



St Stephen's
CE Primary School

NEWSLETTER

33: Friday 5th June 2026

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

SUMMER

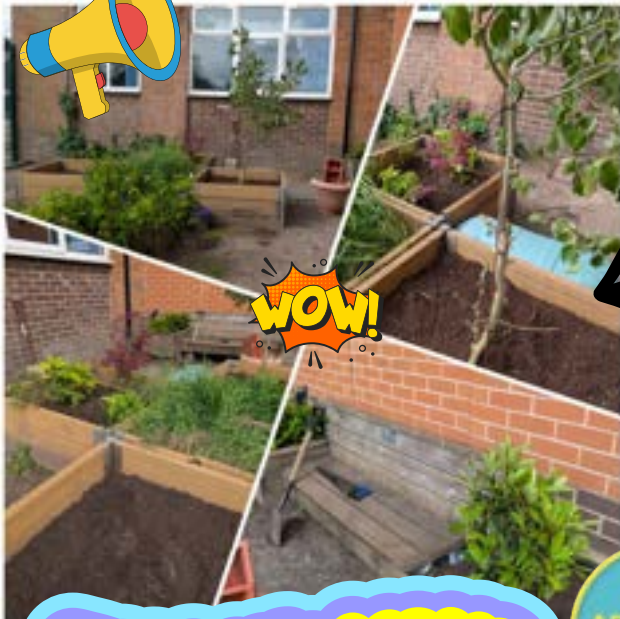
Welcome back to school!

We hope you all had a lovely half term. This term is set to be a busy and exciting one, with lots to look forward to including transition to new classes, sporting events, music performances, and of course all the wonderful day-to-day learning. We love St Stephen's!

A big shout out to our brilliant school site team, led by Mr Hopkinson!

They work tirelessly every day to keep our school safe, clean and well organised, and we are so grateful for all that they do. Over the half term, they have been incredibly busy putting up new shelves, deep cleaning classrooms, and weeding and clearing our new sensory garden.

We are very thankful for their hard work and dedication!

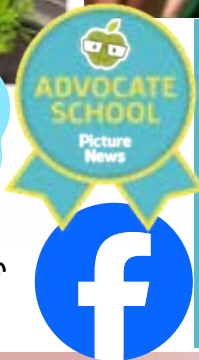


WOW!

THANK YOU!

Learning at St Stephen's...

Are you following our Facebook page? If not, why not? Follow [here](#) for brilliant learning and updates.



Learning at home

- 1. Read together every day**
Spending regular time reading together has one of the biggest impacts on children's learning—boosting vocabulary, confidence and understanding.
- 2. Talk about their learning**
What you do in everyday conversations really matters. Talking with your child helps build language, thinking and confidence.



Water Safety Week
13th - 19th June

As the weather gets warmer, more people are spending time at beaches, rivers, lakes and other open-water locations. Drowning Prevention Week, which begins on 13th June, aims to raise awareness of water safety and help people recognise potential risks around water. Safety organisations are encouraging everyone to learn simple ways to stay safe so they can enjoy being in and around water responsibly.

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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:



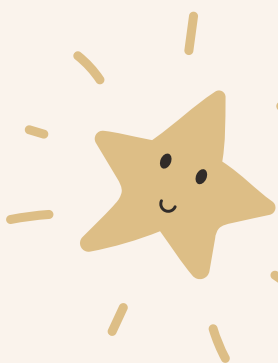
Arbor Parent Portal **94%** usage



School Money

OUR ST.STEPHEN'S SUPERSTARS:

- EYFS Nicole & Tanaka
- YEAR 1 Adam & Dominion
- YEAR 2 Quamariyah & Oyin
- YEAR 3 Anayah & Myla
- YEAR 4 Fadil & Jake
- YEAR 5 Amber & Aisha
- YEAR 6 Kyle & Oscar



OUR CHARACTER SUPERSTARS:

EYFS	KEY STAGE 1	KEY STAGE 2
Muhammad Saif-Ul Islam, Rec	Mia, Y2	Zayn, Y4

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE and PUNCTUALITY:

<u>NURSERY</u>	91.04% 1 late	<u>YEAR 3</u>	96.92% 3 lates
<u>RECEPTION</u>	94.81% 6 lates	<u>YEAR 4</u>	93.18% 2 lates
<u>YEAR 1</u>	98.75% 1 late	<u>YEAR 5</u>	97.93% 8 lates
<u>YEAR 2</u>	100% 4 lates	<u>YEAR 6</u>	98.62% 0 lates

Number of lates this week: 25



No improvement from 12 last week

Punctuality Champions: Year 6

Attendance Heroes: Year 2



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



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators BUILDING SCHOOL-READY LANGUAGE SKILLS

Oral language is fundamental to children's learning, literacy, and social and emotional development, with long-term impacts. As language develops mainly between the ages of three and six, early, evidence-based support is essential. This guide offers practical steps to help the children in your care become confident communicators, including proven approaches such as the EFL-funded MFL programmes available in settings in England.

