



St Stephen's
CE Primary School

John 13:34 'Love one another, as I have loved you'

NEWSLETTER

10: FRIDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2025

Learning, loving and growing: together as God's children

OUR NEW SCHOOL GATES ARE NOW IN OPERATION

Thank you for your patience!



Here's what you need to do when arriving or leaving:

Arriving for Breakfast Club, After School Club, or during the school day:

- Press the buzzer and let us know who you are here to see or collect. Our office team or Mrs Davies (for OSC) will release the gate. Once released, push the gate to open.

Leaving the school site:

- Press the buzzer again. When you hear the gate release, pull the gate to open.

Please note that the school car park is reserved for staff and vehicles with accessibility needs (blue badge holders only). Thank you for your cooperation.



Mrs Smith

Whilst our wonderful Mrs Smith remains absent from school, we are thankful for the care she is receiving and hold her close in our thoughts and prayers.



Christmas Card Competition
HUGE congratulations Noah D who is the winner of the Christmas Card Competition on behalf of St Stephen's CE Church and Bolton Road Methodist Church. Also, to our runners up: Fatima and Ariana.

WELL DONE!

STAY CONNECTED WITH US:

Phone: 0161 764 1132

Email: ststephens@thesycamoretrust.co.uk

Facebook: [St Stephen's CE Primary School, Bury.](https://www.facebook.com/StStephen'sCEPrimarySchool)

Website: www.ststephensceprimary.co.uk/

We have raised £95.00 for Children in Need and Christian Aid. Thank you

SHOUT OUT

This little Nursery Superstar has been caring for our community. He went litter picking at the weekend.

Thank you for

your example of loving and serving others. We are very proud of you!



Amazing

LOGIN

LOG INTO OUR
SCHOOL APPS:



Arbor
Parent Portal

91%
usage



School Money



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The Sycamore
Church of England
Trust
United Together - Faith Matters

AUTUMN wellbeing WALK

When? Saturday 15th November at 2 pm

Meeting point? Bolton Road Methodist Church Car Park

Family Wellbeing Walk - Let's explore Elton Reservoir!

We're excited to invite all families to join us for our very first Family Wellbeing Walk, where we'll be exploring the beautiful Elton Reservoir.

Elton Reservoir is a peaceful and scenic spot, perfect for a gentle stroll with our school family.

SAVE THE DATE

What you need: Comfortable/waterproof shoes and a warm/waterproof coat - we know what November weather is like!



Bury's Essential Parent App contains advice and guidance on all parenting questions from pregnancy through to teen years



FREE

Bury's Essential Parent App

NHS Bury Council

Scan QR code and download for free

Expert Health and Parenting Advice Anytime, Anywhere

- ✓ 2000+ articles and videos
- ✓ Health information from pregnancy to teenage years for you and your family
- ✓ Available in over 75 languages
- ✓ Receive the latest local health and parenting advice

Apple

Android

essential parent

The advertisement features a large gold banner with the word 'FREE' in the top left corner. Below it, several smartphone screens display the app's interface, showing sections like 'Pregnancy health', 'Breastfeeding', and 'Children's and health'. The main title 'Bury's Essential Parent App' is in large red font, with the NHS Bury Council logo to its right. Below the title, a list of four benefits is shown with red checkmarks. To the right of the list are two QR codes, one for Apple and one for Android, each with its respective logo below it. At the bottom left of the ad is the 'essential parent' logo, which consists of a red circular icon with three stylized figures and the text 'essential parent' in red.



