



St Stephen's
CE Primary School

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

NEWSLETTER

15: FRIDAY 19th DECEMBER 2025

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



As we come to the end of this term, I want to thank our incredible staff team for their unwavering dedication.

Through the most challenging circumstances, they have remained a constant source of care and love for our children. They are the absolute dream team!

Thank you to our wonderful children who have worked so hard and given their very best this term, we are very proud of you! In January we welcome 10 new children across Nursery, Reception, Y3, Y4 and Y5 and one of the things that makes me so proud is the warmth and welcome our children give to new starters. Our school is a very special place because of each and every one of our children.

Finally, thank you to our families for trusting us with your little ones and for standing beside us this term. Your support and encouragement make a BIG difference in helping our children flourish.



so proud
of
You

Congratulations to Mr. Davis on achieving his PGCE in Primary Education from The University of Manchester this week! We are delighted to celebrate this milestone with you and know that your dedication will positively impact the lives of countless children.

Teachers as learners... A huge congratulations also to Mrs Garside, Mrs Smith, and Mrs Denney, who have successfully achieved their National Primary Qualifications in Senior Leadership and Headship through the Church of England! This follows an intensive 18-month programme of study, reflection, and professional growth. At St Stephen's, we are committed to continuous learning and development.

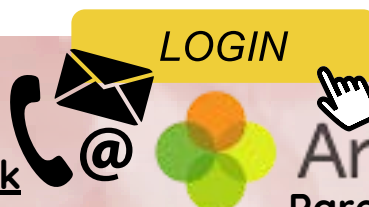
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LOGIN

LOG INTO OUR
SCHOOL APPS:

Arbor 93%
Parent Portal usage

School Money

Merry Christmas

WITH LOVE FROM US ALL AT

St. Stephen's



HEAVENLY FATHER, WE THANK YOU FOR THE LOVE THAT SURROUNDS OUR SCHOOL FAMILY, AND WE PRAY YOUR BLESSINGS OVER EVERY STAFF MEMBER, EVERY CHILD AND FAMILY, AND ALL WHO ARE CONNECTED TO OUR SCHOOL — THIS CHRISTMASTIME AND ALWAYS. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMFORT AND FOR YOUR PEACE THAT SURPASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING. WE ASK YOU TO FILL OUR HEARTS WITH HOPE, JOY, PEACE AND LOVE THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON.

Amen

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

Reception	
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	

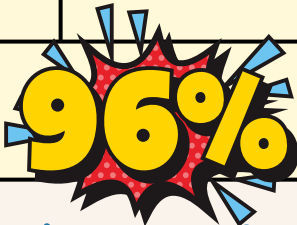
BACK AFTER HALF TERM

CHARACTER SUPERSTARS ARE:

	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:

N	84.62%	2	100%	5	95.52%
R	83.46%	3	95.83%	6	88.62%
1	97.5%	4	98.95%		



Number of lates: 15



5 to 9 - be on time!

YOU are in the spotlight:

Finn

Reception

Favourite food: Pizza

Favourite film/programme: Sonic 3

Favourite subject: Sports

What is the best thing about St Stephen's?

Playing outside

What would make St Stephen's better?

Go to Forest School more

What is your greatest achievement

in school? Getting star of the week

What is your greatest achievement out of

school? Playing sports

Anything else? More playground activities

you are
A·M·A·Z·I·N·G

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:

Who hides in a Christmas bakery?

A mince spy!



REMEMBER! You're awesome
to prioritise your Wellbeing

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

BE ACTIVE

Dance around the kitchen to your favourite song

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:

CHURCH IS A WONDERFUL PLACE

Don't you realise that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you?

1 Corinthians 3:16

KID TIP

Forget the Excuses: If somebody starts making up reasons not to go to church, don't pay any attention ... even if that person is you!

A PRAYER FOR TODAY

Dear Lord, thank You for my church. When I am at church, I will be generous, kind, well-behaved, and respectful. And when I am not at church, I will act the same way. 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.

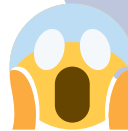


I'm an Education Mental Health Practitioner

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
Pupils return to school	Monday 5th January 2026
FUNTIME Y3/Y4 Multi-skills Club (6 weeks)	Tuesday 6th January
Flu catch-up session	Thursday 8th January
FUNTIME Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 Gymnastics Club (6 weeks)	Thursday 8th January
Year 3 trip to Bolton Museum - see School Money	Friday 9th January
James Frith MP visit to school	Friday 9th January
Y6 Badminton Club (5 weeks)	Friday 16th January
February half-term	Monday 16th - Friday 20th February

We hope you have a restful Christmas and
a happy New Year!

