



St Stephen's
CE Primary School

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

NEWSLETTER

27: Thursday 2nd April 2026

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

Happy Easter



We would like to thank Year 5 for leading our worship today and to our children, staff and families who joined us in Church as we shared the story of Easter.

At the heart of Easter is a powerful message of hope, love, forgiveness and new life. It reminds us that even in difficult times, light can overcome darkness, and joy can follow sadness.

As we celebrate this special season, we hope that the message of Easter stays with you — inspiring kindness, compassion and peace in our everyday lives.

We wish all our families a peaceful and joyful Easter, filled with hope and happiness.



Year 4 Anglo-Saxon & Viking Workshop with Delve into History



We're excited to welcome Del from Delve into history on Thursday 23rd April for the Year 4 Anglo-Saxon and Vikings Workshop. contributions can be made on School Money.

STAY CONNECTED WITH US:

Phone: 0161 764 1132

Email: ststephens@thesycamoretrust.co.uk

Facebook: [St Stephen's CE Primary School, Bury.](#)

Website: www.ststephensceprimary.co.uk/



LOGIN

LOG INTO OUR
SCHOOL APPS:



Arbor 94%
Parent Portal usage



School Money

OUR ST.STEPHEN'S SUPERSTARS:

BACK



AFTER

HALF

OUR CHARACTER SUPERSTARS:

EYFS

KEY STAGE 1

KEY STAGE 2

TERM

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE and PUNCTUALITY:

<u>NURSERY</u>	86.49%	0 lates	<u>YEAR 3</u>	91.50%	5 lates
<u>RECEPTION</u>	92.79%	5 lates	<u>YEAR 4</u>	97.37%	1 late
<u>YEAR 1</u>	98.96%	1 late	<u>YEAR 5</u>	91.81%	2 lates
<u>YEAR 2</u>	96.09%	1 late	<u>YEAR 6</u>	91.38%	0 lates

Number of lates this week: xx



Improvement from 6 last week!

Punctuality Champions: Nursery and Year 6

Attendance Heroes: Year 1



96%

Appointments in term-time:

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

School target:

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

96%

**EVERY
DAY
Matters**

CLASS ATTENDANCE TO DATE:

<u>NURSERY</u>	89.73%	<u>YEAR 3</u>	95.76%
<u>RECEPTION</u>	94.24%	<u>YEAR 4</u>	94.86%
<u>YEAR 1</u>	96.71%	<u>YEAR 5</u>	94.49%
<u>YEAR 2</u>	95.8%	<u>YEAR 6</u>	93.48%

Statistics show that good school attendance can lead to many positive outcomes, including:

- Academic achievement: Pupils with good attendance are more likely to perform well in school.
- Social and emotional development: Regular attendance can help pupils develop positive peer relationships and better mental health.
- Life skills: Pupils who attend school regularly can develop essential life skills like problem-solving, social connections, and work aptitude.
- Access to opportunities: Regular attendance can give pupils access to enrichment activities, educational visits, and pastoral care.
- Responsible behaviour: Regular attendance can help pupils develop responsible behaviours.
- Long-term success: Pupils who attend school regularly are more likely to pursue higher education and get better jobs.

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!

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 INSTAGRAM

Instagram is a highly popular social media platform owned by Meta. It allows users to share photos and videos, post stories, send private messages, go live, explore public content, and interact with others worldwide. As a social media platform widely accessed in the UK, Instagram is closely monitored by the Online Safety Act 2023, which places legal duties on providers to better protect children's accounts.

13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- ADDICTIVE DESIGN**
- SCHEDULED AND DIRECT MESSAGES**
- LIVESTREAMING AND PUBLIC EXPOSURE**
- THREADS AND PUBLIC CONVERSATIONS**
- META AI AND BLURRED BOUNDARIES**
- EXCLUSION AND SOCIAL PRESSURE**

Advice for Parents & Educators

- USE TEEN ACCOUNT PROTECTIONS**
- SET HEALTHY BOUNDARIES**
- TALK ABOUT THE LAW AND SAFETY**
- KEEP COMMUNICATION OPEN**

Meet Our Expert

#WakeUpWednesday The National College

@wake_up_weds @nationalcollege @wake.up.wednesday @wake.up.weds

INSTAGRAM

Instagram remains a go-to platform for many young people, offering a constant stream of content, communication and connection.

