



St. Stephen's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter: Friday 9th October 2026

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School News...

Catholic Schools Inspection

As you will be aware, we were notified on Monday of our Catholic Schools Inspection. This took place on Wednesday and Thursday and was led by two inspectors from Liverpool Archdiocese. School was inspected across three areas: Catholic Life and Mission, Religious Education and Collective Worship. The inspectors were full of praise for the children, staff and governors and got a real sense of what makes St Stephen's a special place to be. Thank you to our families who sent in responses to the parent/carers survey. We look forward to sharing the inspection report with you in the coming weeks.

Year 6 Parents Meeting – Wednesday 14th October

Year 6 parents recently received a letter from the Headteacher of Cardinal Newman. Please be reminded that Mr Atkin will be meeting parents of Y6 pupils at 3.30pm on Wednesday 14th October in the Year 6 classroom. He will discuss transition from Y6 to Y7 and answer any questions that parents may have. We look forward to seeing you there!

Show Racism the Red Card – Friday 16th October

Next Friday 16th October, we will be supporting the national campaign of 'Show Racism The Red Card' as part of Black History Month. Pupils are invited to wear a splash of red with their school uniform or PE kit that day where we will have a special assembly on the campaign. This can include red bobbles/headband, socks and t-shirt.

ADVANCE NOTICE: School Photographs – Monday 19th October

Tempest Photography will be in school on Monday 19th October to take individual and sibling photographs of our pupils. Please note sibling photographs will only be taken for siblings in school not preschool age children. **All children are to come into school wearing smart school uniform on Monday.** Year 6 have PE on Mondays so must come into school in their uniform to have their photograph taken and bring their PE kits to change into later in the day for their PE lessons. Information on how to order and pay for your child's photographs will be sent out after 19th October.

Y6 High School Deadline: 31st October 2026

Y6 parents/carers have until midnight on 31st October 2026 to submit their preferred high school choices for their child for September 2027. Confirmation of places is sent out to families at the beginning of March by the Local Authority. Follow this link for more information: <https://www.warrington.gov.uk/secondary-school-admissions>

These links take you to the Warrington Borough Council Secondary Schools Admissions page. Also, have a look at the high schools that our former Y6 pupils have transferred to in recent years.

UNIFORM REMINDERS

Uniform:

As outlined at the end of the Summer Term, pupils are expected to be wearing our winter uniform. This means wearing a school shirt/blouse with a school tie. A plain navy jumper or cardigan or one with a school logo. No trainers are allowed to be worn - only black shoes. Girls should not be wearing false nails, nail varnish or excessive hair accessories. 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 are required to wear our new PE kit 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. During the colder months, pupils are permitted to wear a plain navy tracksuit with no logos on for PE lessons. 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.

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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: Love			Proud Work of the Week:		
	YR	Adelaide		YR	Jan
	Y1	Gheorghe		Y1	Danya
	Y2	Tomas		Y2	Mohammad
	Y3	Elizah		Y3	Roksana
	Y4	Corey		Y4	Mya
	Y5	Zofia		Y5	Harper
	Y6	Bailey		Y6	Miley
	Lunchtime Stars:			Sports Stars:	
	YR	Jack		EYFS/KSI:	
	Y1	Elijah		Maya Y1 for performing an excellent sequence of different types of jumps	
	Y2	Serenity		KS2:	
	Y3	Olivia		Theo Y3 for excellent effort and enthusiasm developing his jumping skills	
	Y4	Avie			
	Y5	Barbora			
	Y6	Olivia			



Rainbow Champions



R: Adelaide, Matthew, Zara, Maja, Julia, Liza, Gracie

Y1: Elijah, Gheorghe, Danya, Axel, Maya, Akwaugo

Y2: David, Dorothy, Esme, Georgia, Frankie, Victoria, Tomas, Oliver, Serenity, Emilia, Elizabeth

Y3: Teddy A, Olivia, Sienah

Y4: Caesar, Anthony, Niamh, Harley, Arijana, Mya, Bobby S, Darcy

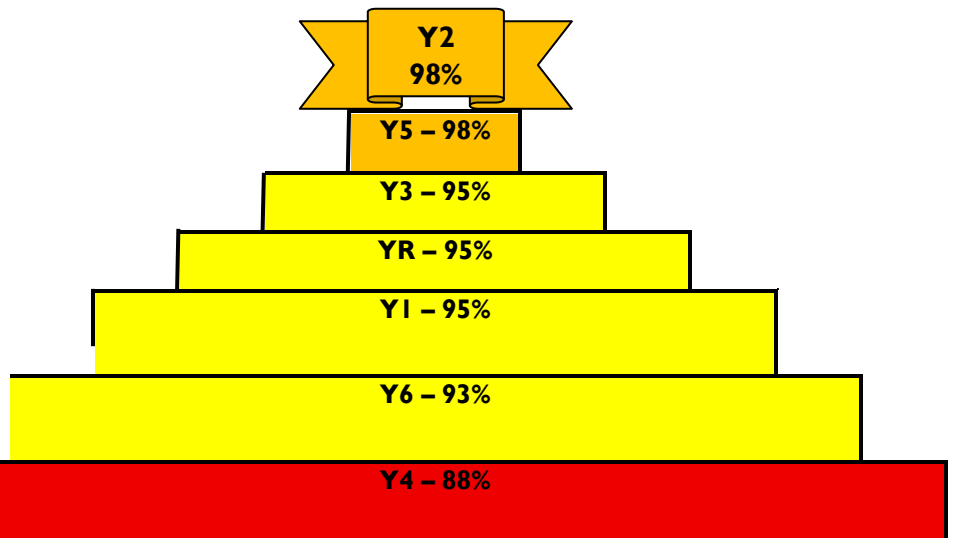
Y5: Harper, Mason, Roman, Madison, Zofia, Annsilo, Barbora, Eva, Maisy, Thomas PA, Laura

Y6: Phoebe, Hallie, Grace, Diana, Max, Ihe, Bailey

Attendance Update...

Congratulations to Y2 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 for tombola 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 1 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 Margerita 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 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	Wednesday V Selection of Pizzas (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

Menu Cycle Week One: 17th June, 8th July, 2nd Sept, 23rd Sept, 14th

Menu: 2024