

St Stephen's
CE Primary School

NEWSLETTER

02: Friday 11th September 2026

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

LEARNING WORKSHOPS

On Wednesday 23rd September there will be an opportunity to join us to support your child's learning - see separate letter.

Voice 21
Oracy School

Voice 21 Updates

As part of our commitment to developing confident speakers and listeners, we are working on

Physical Oracy

this half term. Children will explore how their body language, expressions and voice can help them share ideas, show understanding and communicate with confidence.



Our School Priorities



CHAMPIONS
SKIP2BFIT

Skip to Success! This term, all KS2 children can enjoy 15 minutes of daily skipping practice through our Skip2bFit programme. Each week, children will have the chance to beat their personal best score, build their fitness and coordination, and work towards becoming our Skipping Champion of the Week! We can't wait to see their determination and progress.

Year 6 parents: apply for your child's secondary school place now!

Deadline is 31/10/2026.

Apply Now

Flu vaccine consent: parents will receive a link directly to their phone number or email address. Please complete the online form even if you don't want your child vaccinated.

Year 3 Esme
Year 4 Aleena
Year 5 Zoe
Year 6 Heavenlyjoy
Staff: Mr Davis

Well done!

KS2 skipping club
is every day at
12:45pm

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'sCEPrimarySchoolBury)

Website: www.ststephensceprimary.co.uk/

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Parent Portal



OUR ST.STEPHEN'S SUPERSTARS:

EYFS All of Early Years

YEAR 1 Lama & Amjad

YEAR 2 Ayat & Dominion

YEAR 3 Mia & Jordan

YEAR 4 Myla & Eesa

YEAR 5 Bisma & Jake

YEAR 6 Aleena & Zahra



OUR CHARACTER SUPERSTARS:

EYFS & KEY STAGE 1

KEY STAGE 2

Amjad - Year 1

Noah - Year 6

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE and PUNCTUALITY:

<u>NURSERY</u>	98.55%	0 lates	<u>YEAR 3</u>	98.13%	1 late
<u>RECEPTION</u>	100%	0 lates	<u>YEAR 4</u>	99.23%	3 lates
<u>YEAR 1</u>	99.23%	3 lates	<u>YEAR 5</u>	100%	0 lates
<u>YEAR 2</u>	100%	1 late	<u>YEAR 6</u>	94.48%	0 lates

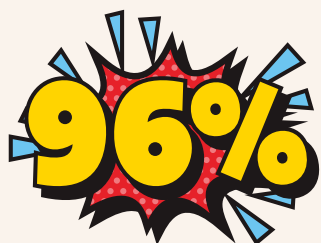
Number of lates this week: 8



No improvement from 3 last week.

Punctuality Champions: Nursery, Reception. Year 5 and Year 6

Attendance Heroes: Reception, Year 2 and Year 5



Appointments in term-time:

Appointments, where possible, should be booked in school holidays or after school. This includes routine dental and optician appointments.



Parent information, support and signposting

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)

St. Stephen's is an Emotionally Friendly Setting



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!

FAMILY SUPPORT

Please see Padlet links below for further support:

[For children and young people](#)

[For parents and carers](#)

CLICK HERE 

Emotional and Mental Wellbeing Support

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Thriving
IN BURY

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about CHARACTER.AI

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**
- BLURRED BOUNDARIES**
- UNRELIABLE ADVICE**
- EMOTIONAL DEPENDENCY**
- PRIVACY CONCERNS**
- UNHEALTHY ENGAGEMENT**

Advice for Parents & Educators

- KEEP CONVERSATIONS OPEN**
- CHECK AGE, SETTINGS & LIMITS**
- MEET OUR EXPERT**
- PAUSE, CHECK AND ASK**
- NOTICE AND RESPOND**

Wake Up Wednesday
The National College

Character.AI enables users to create and interact with AI-powered characters that can behave like friends, mentors, fictional characters or romantic partners.

This guide supports parents, carers and educators in understanding the risks and opening constructive conversations around AI companionship.



It helps adults support safer, more balanced and informed use of AI character platforms. Access the guide [here](#)



The Local Offer helps SEND families access information about the services that are available to them.



We use School Grid for pre-ordering school meals.

Parents can book their meal on School Grid up to 8:55am each morning.

WHAT'S ON THE MENU NEXT WEEK?

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	Chicken Tikka Curry, 50/50 Rice, Naan	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Pork Sausage Dinner With Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese	Breaded Fish Fingers
	Halal Chicken Tikka Curry, 50/50 Rice, Naan	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Halal Chicken Sausage Dinner With Gravy	Halal Spaghetti Bolognese	Breaded Fish Fingers
	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake	Free Range Egg Omelette	Quorn Fillet Dinner With Gravy	Cheesy Frittata	Vegetable Nuggets
	Choice of Jacket Potato	Choice of Jacket Potato	Choice of Jacket Potato	Choice of Jacket Potato	Choice of Jacket Potato
	Choice of Sandwich	Choice of Sandwich	Choice of Sandwich	Choice of Sandwich	Choice of Sandwich
Accompaniments	Mini Corn Cobs Jacket Wedges	Steamed Mixed Vegetables Smokey Diced Potatoes	Fresh Carrots Fresh Broccoli Mashed Potatoes	Garden Peas Garlic Sliced Potatoes	Baked Beans Oven Chips
Desserts	Wibble Strawberry Jelly Yeo Organic Fruit Yoghurt Fresh Fruit Platter	Apple Sponge & Custard Yeo Organic Fruit Yoghurt Fresh Fruit Platter	Strawberry Smoothie Pot Yeo Organic Fruit Yoghurt Fresh Fruit Platter	Banana Flapjack Yeo Organic Fruit Yoghurt Fresh Fruit Platter	Organic Rainbow Fruity Ice Lolly Yeo Organic Fruit Yoghurt Fresh Fruit Platter



please

➔ **SHARE**



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

OPEN DAYS SEPTEMBER 2027



"St Stephen's **welcomes, nurtures and supports** all children enabling them to **flourish**."
SIAMS Inspection, November 2023

