



St Stephen's
CE Primary School

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

NEWSLETTER

13: FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER 2025

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

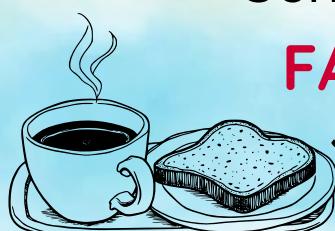
thank you

We want to express our gratitude for the beautiful honour you gave Mrs Smith on Wednesday. It was a very special moment for the family when you lined Colville Drive, and your kindness and thoughtfulness meant so much. Your support and care during this time reminds us of what a wonderful school family we have. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS PARTY DAYS

Children are invited to wear their party clothes suitable for a day in school. Please see School Money for donation information.



FAMILY BREAKFAST

Join us on Monday,
please see page 3.



TUMBLE TIME and NEW STARTERS
Once again we are welcoming our September 2026 starters to join us for Tumble Time. If you know anyone still unsure about their primary school choice, ask them to call us and book into a personal tour with Mrs Denney.

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funtime
Activities for kids

Come and join the fun at St. Stephen's with Funtime.

Who? Children aged 3 - 4 years.
Where? St. Stephen's CE Primary School, Colville Drive, Bury BL8 2DX.
When? Friday 5th December 9:00am - 9:45am
Friday 12th December 9:00am - 9:45am

To book into these **Free** sessions, please contact school on 0161 764 1132.
We can't wait to see you!

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/StStephensCEPrimarySchoolBury)

Website: www.ststephensceprimary.co.uk/



LOGIN



LOG INTO OUR
SCHOOL APPS:

Arbor

Parent Portal

91%

usage



School Money

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

Reception		
Year 1	WE'LL BE BACK	
Year 3		
Year 4		
Year 5		
Year 6	next week	

THIS WEEK'S CHARACTER SUPERSTARS ARE:

EYFS	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:

N	80.95%	2	93.75%	5	91.25%
R	95.19%	3	89.06%	6	92.67%
1	100% 	4	96.05%		

Number of lates: 16



5 to 9 - be on time!



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YOU'RE INVITED!

Monday 8th December Family Breakfast 8.15am



Join us for a slice of toast and a hot/cold drink. We can't wait to see you!

Parent Workshop 9am

Understanding Anxiety: Parent & Carer Workshop



Join us on Monday 8th December 2025 at 9am for a practical session to help you understand anxiety in children. This workshop will explain what anxiety is, how it affects children, and share simple strategies you can use at home. You'll get clear advice, useful tips, and a chance to ask questions. Perfect for any parent or carer wanting to support their child's wellbeing.

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)

All the National College's 'Wake up Wednesday' guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Normally delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.co.uk](#).

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

ELECTRICAL SAFETY AND DEVICES

Electrical safety is a vital topic for parents and educators, especially with the growing use of devices like smartphones, laptops, and power banks. Electrical fires are a major risk and are the cause of many deaths and injuries each year. There are reportedly nearly 20,000 accidental fires of electrical origin each year in the UK. This guide offers practical advice to help families and schools prevent electrical hazards, and promote safety when using everyday devices.



- 1 CHECK FOR OVERHEATING**
Devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartphones can overheat if used for long periods or when charging. Ensure that children don't use devices on soft surfaces like beds or sofas, which can block ventilation. If a device becomes unusually hot, turn it off and unplug it. Overheating can lead to fire hazards if left unchecked.
- 2 INSTALL RESIDUAL CURRENT DEVICES**
Ensure that homes and schools are equipped with Residual Current Devices (RCDs). These devices cut off the power if an electrical fault occurs, preventing electric shocks and reducing the risk of fires. RCDs should be tested regularly to ensure they are working properly. More information about RCDs is available from Electrical Safety First.
- 3 AVOID OVERLOADING SOCKETS**
Plugging too many devices into one socket can overload the electrical system and cause a fire. In schools and homes, ensure extension leads are not overloaded and never share multiple extension cords together. Make children aware of the dangers of connecting too many devices to a single socket.
- 4 POWER BANKS: SAFE USE**
Power banks are a handy way to charge devices, but they can also pose a risk if misused. Ensure power banks are of high quality and comply with UK safety standards. Teach children never to leave power banks charging unattended, and to avoid placing them under pillows or bedding where they may overheat.
- 5 REGULAR DEVICE INSPECTIONS**
Regularly check devices for signs of wear and tear. Frayed charging cables, cracked device screens, or devices that are slow to charge may indicate electrical damage. If any device is not working, or using this device could cause an injury or damage, get qualified technical help. This preventive approach helps prevent fires caused by faulty devices.
- 6 UNPLUG DEVICES WHEN NOT IN USE**
Encourage children and pupils to unplug devices when not in use, particularly overnight. Devices left plugged in unnecessarily can overheat or become fire hazards, especially if left charging unattended for long periods. Simple habits like unplugging can prevent serious incidents.
- 7 USE GENUINE CHARGERS**
Always use chargers supplied by the manufacturer or from a reputable retailer. Faulty or unauthorised chargers can cause devices to overheat, short-circuit, or even catch fire. Teach children the importance of avoiding poor-quality chargers, and regularly inspect charging cables for signs of wear or damage. More tips on safe charging can be found on Electrical Safety First.
- 8 WATER & ELECTRICITY DON'T MIX**
Remind children that water and electricity are a dangerous combination. Devices should never be used near sinks, bathtubs, or swimming pools. Parents and educators should ensure that any electrical appliances near water sources have proper waterproof ratings and are plugged into RCD-protected outlets.
- 9 KEEP DEVICES VENTILATED**
Devices need proper ventilation to avoid overheating. Avoid stacking items on top of plugged-in devices like laptops or gaming consoles, and make sure there is enough space around devices that are in use. Proper ventilation helps prevent dangerous heat build-up, reducing the risk of fires.
- 10 SUPERVISE YOUNG CHILDREN**
Younger children may not understand the dangers of electricity, so it's important to supervise them when using electrical devices. Keep electrical cords out of reach and always remind children never to put objects into electrical outlets.

