St. Stephen's Catholic Primary School

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School News...

Autumn Term After School Clubs have now finished

All after school clubs finish after today for the Autumn Term. We are currently surveying the children to find out what after school clubs they would like to see school run in the future. Spring Term clubs will be advertised in January.

My Happy Mind Newsletter

For our PSHE curriculum in school, we follow the My Happy Mind scheme which the children thoroughly enjoy. They also provide resources for parents/carers in their 'Newsletter Spotlights' document which was sent home yesterday. Information has also been shared on our Facebook page for families to sign up to the My Happy Mind app which is full of useful resources to help and support your child at home.

Advent

Christmas is ready to be launched here in school. The trees are up and ready to be decorated and all of our plans are underway to help the children have a magical Christmas! On Sunday, the season of Advent begins as we start our preparations to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas. On Monday, we will begin our Advent journey with a special Celebration of the Word on the theme of 'hope'. Each child will then hang their hand made tree decoration on either the Christmas tree in the hall or main entrance to help add to the festive feel in school. Accompanying today's newsletter is an Advent calendar for children and families to share together and work on at home over the season of Advent.

EYFS/KS1 Nativity Play – The Bossy King

A letter was sent home to parents/carers yesterday with information about how to purchase tickets for 'The Bossy King' at 9.15am or 2.30pm on Tuesday 15th December. Tickets can be purchased via ParentPay and they will be sent home to families on Monday 14th December ahead of the shows.

Year 6 Gospel Singing Performance – Tuesday 8th December at 9.30am

On Tuesday 8th December, Y6 will be performing a selection of the songs they have learned during the Autumn Term with their tutor, Mel Birkett. Parents/carers of Y6 pupils are invited to come and join us at 9.30am in the school hall. It promises to be an amazing performance! Children are to wear smart uniform to school for the performance please.

Year 4 Advent Service – Thursday 10th December

On Thursday 10th December, our Year 4 children have been chosen to represent St. Stephen's at the Advent Service at the Cathedral in Liverpool. The children will leave school at 9.15am and arrive at the Cathedral in time for the service at 10.15am. The service will end at approximately 11.15am so the children will be back at school in time for their lunch by 12.15pm. If any families are able to make a toy donation for the children to take along to the service, we will be very grateful as they will be donated to Nugent Care who support families in need at Christmas. Pupils are to wear smart school uniform on the day and wear a warm, waterproof coat as it can be chilly in the Cathedral.

Year 6 Class Assembly – Friday 11th December at 9am

Parents/carers of our Y6 pupils are warmly invited to join us in school on Friday 11th December at 9.00am as the class present their class assembly. The children will be leading us in prayer and reflection as well as sharing their learning from their RE topic this half term on Prophet and Prophecy. We look forward to seeing you there!

Let's Celebrate...

Gospel Value: Justice		Proud Work of the Week:	
YR	Gracie	YR	Lucas
Y1	Maia	Y1	Jasmina
Y2	Esme	Y2	Dorothy
Y3	Alex	Y3	Bennett
Y4	Bobby S	Y4	Niamh
Y5	Theo B	Y5	Elizabeth
Y6	Maisie	Y6	Fatima

Lunchtime Stars:	
YR	Teddy
Y1	Akwaugo
Y2	Frankie
Y3	Nattan
Y4	Hunter
Y5	Madison
Y6	Madison

Sports Stars:

EYFS/KS1:

Elijah Y1

For showing creative ways of moving and making different shapes

KS2:

Mya R, Rosie T, Roman C, Sonny C, Luke H and Olivia G

For representing St Stephen's at pentathlon Tenpin Bowling comp

Rainbow Champions

R: Raphael, Adelaide, Raynah, Eadie, Matthew, Zara, Alexander, Grace, Julia, Jan, Liza, Teddy, Lucas, Amber, Myla

Y1: Gheorghe, Kai, Sam, Matej, Maya, Miyah

Y2: Dorothy, Genelia, Avah, Harvey, Esme, Anna, Georgia, Frankie, Tomas, Albert, Emilia, Dhwanik, Elizabeth, Niyah, Alex

Y3: Amy, Natan, Scarlett, Olivia C, Sienah, Annmiya, Marie, Leona, Bennett, Teddie, Lyla

Y4: Caleb, Harley, Bobby N, Anson

Y5: Kenichi, Mason, Alaya, Antoni, Oscar, Roman, William, Zofia, Macy, Elizabeth, Rhys, Aleksandra, Mathias, Leah

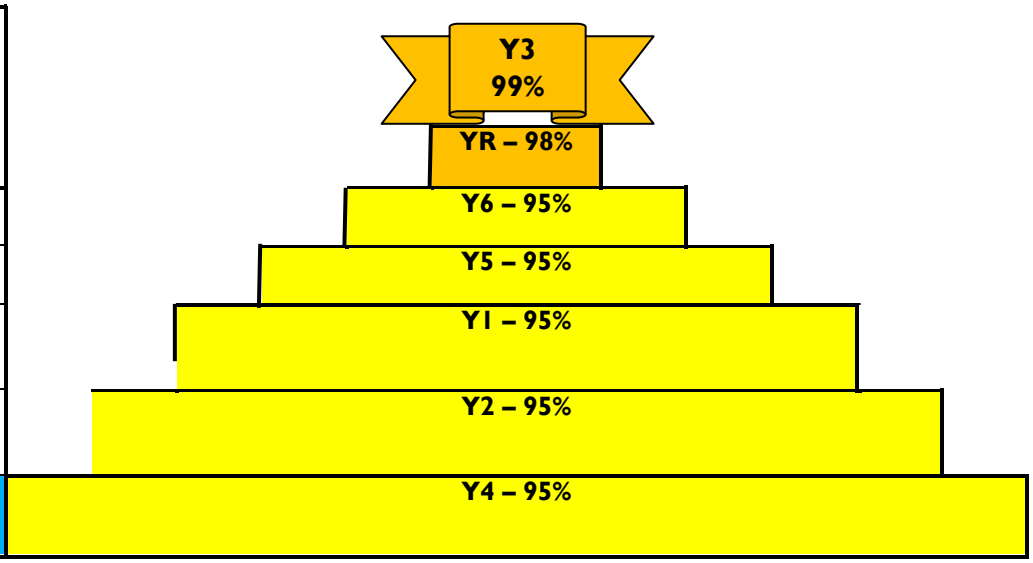
Y6: Frankie, Miley, Jaiden, Phoebe, Hallie, Olivia, Moses, Ihe

Attendance Update...

Congratulations to Y3 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:



- 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	Y2 & Y4 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
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
20/11/26	2.00pm	Thanksgiving Mass
23/11/26	All week	Autumn Term after school clubs finish this week
10/12/25	All morning	Y4 attending Advent Service at Liverpool Cathedral
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**

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PRIMARY SCHOOL

Holiday Dates 2026/27

	Open	Close	No. of Days
Autumn Half Term 1	Thursday 3rd September 2026	Friday 23rd October 2026	37
Autumn Half Term 2	Monday 2nd November 2026	Friday 18th December 2026	35
Spring Half Term 1	Tuesday 5th January 2027	Friday 12th February 2027	29
Spring Half Term 2	Monday 22nd February 2027	Wednesday 24th March 2027	23
Summer Half Term 1	Wednesday 7th April 2027	Friday 28th May 2027	37
Summer Half Term 2	Monday 14th June 2027	Friday 23rd 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:

