



St. Stephen's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter: Friday 11th September 2026

Telephone: 01925 630100

Website: <https://ststephenscps.com/>

Email: ststephens_primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk

School News...

Welcome Mass

Thank you to our families for joining us to celebrate our Welcome Mass at Church on Tuesday morning. Well done to our Y6 pupils who led the service and read so clearly and confidently. The children sang beautifully and we were inundated with positive feedback about the children's behaviour and reverence after Mass. Our new Reception Class starters enjoyed their first school Mass and were given a big round of applause at the end of the service to say well done! Father John encouraged the children and our school community to open the doors to their minds and hearts as we begin this new school year. We have lots to look forward to this coming year and we hope it is a happy and successful year for our children's and families!

REMINDER: PE Kit days for the Autumn Term 2026

All pupils from Reception to Year 6 will be required to wear our new PE kit to school on PE days. Pupils are 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 a plain navy tracksuit and trainers with their PE kits on their PE days. PE days for each class are:

Monday: Year 3 and Year 6

Tuesday: Year 1 and Year 2

Wednesday: Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6

Thursday: Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5

(Year 5 begin their swimming lessons next Thursday 17th September and can come into school in their PE kit/tracksuit each Thursday)

Friday: Reception and Year 5

ParentPay

A letter has been sent home today with your child with information about how ParentPay accounts will be managed as of Monday 14th September particularly for those pupils in Year 3-6. Limits are being made on how much snack and drinks can be bought at break times so please chat this through with your child in advance.

Seesaw

All pupils will have come home with their Seesaw log in details for the new academic year by the end of today. This allows parents and carers to access their child's online learning journal and get a flavour of what they have been learning across the curriculum each week. Please note Seesaw is not to be used to pass messages on to staff, it is purely for accessing children's learning. If you have any issues or queries about Seesaw, please speak to your child's class teacher.

RSHE Consultation

Please click the link to our school website to find our new updated Relationship, Sex and Health Education Policy which is in line with the guidance set out by Liverpool Archdiocese and currently under consultation until 25th September 2026. It outlines how we deliver this area of the curriculum in school using the Journey in Love programme. All information about this can be found at: <https://ststephenscps.com/relationships-sex-education-information/>

Internet Safety Newsletter – September 2026

Our September monthly Internet newsletter was sent home yesterday. This month's edition provides information and updates on:

- Artificial Intelligence Images
- You Tube
- What's App

Please use the newsletter to share with your child as a means of promoting Internet safety and positive online behaviours.

A love of
READING
lasts a
LIFETIME



Every
book opens
a new
ADVENTURE

ST. STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

STAY *and* READ



♥ SHARE A BOOK WITH YOUR CHILD. ♥

Join us for a special "Stay and Read" session.
See your child's new classroom, meet the staff and
share a book together.

BOOKS
build
CONFIDENCE
IMAGINATION
and
FUTURES

- ✓ Strengthens bonds
- ✓ Builds confidence
- ✓ Sparks imagination
- ✓ Supports learning
- ✓ Creates memories
THAT LAST!

Just ♥
20 MINUTES
a day can
make a
BIG
DIFFERENCE



TIME:
9:00 – 9:30AM



**MEET AT THE
MAIN ENTRANCE
AT 9:00AM**
You will then be taken
to your child's class.

OUR 'STAY AND READ' DATES:

 21.09.26	YEAR 6	 25.09.26	RECEPTION
 22.09.26	YEAR 5	 28.09.26	YEAR 4
 23.09.26	YEAR 3	 01.10.26	YEAR 2
 24.09.26	YEAR 1		



**READ TOGETHER.
GROW TOGETHER.
SHINE TOGETHER.**



TODAY A **READER**, TOMORROW A **LEADER**.



Let's Celebrate...

Gospel Value: Honesty			Proud Work of the Week:		
	YR	Matthew		YR	Cynthia
	Y1	Elijah		Y1	Bella
	Y2	Emilia		Y2	Vicky
	Y3	Lemon		Y3	Lena
	Y4	Arijana		Y4	Darcy
	Y5	Mathias		Y5	Mason
	Y6	Frankie		Y6	Phoebe
	Lunchtime Stars:			Sports Stars:	
	YR	Matthew		EYFS/KSI:	
	Y1	Barney		Emilia Y2 – Fantastic listening in teamwork games	
	Y2	Genelia		KS2:	
	Y3	Marie		Corey Y3 – Resilience and determination in skipping when he found it difficult	
	Y4	Corey			
	Y5	Annielou			
	Y6	Bella			