Meet Our Expert
James Wilson is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings as well as many other industries to help them maintain a safe working environment.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

See full reference list on our website

[@wake_up_weds](#) [/www.thenationalcollege](#) [@wake.up.wednesday](#) [@wake.up.weds](#)

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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](#)



SAVE THE DATE

You're invited



CAFE



STORYTIME
WITH SANTA



GUESS THE
TEDDY

WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER

3:30PM - 5:00PM

CHOIR



RAFFLE

CHRISTMAS
MARKET STALLS

We can't wait to see you!



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CHOCOLATE
TOMBOLA



BOTTLE
TOMBOLA



PRE LOVED
TOY STALL



YOU are in the spotlight: Teddy Year 5

Favourite food: Spaghetti

Favourite film/programme:

The Grinch

Favourite subject: PE

What is the best thing about St

Stephen's? Making friends

What would make St Stephen's better?

Nothing!

What is your greatest achievement in school? When I won the badminton tournament

What is your greatest achievement out of school? Competing in a Fortnite tournament

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



Wellbeing Club with Katie every:

MONDAY

12.30-1.00pm in HUB Connect

Joke of the week:

Q: How do you make an apple turnover?
hahaha

A: Push it downhill!



REMEMBER! You're awesome to prioritise your Wellbeing

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

“

KEEP LEARNING

Explore a new walking route or trail

”

WINNING WAYS TO WELLBEING



INTRODUCE THESE FIVE SIMPLE STRATEGIES INTO YOUR LIFE AND YOU WILL FEEL THE BENEFITS.

[NHS 5 ways to wellbeing](#)

Thought of the week:

SLOW DOWN

Careful planning puts you ahead in the long run: hurry and scurry puts you further behind.

KID TIP

Proverbs 21:5

Keep your eyes and mind focussed on the important things. And remember this: the most important thing is your relationship with God and His Son.

A PRAYER FOR TODAY

Dear Lord, sometimes, I am distracted by the busyness of the day. When I am worried or anxious, Father, turn my thoughts back to You. Help me to trust Your will, to follow Your commands, and to accept Your peace, today and forever. Amen.

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.



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



A bit about me:

Some fun facts about me:

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



Katie is in school every
MONDAY

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





For the year's overview, please view school calendar

Event	Date
Celebration Worship	Fridays 3pm
Family Breakfast	Monday 8th December - 8:15am
Parent Workshop - worries and anxiety	Monday 8th December - 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 - 3.30pm
Pupil flu vaccines (Rec to Year 6)	Thursday 11th December
Tumble Time Session 2	Friday 12th December - 9:15am
EYFS Nativity	Monday 15th December at 2pm
KS2 Panto Trip - see School Money for payment	Wednesday 17th December
KS1 Christmas Show	Wednesday 17th December - 2pm
Christingle Service at <u>St Stephen's Church</u>	Wednesday 17th December - 6pm
EYFS & KS1 Christmas Party Day	Thursday 18th December
KS2 Party Day	Friday 19th December
Close for Christmas holidays	Friday 19th December at 2:30pm
Pupils return to school	Monday 5th January 2026



Togetherness: How important is it to feel a sense of togetherness?

TAKE HOME



How important is it to feel a sense of togetherness?



In the news this week

On Friday, the Princess of Wales will host her annual carol service, which will bring people together to celebrate kindness, connection, and community. The event aims to show how love can link people of all ages, backgrounds, and beliefs, especially at times when the world can feel divided. It encourages everyone to think about the power of togetherness and the importance of supporting one another with compassion and joy.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk to someone at home – are they interested in this concert? Do you or they believe it will achieve its aim in bringing people together?
- Are there any services, concerts, or events that you will be attending during the festive period?
- Talk about what 'togetherness' means to you and your people at home.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



**USE
your
VOICE**

What do you think?

“We should all feel a sense of togetherness. If we don’t, our mental health could be affected.” -

Poppy, Year 6



CHRISTINGLE 2025

**17TH DEC 6PM
ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH
ELTON**

**PRIZE FOR THE BEST
NATIVITY COSTUME**

September 2026 starters

Reception and Nursery

BOOK NOW



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TOUR

There are still tours available with Mrs Denney to visit our wonderful school. Please call and book in.