



April 2026

Attendance Newsletter

Attendance Ladder



If your child has a medical or dental appointment, please make them after school. If not please make them after 9am or 1pm so that your child can be registered in class and get their mark.

If your child has a medical or dental appointment and needs to be taken out of school, then you must provide evidence of the appointment at the school office or via Parentapps 'Absence Reporting' tab.

Spring Term 2026 Attendance Update by Year Group:

Year 2	95.0%
Year 4	94.6%
Reception	94.5%
Year 1	93.5%
Year 5	93.3%
Year 3	92.9%
Year 6	92.0%
Overall Whole School	93.7%

Well done to Year 2 for having the best class attendance so far this year! We are looking to see improvements from Years 1, 3, 5 and 6 over the Summer Term 2026. We need to get our overall school attendance up to 94.0% which is the national average by July.

Spring Term 2026 Attendance Update for Pupil Groups:

Boys	93.8%
Girls	93.5%
Free School Meals	86.2%
Non Free School Meals	93.7%
English as an Additional Language	94.9%
Non English as an Additional Language	93.2%
SEND Support	92.9%
EHCP	87.9%
No SEND	94.2%

Boys have a better attendance than girls. Children in receipt of Free School Meals have a considerably lower attendance than non-Free School Meals pupils. Those with English as an Additional Language have a better attendance than non EAL pupils. Pupils who are on our SEND register for SEND support or EHCPs have a considerably lower attendance than those children without SEND.

Spring Term 2026 Absences

Days of learning lost to:

- Holidays: 57
- Illness: 488
- Medical Appointments: 36
- Lates before registers close: 265
- Lates after registers close: 62

- Over the Summer Term, as a school we will be focusing on reducing the numbers of days being taken off school for illness.
- We will also be looking to reduce the number of late marks that are being recorded by certain pupils or in certain year groups. Parents/carers will be invited to punctuality meetings this half term to discuss ways in which we can support families in improving their child's punctuality.
- We remind families that any child arriving to school after 9.15am, when registers have closed, will be given an absent mark, as per DFE guidelines.

Punctuality Reminders:

Do you know what good time keeping means?

Lost minutes = Lost learning



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.
- 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.

To help inform parents/carers of what action to take if their child presents with any medical matters, please see the NHS and Public Health advice below:



UK Health
Security
Agency



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

Please take note of our term dates for the remainder of this year and next academic year when booking holidays. Please remember all holidays will be unauthorised as per LA guidance and may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.

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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<i>Autumn Half Term 1</i>	Thursday 3 rd September 2026	Friday 23 rd October 2026	37
<i>Autumn Half Term 2</i>	Monday 2 nd November 2026	Friday 18 th December 2026	35
<i>Spring Half Term 1</i>	Tuesday 5 th January 2027	Friday 12 th February 2027	29
<i>Spring Half Term 2</i>	Monday 22 nd February 2027	Wednesday 24 th March 2027	23
<i>Summer Half Term 1</i>	Wednesday 7 th April 2027	Friday 28 th May 2027	37
<i>Summer Half Term 2</i>	Monday 14 th June 2027	Friday 23 rd July 2027	29
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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