Rainbow Champions



R: Whole Class

Y1: Elijah, Bella, Kai, Barney, Matej, Axel, Maya

Y2: Genelia, Frankie, Victoria, Tomas, Leon, Oliver, Serenity, Emilia

Y3: Teddy, Amy, Marie, Lily, Milan

Y4: Caleb, Olivia, Corey, Arijana, Bobby, Brooklyn

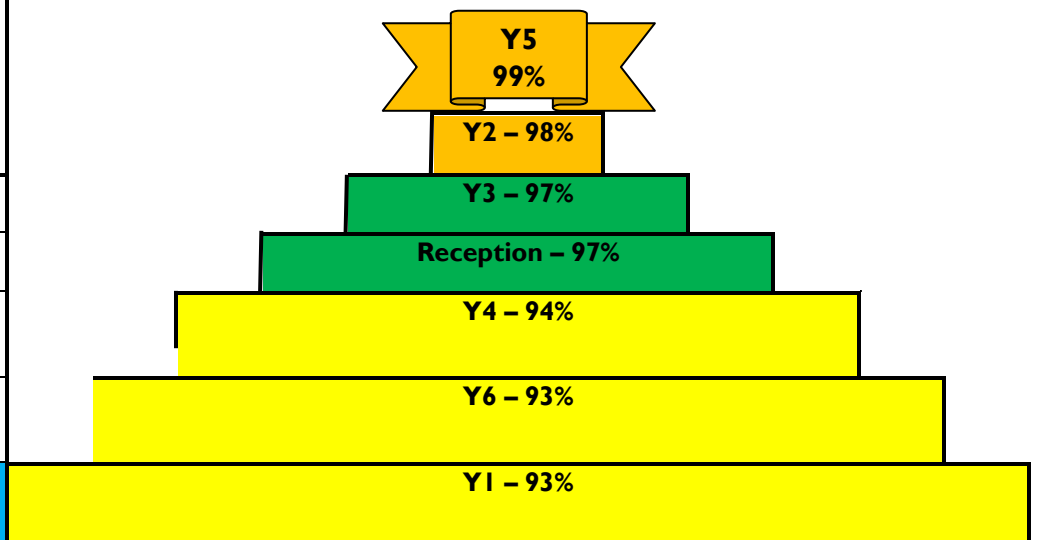
Y5: Mason, Roman, Madison, Zofia, Eva, Laura, Leah, Thomas

Y6: Frankie, Hallie, Olivia, Max

Attendance Update...

Congratulations to Y5 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

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
Meat Free Monday Vegetarian Sausage Roll Herby Diced Potatoes and Baked Beans Mousse/ Soreen/ Raisins	Meat Free Monday Margarita Pizza Rounds Served with Baked Jacket Wedges and Sweetcorn Oven Baked Jam Doughnut	Meat Free Monday Tomato and Mascarpone Pasta Bake Served with Seasonal Vegetables Mousse/ Soreen/ Raisins
Tuesday Pork Sausage with Yorkshire pudding Creamed Potatoes, served with Carrots and Peas V Quorn Sausage Yorkshire pudding Creamed Potatoes, served with Carrots and Peas V Fresh Fruit Salad or Yoghurt	Tuesday Roast Turkey with Creamed Potato, Roast Potato, Carrot and Broccoli V Quorn Chicken Roast Dinner V Fresh Fruit Salad or Yoghurt	Tuesday Chicken Katsu Curry served with Rice V Quorn Chicken Katsu Curry served with Rice V Fresh Fruit Segments or Yoghurt
Wednesday V Veggie Fajitas served with savory rice and sweetcorn. Beef Broccoli Burger in a Bun served with herby Diced potato and Fresh Side Salad V Quorn Burger in a Bun served with herby Diced potato and Fresh Side Salad V Orange Jelly and Fruit	Wednesday Beef Spaghetti Bolognaise served with garden peas V Quorn mince Spaghetti Bolognaise served with garden peas Garlic and Herb Chicken served with Vegetable rice and Broccoli. Arctic or Chocolate Ice Cream	Wednesday V Selection of Pizza (pepperoni/cheese) Served with Jacket Wedges, Salad V Jelly and Fruit
Thursday BBQ chicken Pitta served with Baked Wedged Potatoes, and Sweetcorn V BBQ Quorn chicken Pitta served with Baked Wedged Potatoes, and Sweetcorn Homemade Blueberry Cake/Muffin	Thursday Brunch Lunch (Sausage, Beans, Hash Brown, Omelette) V Vegetarian Brunch Lunch (Quorn Sausage, Beans, Hash Brown, Omelette) V Raspberry Jelly and Fruit	Thursday Pork Meatballs in Tomato and Basil Sauce Served with Pasta and Garden Peas V Quorn Meatballs in Tomato and Basil Sauce Served with Pasta and Garden Peas Vanilla and Chocolate Marble Cake
Friday Crumb Coated Chicken served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans Oven baked Fish Fingers Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans V Quorn Vegan Dippers Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans Homemade Cooks Choice Biscuit	Friday Oven Baked Chicken Poppers Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans Oven baked Battered Salmon served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes Garden Peas or Baked Beans V Quorn Vegan Dippers Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans Homemade Cooks Choice Biscuit	Friday Crumb Coated Chicken Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans Oven Baked Fish Stars Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans V Quorn Vegan Dippers Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans Homemade Cooks Choice Biscuit