



St. Stephen's Catholic Primary School

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School News...

St Stephen's Firework Event – SAVE THE DATE



SEE POSTER BELOW. TICKETS GO ON SALE ON FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER ON PARENTPAY.

Stay and Read Sessions for Parents/Carers

We are inviting parents/carers into school over the next two weeks to come into class and read with their child, visit your child's new classroom and meet the class staff working with your child this year. It is important that each child is represented at the workshop as staff will be providing key information which will help support your child in their learning this year. The sessions will run from 9.00-9.30am in your child's classroom on the following dates:

Monday 28th September: Y4

Thursday 1st October: Y2

RE Newsletter – Autumn Term 2026

Attached to our newsletter today is our Autumn Term 2026 Newsletter which contains information and key dates about what will be covered in Religious Education lessons as well as Masses at church and class assemblies.

Macmillan Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Macmillan Cake Sale in school today. Your cake donations and money donations were greatly appreciated for such a worthy cause.

Autumn Term After School Clubs

Our Autumn Term after school clubs have been shared this week via the school app. Bookings have been offered on a first come, first served basis and waiting lists will be set up should there be a big demand for a club. All pupils who sign up for a club are expected to attend for each of the 8 weeks. Should a child not attend the club, their place will be offered to the first child on the waiting list. Reception Class will be offered after school clubs in the Spring Term once they have further settled into school life. All clubs run from 3.15 – 4.00pm.

Y3 & Y6 Forest Skills session – Wednesday 30th September

Years 3 and 6 will have their first Forest Skills session of the year on Wednesday. The sessions will take place 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. Children must wear a waterproof coat for their sessions too.

Harvest Celebration – Friday 2nd October

We will be holding our annual Harvest celebration on Friday 2nd October. This year we will be supporting CAFOD's Harvest Family Fast Day to raise money to help provide clean water for our neighbours across the world. Families are asked to make a £1 donation per child via ParentPay to this cause and in return pupils can wear their own clothes to school next Friday. Next week, leading up to our Harvest celebration, we will be accepting donations from families of any tinned goods, pasta, rice, cereal etc. to add to our annual whole school donation to Warrington Foodbank. In these difficult times, we will be aiming to provide food parcels for local families as we head into the cold winter months.

St Stephen's
Catholic Primary School

Harvest

Family Fast Day

Raising money for



CAFOD

Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

A brighter
world is
possible



Own Clothes Day

Friday 2nd October



We will be collecting
food donations
(packets and non-perishable items)
for our Harvest celebration
on Friday 2nd October.

Thank you
for your support!



St Stephen's Catholic
Primary School

FIREWORK EVENT

Our First Firework Event!



Monday 2nd November | ⌚ 5:00 – 6:30pm

Tickets available to purchase from the school office
from Friday 2nd October – Thursday 22nd October.

Cheaper advance tickets – and tickets also available on the night!

TICKET PRICES

WHEN BOUGHT BEFOREHAND
FROM SCHOOL

CHILD TICKET
£3.00

ADULT TICKET
£4.00

ON THE NIGHT

£5 PER PERSON
CASH ONLY



FOOD – DRINKS – FLASHING LIGHTS
ICE CREAM VAN AND MORE!

Firework display by

**THE BIG
FIREWORK
SHOP**

Let's Celebrate...

Gospel Value: Compassion			Proud Work of the Week:		
	YR	Raynah-Rose		YR	Adelaide
	Y1	Purna		Y1	Maya N
	Y2	Serenity		Y2	Lucas
	Y3	Milan		Y3	Leona
	Y4	Olivia		Y4	Jessica
	Y5	Roman		Y5	Lilly
	Y6	Ruby		Y6	Hallie
	Lunchtime Stars:			Sports Stars:	
	YR	Gracie		EYFS/KSI:	
	Y1	Bella-Rae		Gheorghe Y1 for brilliant listening and following instructions	
	Y2	Mohammad		KS2:	
	Y3	Dexter		Lacey Y6 for applying hockey skills she has learnt into a team game	
	Y4	Harley			
	Y5	Harper			
	Y6	Diana			



