



## St. Stephen's Catholic Primary School

### Weekly Newsletter: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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# School News...

## Y6 SATs Assessments – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May

Next week will see our Y6 pupils sit their statutory end of key stage assessments. Pupils **must** be in school on time every day in order to sit the assessments. Mr Gosling has sent home information about next week including a timetable and arrangements for breakfast which will be served Monday – Thursday for Y6 pupils in the Hall from 8.15am onwards. Please remember that morning booster classes with Mrs Bishop have now finished.

The assessments help to measure attainment and progress in Maths and English. However, what they don't measure and show is how proud we are of this group of pupils who have worked unbelievably hard since September to cover the Y6 curriculum and revise for these assessments. Their commitment, effort, maturity and enthusiasm have impressed us all and we know next week they will do themselves proud! Good luck Y6!

## Y1 & Y4 Forest Skills – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Years 1 and 4 will have their next Forest Skills session next Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May. This session will take place on Tuesday 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!

## Ascension Mass & First Holy Communion Thanksgiving – 14<sup>th</sup> May

Next Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, all pupils from Reception to Y6 will be attending Mass at Church to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. We will also be celebrating the children from Y4 who made their First Holy Communion. Y4 and Father John will be leading the service which begins at 11am. Parents, carers and family members are invited to come along and join in this special celebration at Mass with our parish and school communities. After Mass, we will be celebrating the Y4 Holy Communicants with a special cake back at school. All children will return to school straight after Mass in time for lunch time as usual where we will be having a special party lunch to mark such a special occasion!

## Non-Uniform Day – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Next half term, our KS2 school choir will be performing at a special fundraising event with groups of children from all of Warrington's Catholic primary schools. We are coming together to celebrate Warrington and Halton Hospitals 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday and raising money for a well-deserved cause the 'Willow Tree Hub Campaign'. The hub is looking to fund £200,000 and they are about £50,000 off their target at this point in the year. To support this cause, we will be holding a non-uniform day in school next Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May for all children in return for a £1 donation via ParentPay. More information will follow about the fundraising event at Parr Hall for our KS2 choir.





## Diabetic Fundraiser

Sienah from our Y2 class is taking on a mighty challenge this weekend to raise money and awareness about diabetes. Sienah herself is diabetic and is taking part in a 5km walk in the One Walk Manchester to help raise money to fund life-changing research and make a difference to the lives of people affected by type 1! Breakthrough T1D funds world-class research, supports the T1D community and campaigns for broader NHS provision of treatments and technologies. We are very proud of Sienah and her efforts! If anyone would like to sponsor her then please find the details via the link below: <https://support.breakthrough1d.org.uk/fundraisers/alanaperrin>

## 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: Forgiveness			Proud Work of the Week:		
	<b>YR</b>	<b>Maia P</b>		<b>YR</b>	<b>Kayla</b>
	<b>Y1</b>	<b>Vicky</b>		<b>Y1</b>	<b>Atlas</b>
	<b>Y2</b>	<b>Bennett</b>		<b>Y2</b>	<b>Elizah</b>
	<b>Y3</b>	<b>Olivia W</b>		<b>Y3</b>	<b>Jess</b>
	<b>Y4</b>	<b>Madison</b>		<b>Y4</b>	<b>Mathias</b>
	<b>Y5</b>	<b>Lacey</b>		<b>Y5</b>	<b>Frankie</b>
	<b>Y6</b>	<b>Jordan</b>		<b>Y6</b>	<b>Georgina</b>
	<b>Lunchtime Stars:</b>			<b>Sports Stars:</b>	
	<b>YR</b>	<b>Matej</b>		<b>EYFS/KSI:</b>	
	<b>Y1</b>	<b>Mohammad</b>		Natan in Y2 for working hard in PE lessons and being a great team mate.	
	<b>Y2</b>	<b>Theo</b>		<b>KS2:</b>	
	<b>Y3</b>	<b>Arijana</b>		Ruby in Y5 for consistently having a hardworking and positive attitude in PE lessons.	
	<b>Y4</b>	<b>Annielou</b>			
	<b>Y5</b>	<b>Bradley</b>			
<b>Y6</b>	<b>Jaxon V</b>				