This guide helps parents understand:

- The key risks associated with Instagram
- How features like messaging and public conversations work
- Practical steps to support safer use

The guide also offers advice on setting boundaries, using built-in protections and keeping communication open.

[Download the guide here](#) [CLICK HERE](#)



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



KIDS £3 PER TICKET

Easter Extravaganza

You're invited to Audacious Church's Easter Celebrations

SAT 4TH APR | **START 2:30PM FINISH 5PM** | **CLARENCE PARK ROYAL AVENUE BL9 5AE**

audaciouschurch.com/easter

AUDACIOUS CHURCH

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Bolton Road Methodist Services here



See page 6



Easter

KINGS Church

SATURDAY

EASTER Families Event

BOOK HERE

Saturday 4th April | 1-3pm

Easter

SUNDAY

Sunday, 05-Apr-2026
10:30am - 12:00pm
Kings Church Bolton,
Main Venue

BOOK HERE



ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH
HOLY WEEK
SERVICES



Sun 29th March

Palm Sunday service 9am

Mon 30th - Weds 1st

Compline 7pm

Maundy Thursday

service 7pm

Easter Vigil

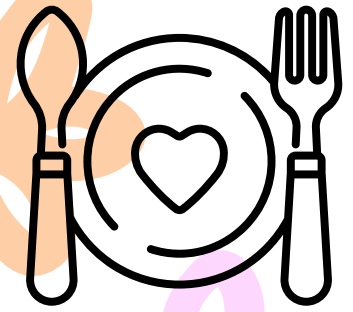
Sat 4th 5pm

Easter Day service

Sun 5th 9am



NEW MENU



	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
ORANGE	Chicken Tikka Curry, 50/50 Rice, Naan	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Pork Sausage Dinner With Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese	Breaded Fish Fingers
BLUE	Halal Chicken Tikka Curry, 50/50 Rice, Naan	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Halal Chicken Sausage Dinner With Gravy	Halal Spaghetti Bolognese	Breaded Fish Fingers
PURPLE	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake	Free Range Egg Omelette	Quorn Fillet Dinner With Gravy	Cheesy Frittata	Vegetable Nuggets
GREEN	Tuna Jacket Potato	Bean Jacket Potato	Cheese Jacket Potato	Tuna Jacket Potato	Cheese Jacket Potato
YELLOW	Cheese Sandwich	Egg Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Tuna 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



BURY HOLIDAY Activities & Food Programme



HAF SPRING 2026

Vouchers have been issued.

HAF is funded by The Department of Education to provide Food and Activities to families in receipt of benefits related Free School Meals.

Eligible families should now have received your email from Holiday Activities with a link to log in and redeem your voucher codes with 4 credits to book onto our fantastic Spring Holiday Activities programme.

If you are in receipt of benefits related free school meals but have not received your voucher email please contact school.

Our programme this Spring is bigger and better, with 31 providers in venues across the whole of the borough.

Activities Available include

- Forest Schools
- Football Camps
- Multisport Clubs, Martial Arts, Gym Sessions, Swimming
- Guided walks
- Drama and Theatre Workshops
- and so much more

SEND Provision is offered by a number of Providers. With SEND Specific Places provided by Bee Inclusive and Funtime

A full list of Providers, dates and time, and the level of need they are equipped to provide activities for can be found on the Bury HAF Webpage.

Find activities



Scan the QR code to find and book activities



bury.gov.uk/bury-haf



**FREE HAF activities on offer
this Half Term for eligible
families**

**BOOK
NOW**



Teens aged 13-16 can get involved in our Young Leaders Programme!

➤ **Week 1: Tuesday 7th - Friday 10th April**
➤ **Week 2: Monday 13th - Friday 17th April**

✓ **RADCLIFFE - Weeks 1 & 2**

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- The Funtime Activity Centre
 - Unit 10 Ainsworth Mill, Radcliffe BL2 6QE
 - Full Day Sports Camp: 8.30am-5.30pm
 - Bury HAF & Activity Day: 9.30am-3.30pm

✓ **WHITEFIELD - Week 1 only**

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- St Michaels Primary School
 - Ribble Drive, M45 8NJ
 - Bury HAF & Activity Day: 9.30am-3.30pm

✓ **SENSORY - Weeks 1 & 2**

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- The Funtime Activity Centre
 - Sessions are specific to children who have more complex needs and who currently receive 1-2-1 support in school
 - Unit 10 Ainsworth Mill, Radcliffe BL2 6QE
 - Morning sessions: 10.15am - 12.15pm
 - Afternoon sessions: 2.00pm - 4.00pm
 - Please check bookings for exact times

! **Go All Inclusive...**
Breakfast - Hot & Cold Lunches and Dinners - Snacks - Drinks all included!

! **HAF Vouchers...**
Use your HAF vouchers at any of our camps!



From **£24**
Per day



Book Online



www.funtimeactivities.co.uk
or email us at info@funtimeactivities.co.uk



DON'T

MISS OUT!

YOU are in the spotlight:

Bella

Reception

Kindness

spotlight

CHOOSE kindness

Khadija Y2

Favourite food: Chicken nuggets

Favourite film/programme: bluey

Favourite subject: Number bonds

What is the best thing about St

Stephen's? My friends

What would make St Stephen's better?

Forest school more often

What is your greatest achievement

in school? Getting a certificate for star of the week

What is your greatest achievement out

of school? Nothing

Anything else? No

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:

Can a monster jump higher than a tree?

Of course it can!
Trees can't jump!



Your kindness makes our school shine!

Wellbeing WISDOM from the warriors:

GIVE

Donate toys, clothes or books to charity

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

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

NHS 5 ways to wellbeing.



Reflection of the week:

BLESS OTHERS

If you have two shirts, share with the person who does not have one. If you have food, share that too.
Luke 3:11

KID TIP

Too many toys? Give them away! Are you one of the lucky kids who has more toys than you can play with? If so, remember that not everyone is so lucky. Ask your parents to help you give some of your toys to children who need them more than you do.

A PRAYER FOR TODAY

Dear Lord, I know there is no happiness in keeping Your blessings for myself. Today, I will share my blessings with my family, with my friends, and with people who need my help. Amen.

Bury

Young People's
Mental Health
Support Team
Thrive in Education

Hello, my name is Katie



NHS

Pennine Care
NHS Foundation Trust

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.



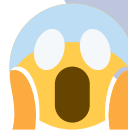
I'm an Education Mental Health Practitioner



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

In partnership with:

& Early Break



For the year's overview, please view school calendar

Event	Date
Celebration Worship	Friday 3pm
Easter Holidays	Friday 3rd - Friday 17th April
Y4 Viking & Anglo-Saxon workshop (in school)	Thursday 23rd April
Bank Holiday - school closed to pupils	Monday 4th May
Local Elections - school closed to pupils	Thursday 7th May
Y6 KS2 SATs	Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May
Break the Rules Day	Friday 15th May
Family Breakfast & Parent Workshop	Monday 18th May
May half-term	Monday 25 May - Friday 29th May
Y6 Bikeability	Monday 1st - Friday 5th June
Class Photographs	Monday 8th June
Y6 Residential	Wednesday 10th - Friday 12th June
Y6 Swimming - everyday for 10 days	Monday 15th - Friday 26th June
KS2 Sports Day	Friday 26th June
The Sycamore Trust Concert at Bury Parish Church	Tuesday 30th June
Year 6 Leavers Service @ Manchester Cathedral	Thursday 2nd July
EYFS and KS1 Sports Day	Friday 3rd July
Family Breakfast & Parent Workshop	Monday 13th July

Would you like to be able to:

- Learn how to stay calm in an **emergency**?
- Perform **CPR** on an adult, child or infant?
- Gain the **confidence** to be able to deal with a variety of childhood **accidents** and **illnesses**?
- Apply a **bandage** correctly and safely?
- Respond to a **seizure or choking scenario**?

Come along to our **free** 4-week course

FAMILY FIRSTAIDFORPARENTS ANDCARERS

for parents, grandparentsandcarers of childrenunder 17

Starting on Friday 24th April 10:00-12:00



Please call **0161 253 5772**

to book a place on the course at

Bury Adult Education Centre

18 Haymarket Street, Bury, BL9 0AQ