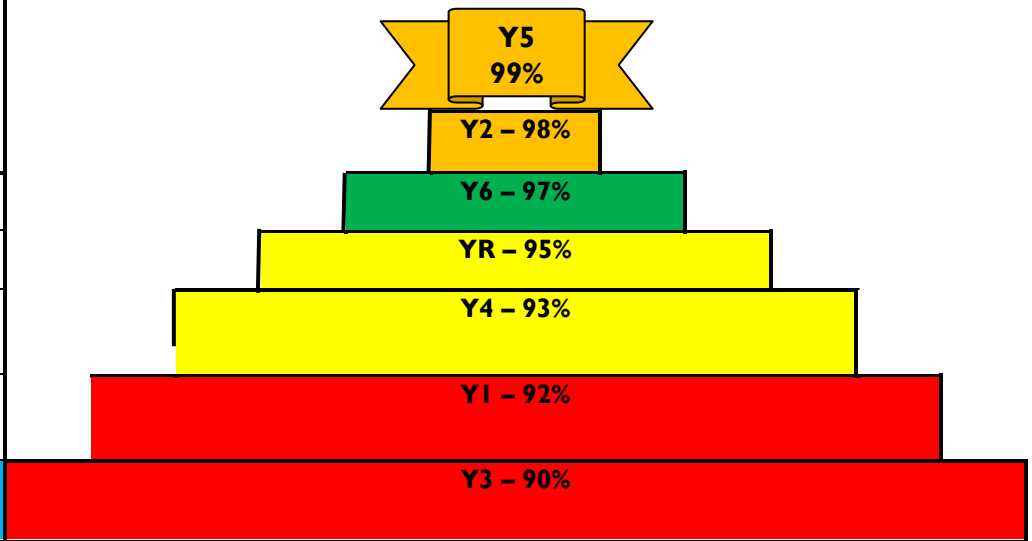
**Y5:** Olivia, Grace, Jaiden, Bella, Maisie, Kylah, Frankie, Bradley, Ruby, Ihe, Miley, Ava, Hallie, Gabriel

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

# Attendance Update...

**Congratulations to Y5 for having the best attendance this week!**

 <b>Attendance Matters</b> 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**

Minutes late	Days lost
5	3
10	6.5
15	10
20	13
30	19

\*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
1/5/26	All day	Y6 residential trip final payment due today
2/5/26	11am	Y4 Holy Communion Mass
<b>4/5/26</b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>Bank Holiday Monday - school closed</b>
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
<b>11/5/26</b>	<b>All week</b>	<b>Y6 SATs Week</b>
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 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="color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Meat Free Monday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Vegetarian Sausage Roll</li> <li>Herby Diced Potatoes and Baked Beans</li> <li>Mousse/ Soreen/ Raisins</li> </ul> <p style="color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0 0 0;">Tuesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pork Sausage with Yorkshire pudding Creamed Potatoes, served with Carrots and Peas</li> <li>✓ Quorn Sausage Yorkshire pudding Creamed Potatoes, served with Carrots and Peas</li> <li>✓ Fresh Fruit Salad or Yoghurt</li> </ul> <p style="color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0 0 0;">Wednesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Veggie Fajitas served with savory rice and sweetcorn.</li> <li>Beef Broccoli Burger in a Bun served with herby Diced potato and Fresh Side Salad</li> <li>✓ Quorn Burger in a Bun served with herby Diced potato and Fresh Side Salad</li> <li>✓ Orange Jelly and Fruit</li> </ul> <p style="color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0 0 0;">Thursday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BBQ chicken Pitta served with Baked Wedged Potatoes, and Sweetcorn</li> <li>✓ BBQ Quorn chicken Pitta served with Baked Wedged Potatoes, and Sweetcorn</li> <li>Homemade Blueberry Cake/Muffin</li> </ul> <p style="color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0 0 0;">Friday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crumb Coated Chicken served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans</li> <li>Oven baked Fish Fingers Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans</li> <li>✓ Quorn Vegan Dippers Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans</li> <li>Homemade Cooks Choice Biscuit</li> </ul>	<p style="color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Meat Free Monday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Margarita Pizza Rounds Served with Baked Jacket Wedges and Sweetcorn</li> <li>Oven Baked Jam Doughnut</li> </ul> <p style="color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0 0 0;">Tuesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roast Turkey with Creamed Potato, Roast Potato, Carrot and Broccoli</li> <li>✓ Quorn Chicken Roast Dinner</li> <li>✓ Fresh Fruit Salad or Yoghurt</li> </ul> <p style="color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0 0 0;">Wednesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beef Spaghetti Bolognaise served with garden peas</li> <li>✓ Quorn mince Spaghetti Bolognaise served with garden peas</li> <li>Garlic and Herb Chicken served with Vegetable rice and Broccoli.</li> <li>Arctic or Chocolate Ice Cream</li> </ul> <p style="color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0 0 0;">Thursday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brunch Lunch (Sausage, Beans, Hash Brown, Omelette)</li> <li>✓ Vegetarian Brunch Lunch (Quorn Sausage, Beans, Hash Brown, Omelette)</li> <li>✓ Raspberry Jelly and Fruit</li> </ul> <p style="color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0 0 0;">Friday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oven Baked Chicken Poppers Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans</li> <li>Oven baked Battered Salmon served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes Garden Peas or Baked Beans</li> <li>✓ Quorn Vegan Dippers Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans</li> <li>Homemade Cooks Choice Biscuit</li> </ul>	<p style="color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Meat Free Monday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tomato and Mascarpone Pasta Bake</li> <li>✓ Served with Seasonal Vegetables</li> <li>Mousse/ Soreen/ Raisins</li> </ul> <p style="color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0 0 0;">Tuesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chicken Katsu Curry served with Rice</li> <li>✓ Quorn Chicken Katsu Curry served with Rice</li> <li>✓ Fresh Fruit Segments or Yoghurt</li> </ul> <p style="color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0 0 0;">Wednesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Selection of Pizza (pepperoni/cheese) Served with Jacket Wedges, Salad</li> <li>✓ Jelly and Fruit</li> </ul> <p style="color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0 0 0;">Thursday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pork Meatballs in Tomato and Basil Sauce Served with Pasta and Garden Peas</li> <li>✓ Quorn Meatballs in Tomato and Basil Sauce Served with Pasta and Garden Peas</li> <li>Vanilla and Chocolate Marble Cake</li> </ul> <p style="color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0 0 0;">Friday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crumb Coated Chicken Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans</li> <li>Oven Baked Fish Stars Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans</li> <li>✓ Quorn Vegan Dippers Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans</li> <li>Homemade Cooks Choice Biscuit</li> </ul>

Menu Cycle Week One: 17<sup>th</sup> June, 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept, 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept, 14<sup>th</sup>
Menu: 2024



## Holiday Dates 2025/26

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

**School closed: Bank Holiday Monday - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

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



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- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2027 – Warrington Walking Day (TBC)
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2027