Please use the relevant QR code above to download the app to your mobile if you do not already have it - it is free and easy to use

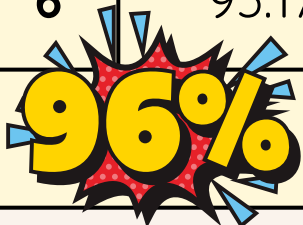
THIS WEEK'S ST.STEPHEN'S SUPERSTARS ARE:

Reception	Rhema	Billy	
Year 1	Hussain	Ivy	
Year 2	Oyin	Wasi	
Year 3	Tommy	Niamh	Fareed
Year 4	Skye	Muhammad	
Year 5	Noah D	Demi-Mai	
Year 6	Poppy		

THIS WEEK'S CHARACTER SUPERSTARS ARE:

EYFS	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
Bodhi - YR	Lacie-Penny - Y1	Ava - Y3

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:

N	83.33%	2	95%	5	91%
R	91.48%	3	97.2%	6	95.17%
1	93.33%	4	93.33%		

STAYING SAFE

Keeping our children, and each other, safe is our number 1 priority at St Stephen's. Each week we will share key information we hope will be useful to our families.

[Link here](#) to our school website for helpful information, links and downloads.

If you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Denney (DSL), Mrs Garside or Mr Smith (DDSL)

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about LIVE STREAMING

Live streaming involves broadcasting and watching videos online in real time, often on social media or via platforms like YouTube and Twitch. Viewers can interact through comments, chats and reactions during the broadcast; such instant engagement makes this an exciting way to share experiences, learn from others and build digital communities. Despite the many positives, live streaming also creates a potential platform for unwanted content and poses some risks to children. It's essential to keep privacy and safety in mind and comply with each site or app's age restrictions.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

LACK OF AGE VERIFICATION

Despite their age restrictions, some platforms don't require proof of age or require a misleadingly online-only register for an account (and potentially pretend to be chat or messages that they actually aren't). In many cases, this means that young live streamers can receive feedback from adults who they are broadcasting to and who are engaging with their live stream.

DISCLOSING PERSONAL INFO

A characteristic of live streaming is the ability for videos to be instantly shared worldwide. Without the correct privacy settings enabled, a child could unintentionally reveal personal information or their location, making them vulnerable to online predators or identity theft. It's vital to regularly check the privacy settings (and what data is being shared) so any apps your child has signed up for.

ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN

As the video streams are live, children might encounter live comments or chat messages. Some live streaming apps have rules to prevent this and monitor their services, often providing support features where concerns can be flagged for review. It may not be ideal, with security, however, meaning that your child could be further exposed to harmful content during a live stream.

PUT PRIVACY FIRST

Through the streaming app's settings, switch your child's account to 'private', so only their friends and followers can see their broadcasts. You could also turn off the live chat, preventing your child from any upsetting comments – although viewers' feedback is often seen as an integral part of the fun, so this may not be the best option. If you do turn off live chat, consider any nearby risks (such as school uniforms or visible landmarks) that could give away your child's location.

MANAGE MULTISTREAMING

Some apps and sites let users stream their content through multiple social media platforms at once, a broadcast on one platform, for example, can be shared on YouTube, Twitch, and Facebook. If the accounts are linked, the privacy settings can differ on each of these, so you'll need to ensure your child is aware of this, so you can maintain greater control over who's watching your child's videos.

GET INVOLVED YOURSELF

Research suggests a significant number of streams show a child on their own, often in a supervised space like their bedroom. If your child wants to live stream, ask if you could be present because you're interested in how it works. You could even set up your own account to gain a more detailed knowledge of what your child talks about in their live streams – and who they're broadcasting to.

TALK ABOUT LIVE STREAMING

Try to start with positives before discussing potential risks. You could ask which live streaming apps your child likes and how they use them. Do they just watch streams or create their own? Explain why it's unwise to reveal personal information while streaming (even to friends). If you feel your child is too young for live streaming, explain your reasoning to them and perhaps agree to review this decision in the future.

CONSIDER THEIR ONLINE REPUTATION

As the broadcasts are live, it often causes the misconception that once the stream ends, whatever happens in it will simply 'vanish'. Once the stream ends, however, videos can stay online indefinitely or be recorded by other users. It's important that your child understands what they do and say in a live stream could potentially damage their online reputation and, quite possibly, be seen by prospective future employers, colleges or universities.

