St. Stephen's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter: Friday 6th November 2026

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School News...

St Stephen's Firework Event

What a night we had on Monday! Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our first firework event. We were blown away by the turn out, feedback and amazing atmosphere on the night! The fireworks were brilliant we are sure you will agree. We managed to raise £2,500 which will all be spent on our children to enhance their learning and enrichment opportunities. Thank you to our staff for helping to run the event, The Big Firework Shop for organizing the firework display, the venders who supported the event as well as the companies (Smyths Toys, Ten Pin, Decathlon and Nando's) for donating raffle prizes. We look forward to making this event even bigger and better next year!

Y4 Holy Communion Workshops – Saturday 7th November

The first Holy Communion Preparation workshops for Y4 pupils takes place in school tomorrow (Saturday 7th November) from 10.30am - 12.30pm with Fr. John and the parish catechists. All children intending to make their First Holy Communion this year must attend the sessions tomorrow. The school car park will be open for families to park in and use the main entrance to access the school hall. If you have any questions or queries, then please contact Fr John via the church office on 01925 652520.

Autumn Term Parents' Evening – Tuesday 10th November

Appointments went live for Parents' Evening earlier this week via Parentapps. The meetings will take place in the Hall from 2.15-6.00pm on Tuesday 10th November. Teachers will be updating you on how your child has settled into the new school year and what targets they are working on. Meetings will last no more than 5 minutes so please be on time and if needs be make a different appointment to speak to a teacher if you require more than your allocated slot. Our Y6 Pupil Leadership will be on hand to welcome and direct you to your child's class teacher in the Hall.

Y3 & Y6 Forest Skills session – Wednesday 11th November

Years 3 and 6 will have their rescheduled Forest Skills session on Wednesday 11th November. 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.

Children in Need Fundraiser – Friday 13th November

Next Friday 13th November, we will be supporting the annual Children in Need fundraiser in school. We will have a special assembly in school and pupils are invited to wear either yellow, spotty, bright clothes including any Children in Need merchandise or accessories in return for a £1 donation to the charity via ParentPay. As always, thank you for your ongoing support!

Reception Class Visits – September 2027

If you have a child or know someone with a child starting school next September 2027 then please come along to visit our school and Reception Class in November. We will be hosting four sessions for parents and carers to view the classroom, meet the staff and find out about how and what your child will be learning about in their first year of school. All information can be found on the poster below!

Online Safety Newsletter – November 2026

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

- Online Grooming
- What's App Channels
- COM Networks

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

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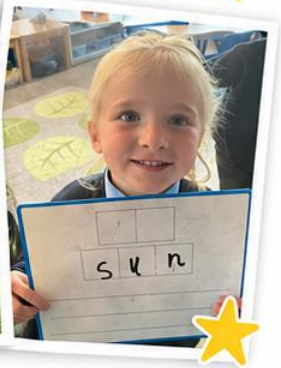
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RECEPTION OPEN DAYS

Your child's learning journey starts here!

Come and visit our school, meet our friendly team and discover how your child can learn, grow and belong in our school community.



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"Love like Jesus, Learn like Jesus, Love like Jesus"

Come and see our happy learners in action!

RECEPTION OPEN DAY DATES

- Thursday 5th November at 10am
- Thursday 5th November at 2pm
- Tuesday 10th November at 10.30am
- Thursday 19th November at 2pm

CALL TO BOOK A PLACE ON ANY OF OUR VIEWINGS

GOOD ATTENDANCE OPENS DOORS

ST. STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Holidays are better when school isn't missed!

The impact of holidays in term time

- Children miss important lessons and learning
- It can be harder for them to keep up and feel confident
- It can affect friendships and wellbeing
- Good attendance now = better outcomes for the future.

Holidays during school time are not authorised

The law says children must attend school every day. Headteachers **cannot** authorise holidays in term time **except in exceptional circumstances.**



Plan holidays in the school holidays – every day counts!

Fines may be issued for unauthorised holidays in term time
Penalty Notices are issued by the local authority – not the school.

HOW FINES WORK IN ENGLAND

You take your child on holiday during term time (5 or more consecutive days).

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You may receive a Penalty Notice (fine) from the local authority.

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The fine is £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.
It increases to £160 per parent, per child if paid between 22–28 days.

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If not paid, you may be prosecuted in the Magistrates' Court. Fines can be up to £2,500 per parent, per child, plus court costs.