## Rainbow Champions



**R:** Elijah, Jasmina, Purna, Matej, Axel, Maya N, Darcie, Akwaugo

**Y1:** David, Dorothy, Genelia, Avah, Victoria, Louie, Emilia

**Y2:** Elizah, Lemon, Marie, Leona, Max, Nova, Teddie

**Y3:** Bobby S, Anson, Laura, Hunter, Brooklyn


**Y4:** Madison, Kenichi, Theo B

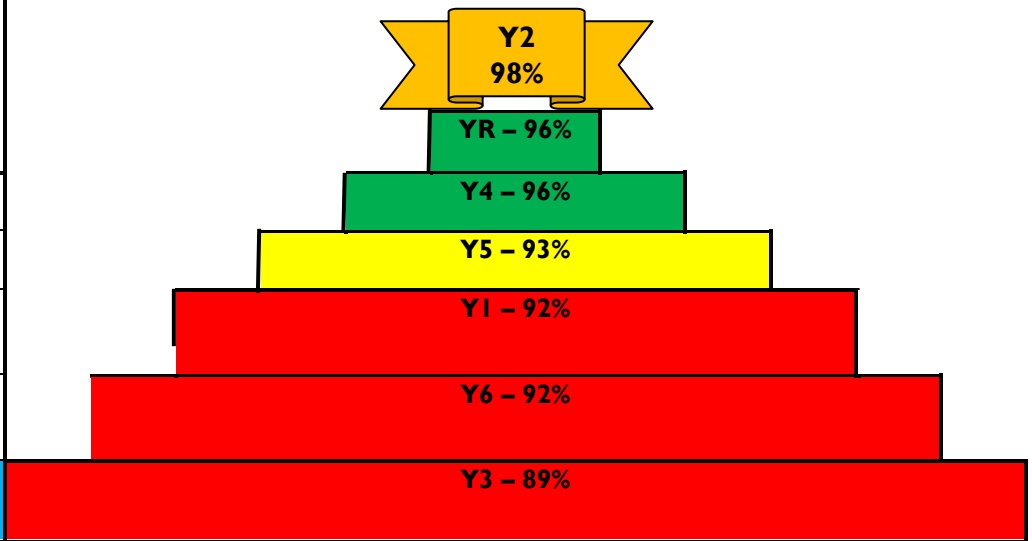
**Y5:** Alexia, Phoebe, Jaiden, Miley, Sonny, Frankie, Gabriel, Jayden, Grace, Szymon, Ihe, Harry

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

# Attendance Update...

**Congratulations to Y2 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



<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
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 1 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"> <li>✓ Vegetarian Sausage Roll</li> <li>Herby Diced Potatoes and Baked Beans</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">Mousse/ Soreen/ Raisins</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0;">Tuesday</p> <p>Pork Sausage with Yorkshire pudding Creamed Potatoes, served with Carrots and Peas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Quorn Sausage Yorkshire pudding Creamed Potatoes, served with Carrots and Peas</li> <li>✓ Fresh Fruit Salad or Yoghurt</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center; color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0;">Wednesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Veggie Fajitas served with savory rice and sweetcorn.</li> </ul> <p>Beef Broccoli Burger in a Bun served with herby Diced potato and Fresh Side Salad</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Quorn Burger in a Bun served with herby Diced potato and Fresh Side Salad</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">✓ Orange Jelly and Fruit</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0;">Thursday</p> <p>BBQ chicken Pitta served with Baked Wedged Potatoes, and Sweetcorn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ BBQ Quorn chicken Pitta served with Baked Wedged Potatoes, and Sweetcorn</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">Homemade Blueberry Cake/Muffin</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0;">Friday</p> <p>Crumb Coated Chicken served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">Oven baked Fish Fingers Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Quorn Vegan Dippers Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">Homemade Cooks Choice Biscuit</p>	<p style="text-align: center; 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> </ul> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">Oven Baked Jam Doughnut</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0;">Tuesday</p> <p>Roast Turkey with Creamed Potato, Roast Potato, Carrot and Broccoli</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Quorn Chicken Roast Dinner</li> <li>✓ Fresh Fruit Salad or Yoghurt</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center; color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0;">Wednesday</p> <p>Beef Spaghetti Bolognaise served with garden peas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Quorn mince Spaghetti Bolognaise served with garden peas</li> </ul> <p>Garlic and Herb Chicken served with Vegetable rice and Broccoli.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">Arctic or Chocolate Ice Cream</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0;">Thursday</p> <p>Brunch Lunch (Sausage, Beans, Hash Brown, Omelette)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Vegetarian Brunch Lunch (Quorn Sausage, Beans, Hash Brown, Omelette)</li> <li>✓ Raspberry Jelly and Fruit</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center; color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0;">Friday</p> <p>Oven Baked Chicken Poppers Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans</p> <p>Oven baked Battered Salmon served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes Garden Peas or Baked Beans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Quorn Vegan Dippers Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">Homemade Cooks Choice Biscuit</p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Meat Free Monday</p> <p>Tomato and Mascarpone Pasta Bake</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Served with Seasonal Vegetables</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center; 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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**

### **INSET Days: School closed for pupils**

- 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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- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2027 – Warrington Walking Day (TBC)
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2027