UNAUTHORISED RECORDINGS

Each live streaming platform stores compressed videos for different periods. Twitch, for example, broadcasts for 60 days, for example, while Facebook and YouTube remove them only on the creator's request. Storing a video, though, doesn't always stop it from being shared in some cases, streaming apps have largely responded to requests to remove content by certain streamers and redistributed on other sites.

ROGUE CONTENT CREATORS

Children can also watch other people's live streams, which could potentially contain anything at any time (such as nudity, drug use or profanity). While apps claim to monitor live streams and will stop any that don't follow to their guidelines – but with millions of streams per day, it's complicated to regulate them all, so children could be exposed to inappropriate content without parents knowing.

DANGER OF GROOMING

There are increasing reports of children being groomed into performing 'suggestive acts' by streamers in their live streaming apps. Due to the lack of verification required for certain apps, streamers can often get up to bad without any form of identity check. To ensure the safest live streaming, one in place before your child begins live streaming.

Meet Our Expert

David Smith is Head of Digital Learning at Thomas' Battersea, London. He presented the EFS report on 'Digital Safety' in 2022 for the EFS. He is also a member of the National Online Safety Board. He is a member of the National Online Safety Board. He is a member of the National Online Safety Board.

NOS National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

@nationalonline_safety

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Our EFS accreditation signifies that our school has implemented a whole-school approach to address emotional needs, including clear safeguarding and health and safety policies, demonstrating a strong focus on creating a safe and supportive learning environment for ALL. We are very proud to be the first primary in Bury to receive this!

St. Stephen's is an Emotionally Friendly Setting

Please see Padlet links below for further support:

[For children and young people](#)

[For parents and carers](#)



YOU are in the spotlight:

Year 1
Lacie-Penny

Favourite food: Cake

Favourite film/programme:

Rebecca Zamolo

Favourite subject: English

What is the best thing about St

Stephen's? All the friends of St Stephen's

What would make St Stephen's better?

A big park

What is your greatest achievement

in school? Getting star of the week

What is your greatest achievement

out of school? Getting my Octopus 2 in swimming.



REMEMBER! You're awesome
to prioritise your Wellbeing

This week, the Wellbeing Warriors have chosen to focus on:

TAKE NOTICE

Keep a gratitude journal
- write 3 things you're thankful for.

If you need support with your wellbeing, speak to one of our Wellbeing Warriors, Mrs Cooney or Katie. YOU matter!



WINNING WAYS TO WELLBEING



NHS 5 ways to wellbeing.

Thought of the week: JUDGING OTHERS

Don't pick on people, jump on their failures, criticise their faults - unless, of course, you want the same treatment. That critical spirit has a way of boomeranging. Matthew 7:1-2

KID TIP

If you're setting yourself up to be the judge and jury over other people, watch out! God will judge them. So don't be too hard on other people (unless, of course, you want God to be exactly that hard on you).

A PRAYER FOR TODAY

Lord, it's so easy to judge other people, but it's also easy to misjudge them. Only You can judge a human heart, Lord, so let me love my friends and neighbours, and let me help them, but never let me judge them. Amen.

Wellbeing Club with Katie every:

MONDAY

12.30-1.00pm in HUB Connect

Joke of the week:

Q: What did the doctor give to the bird with a sore throat?

A: Tweet-ment!



Hello, my name is Katie



Who are Bury Mental Health Support Team (MHST)?

We are a service who works with Bury schools and colleges to support children and young people who struggle with their mental health.

Our goals are:

- To work with children, young people or parents on their own or in a group.
- To work with teachers to make school an emotionally friendly place for all.
- To give advice to school staff to help children and young people get the right support.

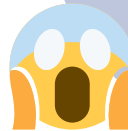


I'm an Education Mental Health Practitioner

How can I help?

I am trained to help children and young people, who may start to struggle with emotions such as;

Worry, sadness or fear



My allocated day with your school is:

MONDAY

From 3rd

November 2025

I work all year round so, i can support you during the school holidays.