FINE AMOUNTS FOR REPEATED HOLIDAYS

1ST HOLIDAY (within 3 years)	£80 per parent, per child	if paid within 21 days
	£160 per parent, per child	if paid between 22–28 days
2ND HOLIDAY (within 3 years)	£160 per parent, per child	if paid within 28 days
3RD HOLIDAY (within 3 years)	PROSECUTION	Your case may be taken to the Magistrates' Court. You could be fined up to £2,500 per parent, per child, plus court costs.

WE WANT TO WORK WITH YOU!

Talk to us if you are struggling with anything that might affect your child's attendance.

Let's Celebrate...

Gospel Value: Compassion		Proud Work of the Week:	
YR	Liza	YR	Teddy
Y1	Naomi	Y1	Kayla
Y2	Niyah	Y2	Calub
Y3	Amy	Y3	Kyra
Y4	Laura	Y4	Davids
Y5	Madison	Y5	Maisy
Y6	Bradley	Y6	Ihe

Lunchtime Stars:		Sports Stars:
YR	Alex	**EYFS/KS1:** **Sam Y1** *For excellent effort in balancing in gymnastic*
Y1	Emily	
Y2	Avah	
Y3	Lemon	**KS2:** **Max Y3** *For showing excellent throwing and dodging skills in dodgeball*
Y4	Jess	
Y5	Lilly	
Y6	Jayden B	

Rainbow Champions

R: Adelaide, Raynah, Eadie, Matthew, Zara, Grace, Julia, Liza, Teddy, Lucas, Jack, Keely

Y1: Elijah, Gheorghe, Kayla, Purna, Matej, Danya, Axel, Miyah, Naomi

Y2: Dorothy, Genelia, Avah, Esme, Georgia, Bailey, Leon, Louie, Calub, Atlas, Oliver, Serenity, Albert, Emilia, Elizabeth, Niyah

Y3: Kyra, Elizah, Raymond, Lily, Max, Milan, Lyla

Y4: Caesar, Davids, Antoni, Olivia K, Kobe, Hunter, Harley, Laura

Y5: Harper, Kenichi, Mason, Annielou, Sienna, Antoni, William, Barbora, Eva, Maisy, Thomas, Rhys, Mathias, Leah

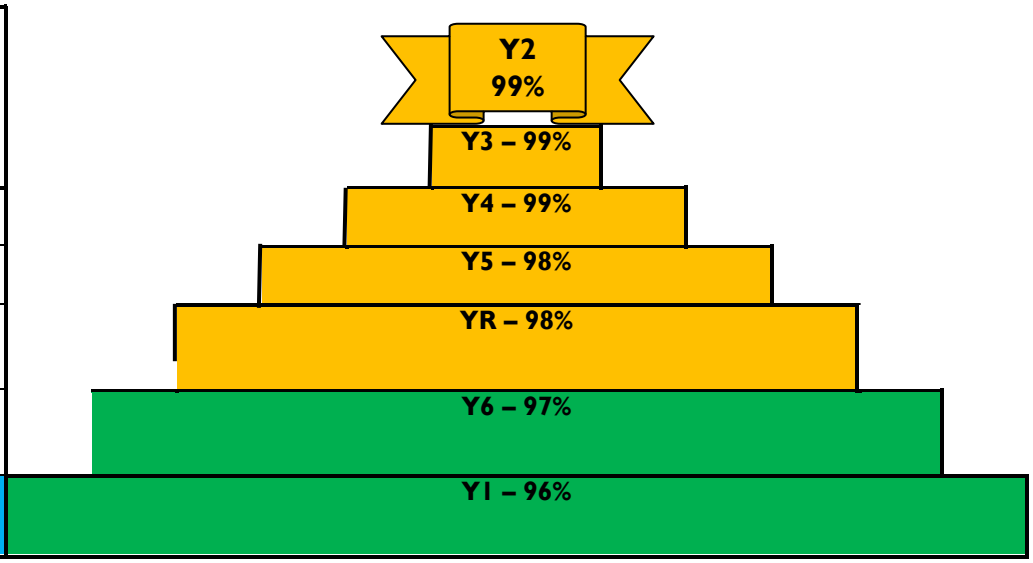
Y6: Madison, Jayden, Lacey, Bella, Miley, Jaiden, Ava, Hallie, Olivia, Alfie, Luke, Diana, Kylah, Moses, Harry Ihe, Bailey, Bradley

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:



- 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**

ST. STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC

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 2 of the menu when we return after the half term break:

