



St. Stephen's Catholic Primary School

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School News...

Live Simply Award for St Stephen's

We are delighted to announce that St Stephen's has been awarded the Live Simply Award by CAFOD this week. This fantastic accomplishment comes after two years of commitment and teamwork from our pupils, staff, and families, all inspired by the values in Pope Francis' Laudato Si. Over the past two years, our school has embraced the challenge to "Live Simply, Sustainably, and in Solidarity." From reducing waste through recycling and reusing, to looking after one another and our wider community, we have worked hard to make a positive difference in our world. Guided by Laudato Si, we've focused on respecting and appreciating ourselves, each other and our world. We have supported our community and cared for the environment and helped others in need, both locally and globally and raised funds for a range of charities. We also have developed a beautiful prayer garden for our school community to use too. A huge thank you goes to Mrs O'Regan for leading the school community through this journey, compiling an excellent portfolio of evidence and meeting with the assessor this week.

Y6 'GiggleBox' Performance

Congratulations to Y6 who performed their end of year show to the school community and their families this week. The children took on various roles and delivered with such confidence and enthusiasm. Their singing, dancing and comedy delivery was perfect and showcased the wonderful talents of the class. It was a great way to end their final performance at school. Thank you to our parents who were good sports and participated in the danceathon!

Y6 Leavers' Events

Monday 20th July: Y6 Leavers; Disco from 5.00-7.00pm in school. Pupils must be collected by an adult.

Wednesday 22nd July: Y6 Leavers' Assembly at 9.30am in school. All Y6 families welcome to attend.

Year 1 Class Assembly

Thank you to Y1 who led our whole school worship this morning based on their current learning in RE. The children read clearly and sang beautifully whilst leading us in prayer and reflection. Thank you to our Y1 families for joining us this morning for this celebration.

End of Term Reminders

All end of year reports were emailed out to parents/carers yesterday. Please use the link provided to offer some feedback on your child's report please. All after school clubs have now finished. There are no PE lessons or Forest Skills sessions for the remainder of the term so pupil must wear summer school uniform to school next week. Pupils will need to bring a carrier bag to school on Monday in order to bring their books/work home from this school year. If any of our Reception, Years 1 and 2 pupil have reading books or library books at home then they must be returned to school by next Wednesday please!

REMINDER – Summer Holidays

School closes for the summer holidays on Wednesday 22nd July at 3.15pm
We reopen for the new academic year on Thursday 3rd September at 8.45am

REMINDERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

Uniform:

Pupils are to return to school in September wearing the winter uniform as we begin the new academic year. No trainers will be allowed only black shoes. Please make sure **all** uniform is labelled with your child's name including coats and bags.

PE kits:

All pupils from Reception to Year 6 will be required to wear our new PE kit on PE days. We are moving away from the white t-shirt and black shorts. Instead, pupils will be expected to wear the new navy sports t-shirt with the red school badge embroidered on and plain navy shorts. These items are available to buy at Warrington Schoolwear on Buttermarket Street or can be purchased online via www.alphaschoolwear.com. Pupils may wear trainers with their PE kits on their PE days.



Led by The Sports Academy

Running Monday to Thursday for 4 weeks starting week
beginning Monday 27th July finishing on Thursday 20th August
from 10am - 2pm

Please check eligibility and make bookings by clicking the link
below:

[St Stephen's HAF Summer Camp ran by The Sports Academy](#)

Let's Celebrate...

Gospel Value: Compassion			Proud Work of the Week:		
	YR	Maya-Maria		YR	Maia
	Y1	Whole Class		Y1	Louie
	Y2	Nova		Y2	Amy
	Y3	Olivia K		Y3	Arijana
	Y4	William		Y4	Barbora
	Y5	Bailey		Y5	Luke
	Y6	Blake		Y6	Harley
	Lunchtime Stars:			Sports Stars:	
	YR	Maia P		EYFS/KSI:	
	Y1	Vito		Dorothy in Y1 for being a great team mate with whoever she works with in PE lessons.	
	Y2	Theo		KS2:	
	Y3	Alan		Dawid in Y6 for showing maturity and an excellent attitude in PE lessons.	
	Y4	Aleksandra			
	Y5	Ava			
	Y6	Whole Class			



Rainbow Champions



R: Jasmina, Maisie, Kayla, Purna, Paisley, Barney, Matej, Danya, Sofia, Maya, Naomi, Darcie, Akwaugo, Emily, Miyah

Y1: Dorothy, Lucas, Frankie, Victoria, Bailey, Leon, Lola, Emilia

Y2: Elizah, Theo, Raymond, Sienah, Bennett, Nova, Dexter, Milan, Lyla

Y3: Anson, Harley, Caesar, Darcy, Bobby S, Olivia W, Olivia K

Y4: Thomas W, Aleksandra, Annielou, Sienna, Harper, Maisy, Theo B, Eva, Laura, Mathias

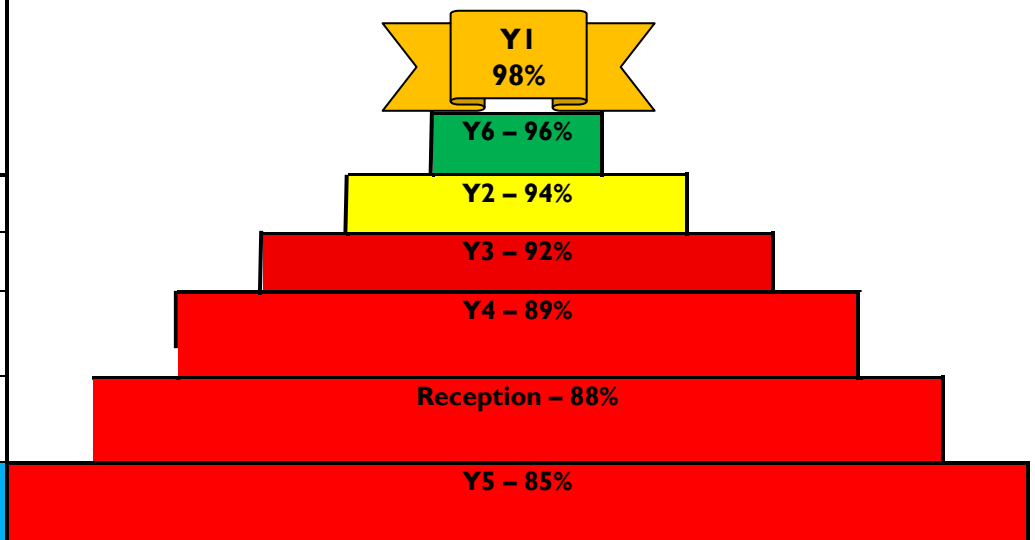
Y5: Ihe, Jaiden C, Maisie, Fatima, Sonny, Frankie, Jayden B, Max, Hallie, Moses, Bradley, Bailey

Y6: George, Darcey, Jaxon O, Mete, Denzel

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



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.

ST. STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC



PRIMARY SCHOOL

Holiday Dates 2026/27

	Open	Close	No. of Days
<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
			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