



# BE HERE, BE ON TIME, BE YOUR BEST!



Every school day counts for a brighter future.

## 1. PUNCTUALITY MATTERS

Being on time helps children:

- ✓ Start the day calmly
- ✓ Feel settled and confident
- ✓ Avoid missing important morning learning
- ✓ Build positive lifelong habits

### TOP TIPS FOR A SMOOTH START

- Prepare bags and uniforms the night before
- Keep bedtime routines consistent
- Aim to arrive 5–10 minutes early



ON TIME, READY TO LEARN!

## 2. MINOR ILLNESSES DON'T ALWAYS MEAN A DAY OFF

Many common childhood ailments do not require children to stay home.

### CHILDREN CAN USUALLY ATTEND SCHOOL WITH:

- Mild coughs or colds
- Runny noses
- Mild sore throats
- Tiredness
- Hay fever

### CHILDREN SHOULD STAY HOME IF THEY HAVE:

- A high temperature
- Vomiting or diarrhoea (normally 48 hours after the last episode before returning)
- Contagious illnesses where exclusion guidance applies



Returning to school quickly after minor illness helps children maintain routines, friendships and confidence. If you are unsure, please contact the school – we are here to help.

## 3. BUILDING RESILIENCE

Resilience helps children handle life's ups and downs. They build resilience when they:



Attend regularly, even when feeling a little unsure or tired



Learn to manage small worries



Keep routines and structure



Develop independence and coping skills

Small challenges help children grow. We are helping children become confident, resilient learners!



## DID YOU KNOW?

Missing just 1 day every fortnight adds up to nearly **4 weeks** of lost learning across the school year!



### GOOD ATTENDANCE LEADS TO:



Better learning



Stronger friendships



High achievement



Greater confidence

## BEFORE KEEPING YOUR CHILD HOME, ASK:

✓ Do they have a fever?



✓ Are they well enough for light activity?



✓ Could school support them today?



✓ Will staying home help recovery significantly?



THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH US  
TO SUPPORT EVERY CHILD'S SUCCESS.



Dear Parents/Carers,

Even small amounts of absence can quickly add up and make it harder for children to keep up with reading, maths, routines, and friendships. Arriving on time is just as important, as many key learning activities take place at the start of the school day. We encourage all families to support regular attendance and punctuality wherever possible, helping children build confidence, resilience, and positive habits for life.

Thank you for continuing to work in partnership with us to support every child's success.

Mr Hatton



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.

### Attendance Update by Year Group:

|                      |       |
|----------------------|-------|
| Year 2               | 95.1% |
| Reception            | 94.7% |
| Year 4               | 94.5% |
| Year 5               | 93.7% |
| Year 1               | 93.4% |
| Year 6               | 92.4% |
| Year 3               | 92.3% |
| Overall Whole School | 93.7% |

*Year 2 continue to improve their attendance but Reception are catching them up!  
We have seen good improvements in Years 5 and 6's attendance since Easter but sadly we have had dips in attendance in Years 1, 4 and 3. Let's increase our figures as best we can over the remainder of the Summer Term!*



**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<br>(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   |



### Advice and guidance

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

**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**

|                           | <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:<br/>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