**WE CAN'T WAIT TO WELCOME YOU TO
OUR NURSERY OR RECEPTION CLASS 2027**

Our school vision is about **celebrating the uniqueness of every individual**, inspiring a life long love of learning and experiencing life in all its fullness. If you would like to visit our wonderful school to see our school vision in action, please contact the school office on 0161 764 1132 to book a tour with Mrs Denney, our Headteacher

Please also visit us at [Facebook](#) or at www.ststephensceprimary.co.uk



Monday 5th October at 9:30am
Monday 5th October at 4:00pm
Monday 19th October at 1:30pm
Tuesday 20th October at 4:00pm



Friday 20th November at 9:30am
Monday 23rd November at 1:30pm
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Deadline for application:
15th January 2027

If you are unable to make any of these dates, please contact school.



"... a supportive learning community that prepares pupils not only **academically**, but also **emotionally** and **socially** for the challenges and opportunities they will encounter in the wider world."

Inclusion Quality Mark Accreditation, July 2024

Do you know a family looking for a primary school Nursery or Reception place for September 2027? We would be so grateful if you could share information about our upcoming Open Days with friends, family, neighbours and anyone who may be considering schools for their child.

At St Stephen's, we are proud to offer a nurturing, welcoming environment where children are known, valued and encouraged to flourish. We'd love the opportunity to show prospective families what makes our school such a special place to learn and grow. Thank you for your continued support

Our wellbeing focus this half term:

CONNECT

"We belong."

Some of the ways we will be supporting this include:

- Friendship-focused activities at social times
- Buddy systems to help children settle in
- Collective worship centred on kindness, community and belonging
- Family workshops offering advice on supporting positive friendships

By working together, we can ensure every child feels a strong sense of belonging and enjoys a positive start to the year ahead.

Kindness

spotlight

Suzie

Year 4

Your kindness makes our school shine!

Wellbeing WISDOM from the warriors:

“**CONNECT**
Practise saying hello
and using someone's
name”

WINNING WAYS TO WELLBEING



TALK & LISTEN,
BE THERE,
FEEL CONNECTED



Your time,
your words,
your presence



REMEMBER
THE SIMPLE
THINGS THAT
GIVE YOU JOY



EMBRACE NEW
EXPERIENCES,
SEE OPPORTUNITIES,
SURPRISE YOURSELF



DO WHAT YOU CAN,
ENJOY WHAT YOU DO,
MOVE YOUR MOOD

NHS 5 ways
to wellbeing



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

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

DID YOU KNOW...

A shrimp's heart is located in its head!



PRAYERS TO CHANGE THE WORLD IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:18



You want me to praise You and give thanks even when I'm feeling down and I used to wonder if this was possible but now I know it is. There's something amazing about stopping to worship and praise when I'm feeling low. So, I will go on giving praise, no matter what I'm facing. This is Your will for me - to lift up a song of praise in all circumstances.

BE THE CHANGE: Give a listening ear to a friend

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.

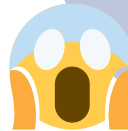


I'm an Education Mental Health Practitioner

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	Friday 3pm
Early Reading Parent Meeting for EYFS, Y1 and Y2 Home Learning Parent Meeting for Y3, Y4 and Y5 Year 6 Parent Meeting	Wednesday 23rd September @ 3:45pm
Pupil Flu Vaccinations	Thursday 24th September
Harvest Festival Assembly at School (Parents Welcome)	Monday 5th October @ 3:00pm
Hello Yellow in support of Healthy Young Minds - £1 donation	Friday 9th October
Parent Drop-in (to be confirmed)	Monday 12th October @ 3:00pm
Family Breakfast	Monday 19th October @ 8:15am
9:00am Parent Stay & Learn (to be confirmed)	Thursday 22nd October @ 9:00am
October half-term	Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October
Year 6 Secondary School Application Deadline	31st October 2026
Solo & Sibling Photographs Parents Evening	Wednesday 4th November
Remembrance Service @ St Stephen's Church (Parents Welcome)	Wednesday 11th November @ 2:00pm
Children in Need non-uniform day - £1 donation	Friday 13th November
Advent Service @ St Stephen's Church (Parents Welcome)	Monday 30th November @ 2:00pm
Christmas Fair	Wednesday 9th December

Cycling: What keeps us going when things get tough?

Between 2nd and 6th September, more than 100 of the world's best cyclists competed in the Tour of Britain Men.

TAKEHOME


In the news this week

Between 2nd and 6th September, more than 100 of the world's best cyclists competed in the Tour of Britain Men. The five-day race began in Lincoln and travelled through Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, before finishing in the Scottish Borders on 6th September. In the men's event, the cyclists cover nearly 900 kilometres, tackling steep hills and challenging conditions along the way. Thousands have been gathering along the route to watch and cheer the riders on.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Can you think of a time when something felt difficult, but you kept going?
- > What helped you to persevere?
- > Who encourages you when you face a challenge?
- > When might taking a break or asking for help be the best next step?

What keeps us going when things get tough?



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Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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What do you think?

USE
your
VOICE

"I know if I keep trying and persevere it's worth it because it will make my family proud." -

Sonny, Y5