Rainbow Champions



R: Jan

Y1: Gheorghe, Maia, Danya, Maya, Maisie, Cherry, Bella, Barney, Kai, Sam

Y2: Dorothy, Harvey, Esme, Lucas, Frankie, Victoria, Calub, Oliver, Niyah

Y3: Raymond, Sienah, Alex, Leona, Nova, Lyla, Anthony

Y4: Niamh, Harley, Alan, Mya, Hunter, Olivia

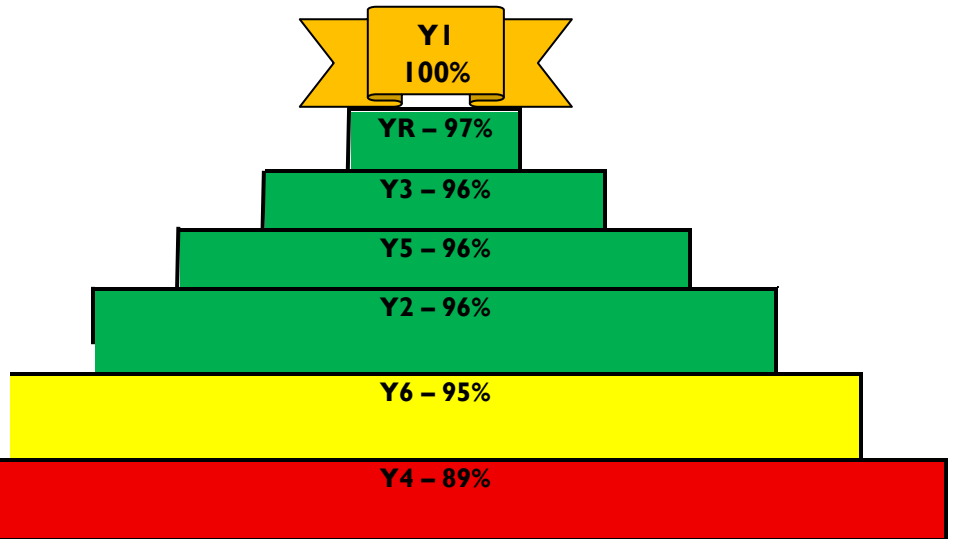
Y5: Harper, Lilly, Theo B, Oscar, Roman, William, Barbora, Eva, Thomas PA, Theo S, Rosie, Leah, Thomas W

Y6: Miley, Ava, Phoebe, Szymon, Gabriel, Moses, Max, Bailey

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.

Autumn Term Diary Dates 2026

**** Please note dates are subject to change and further events are to be added ****



Date	Time	Event
8/9/26	11.00am	Welcome Mass at Church
17/9/26	1.00pm	Y5 Swimming lessons begin
21/9/26	9.00am	Y6 Stay and Read with parents/carers
21/9/26	All day	International Day of Peace
22/9/26	9.00am	Y5 Stay and Read with parents/carers
23/9/26	9.00am	Y3 Stay and Read with parents/carers
24/9/26	9.00am	Y1 Stay and Read with parents/carers
25/9/26	9.00am	Reception Stay and Read with parents/carers
25/9/26	All day	'Class Cake Sales' in support of Macmillan Cancer Support
28/9/26	All week	Autumn Term After School Clubs begin
28/9/26	9.00am	Y4 Stay and Read with parents/carers
30/9/26	All day	Y3 & Y6 Forest School sessions
1/10/26	9.00am	Y2 Stay and Read with parents/carers
2/10/26	All day	CAFOD Family Feast Day/Harvest
9/10/26	All day	Own clothes day in return for chocolate donations
7/10/26	All day	Y1 & Y5 Forest School sessions
16/10/26	All day	Show Racism the Red Card Day – pupils can wear a splash of red with their uniforms today.
19/10/26	All morning	School photographs – individual and siblings
21/10/26	All day	Y2 & Y4 Forest School sessions
22/10/26	Morning	Y5/6 Halloween and Bonfire Night Safety talk
23/10/26	9.00am	Y2 Class Assembly – parents/carers invited to attend
23/10/26	3:15 pm	School closes for half term
2/11/26	8.45am	School reopens
2/11/26	5.00 – 6.30pm	St Stephen's Firework Event
4/11/26	All day	Y3 & Y6 Forest School sessions
6/11/26	All day	Non-refundable deposits due for Y4 & Y6 residential trips
10/11/26	2.00-6.00pm	Autumn Term Parents' Evening in school
11/11/26	All day	Y1 & Y5 Forest School sessions
13/11/26	All day	Children in Need fundraiser
13/11/26	All afternoon	Whole School Anti-Bullying Performance
16/11/26	All week	Anti-Bullying Week 2026
16/11/26	All day	Odd Sock Day for ABW
	All day	Y2 & Y4 Forest School sessions
23/11/26	All week	Autumn Term after school clubs finish this week
11/12/26	9.00am	Y6 Class Assembly – parents/carers invited to attend
11/12/26	All day	Christmas Jumper/Christmas Dinner/St. Rocco's Elf Run/KS2 Choir Performance (3pm)
15/12/26	9.15am/2.30pm	EYFS/KS1 Nativity Performances
16/12/26	2.30-3.15pm	KS2 Carol Concert in Church
17/12/26	All afternoon	Class Christmas Parties
18/12/26	All morning	Christmas Pantomime in school
18/12/26	3.15pm	School closes for Christmas holidays



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 2 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 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 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 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 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	Meat Free Monday - Margherita Pizza Rounds Served with Baked Jacket Wedges and Sweetcorn - Oven Baked Jam Doughnut Tuesday - Roast Turkey with Creamed Potato, Roast Potato, Carrot and Broccoli - V Quorn Chicken Roast Dinner - V Fresh Fruit Salad or Yoghurt Wednesday - Beef Spaghetti Bolognese served with garden peas - V Quorn mince Spaghetti Bolognese served with garden peas - Garlic and Herb Chicken served with Vegetable rice and Broccoli. - Arctic or Chocolate Ice Cream Thursday - Brunch Lunch (Sausage, Beans, Hash Brown, Omelette) - V Vegetarian Brunch Lunch (Quorn Sausage, Beans, Hash Brown, Omelette) - V Raspberry Jelly and Fruit 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	Meat Free Monday - Tomato and Mascarpone Pasta Bake Served with Seasonal Vegetables - Mousse/ Soreen/ Raisins Tuesday - Chicken Katsu Curry served with Rice - V Quorn Chicken Katsu Curry served with Rice - V Fresh Fruit Segments or Yoghurt Wednesday - V Selection of Pizza (pepperoni/cheese) Served with Jacket Wedges, Salad - V 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 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
Menu Cycle Week One: 17th June, 8th July, 2nd Sept, 23rd Sept, 14th Menu: 2024		