How to ask for help?

If you are struggling with your emotions, please speak to;

- Your teacher
- Mrs Denney
- Mrs Cooney
- Parents/Carers
- Any trusted adult



What do I do?

- Work closely with school staff to help make school a happy and emotionally friendly place for everyone.
- Deliver workshops and teaching for school staff, pupils and parents.
- Offer advice about other services that are available within Bury so that you get the right support.



A bit about me:

Some fun facts about me:

- I really enjoy reading
- My favourite animal is a Lion
- I don't like spiders!



I look forward to working within your school and meeting you all.

Katie is in school every
MONDAY



For the year's overview, please view school calendar

Event	Date
Celebration Worship	Fridays 3pm
Family Wellbeing Walk	Saturday 15th November at 2pm
EYFS/Y1 Curious Critters Visit - see School Money for payment	Wednesday 19th November
Autumn Assessment Week	w.b. 24.11.2025
Own Clothes Day - bottle donations for the Christmas Fair	Friday 28th November
Pupil flu vaccines (Rec to Year 6)	Wednesday 3rd December
EY & KS1 Panto Trip - see School Money for payment	Thursday 4th December
Y6 Advent Service and KS2 at Church	Friday 5th December at 2pm.
Family Breakfast	Monday 8th December at 8:15am
Parent Workshop - worries and anxiety	Monday 8th December at 9:15am
Reception Vision Screening	Wednesday 10th December
Own Clothes Day - chocolate donations for the Christmas Fair	Wednesday 10th December
Christmas Dinner Day (for school meal pupils)	Wednesday 10th December
Christmas Fair	Wednesday 10th December at 3.30pm
EYFS Nativity	Monday 15th December at 2pm
KS2 Panto Trip - see School Money for payment	Wednesday 17th December
KS1 Christmas Show - more details to follow	Wednesday 17th December - 2pm
EYFS & KS1 Christmas Party Day	Thursday 18th December



St. Stephen's Church

Stephen St/Bolton Rd

BL8 2PU

Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 29th November 11am-3pm

Sunday 30th November 11am-3pm

Admission £2 (children free)
(price includes programme)

★ Christmas Cafe ★

★ Various Stalls ★ Raffle ★

★ Christmas Crafts ★

**and a fabulous display of real
Christmas Trees**

Upcoming events

Anxiety & Autism Seminar Delivered by Dr Jamie Barsky & Dr Kurt Armstrong-CAMHS

Tuesday 25th November 2025 – 9:30am – 12:00pm

Fishpool Liberal Club, 79 Nelson Street, Bury, BL9 9HX



Sensory Processing Seminar

Tuesday 2nd December 2025 – 10:00am-11:30am

Fishpool Liberal Club, 79 Nelson Street, Bury, BL9 9HX



Zones or Regulation workshop

Tuesday 9th December 2025 – 12:30pm-2:30pm

Phoenix House, 100 Brierley Street, Bury, BL9 9HN



Sensory Processing Seminar

Tuesday 13th January 2026 – 10:00am-11:30am

Fishpool Liberal Club, 79 Nelson Street, Bury, BL9 9HX



Zones or Regulation workshop

Tuesday 20th January 2026 – 10:00am-12:00pm

Phoenix House, 100 Brierley Street, Bury, BL9 9HN



Sensory Processing Seminar

Tuesday 3rd February 2026 – 10:00am-11:30am

Fishpool Liberal Club, 79 Nelson Street, Bury, BL9 9HX



Sensory Processing Seminar

Tuesday 3rd March 2026 – 10:00am-11:30am

Fishpool Liberal Club, 79 Nelson Street, Bury, BL9 9HX



Zones or Regulation workshop

Thursday 12th March 2026 – 12:30pm-2:30pm

Phoenix House, 100 Brierley Street, Bury, BL9 9HN



All events are for Bury parents/ carers only. Booking is essential due to limited places.

Please call or email to book on.

0161 762 1440 – admin@firstpointsupport.org.uk