- BUILD ORAL LANGUAGE**
- SUPPORT LISTENING SKILLS**
- GROW THEIR VOCABULARY**
- SHARE STORIES TOGETHER**
- NAME DIFFERENT FEELINGS**
- WORK WITH SETTINGS**
- SPOT LANGUAGE NEEDS**
- EVIDENCE-BASED SUPPORT**
- MEET INDIVIDUAL NEEDS**
- TAKE PART IN RESEARCH**

Meet Our Expert: Public Authority of the National College, Specialist in Early Language and Literacy Development. The National College.

Wake Up Wednesday

Twitter: @wake_up_weds, Facebook: www.thenationalcollege, Instagram: @wake_up_wednesday, LinkedIn: @wake_up_weds

Oral language plays a vital role in children's learning, literacy and social and emotional development.

The guide explores:

- Building oral language through meaningful interaction
- Supporting listening and attention
- Growing children's vocabulary
- Sharing stories and naming feelings
- Working with settings to spot and support language needs
- Using evidence-based approaches to meet individual needs

[: CLICK HERE](#)



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





Water Safety Week

13th - 19th June



SAFETY FIRST

Read through the information below about staying safe in water and the Water Safety Code.

Resource



What is the Water Safety Code?



Photo: Western Gateway Park, California

Look at the photo...



Stop and think - spot the dangers



Stay together



In an emergency, Float



Call 999 or 112

What can you see?

What looks fun?

Do you think the people here are enjoying the water safely? How?

Can you spot anything that might need extra care or thought?

1. Stop and Think - Before going near water, take a moment to look for any dangers.
2. Stay Together - Always stay with adults when you're near water.
3. Float - If you fall into water, stay calm, float on your back and control your breathing.
4. Call for Help - If someone is in trouble, tell an adult or call 999.

Why do you think the Water Safety Code is so important?
Can you think of a way to help you remember the Code?

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Reflection



Water can be a wonderful place to play, explore, exercise and relax. However, even places that look calm and safe can contain hidden risks, which is why understanding how to stay safe is so important.

We now use School Grid for pre-ordering school meals.

Please login and book your child's meals in advance. Without booking in advance, your child may not receive their first choice of meal.

If you do not have access, please speak to the school office.

WHAT'S ON THE MENU NEXT WEEK?

	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	Choice of Jacket Potato	Choice of Jacket Potato	Choice of Jacket Potato	Choice of Jacket Potato	Choice of Jacket Potato
YELLOW	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



FAMILIES OF ST. STEPHEN'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Stephen's
CE Primary School



YOU'RE INVITED!

fundraising CAR BOOT SALE

Monday 13th July

Family Breakfast

Join us for a slice of toast
and a hot/cold drink.

£10
PER CAR

£15
PER VAN

£1
ENTRY
PER ADULT
CHILDREN
FREE



REDUCE
REUSE
RECYCLE

SATURDAY 27TH JUNE 8-10AM

ST STEPHENS PRIMARY SCHOOL, COLVILLE DRIVE, BURY, BL8 2DX

PLEASE CONTACT SCHOOL TO BOOK A TABLE



8.15am

We can't wait to see you!



SAVE THE DATE



Super Mrs Smith Week



29th June - 4th July 2026



Super Mrs Smith

SATURDAY

Saturday 4th July 2026. 12pm - 2pm



We can't wait!



Friday 19th June 2026

The Y5 children will spend the day in our wonderful Forest school grounds learning through a variety of hands-on experiences:

- 🏕️ Pitching tents - a brilliant opportunity for teamwork, problem-solving and a true “Big Camp” experience!
- 🌿 Orienteering - navigating using maps and clues like real explorers
- 👉 Team building challenges - developing communication, trust and leadership
- 🔥 Campfire experiences - developing oracy skills, and outdoor cooking including toasting marshmallows!
- 🎨 Nature crafts and reflection - creating art from natural materials
- 🏠 Shelter building - working together to design and build their own shelters

We're really looking forward to it and know the children will have a brilliant time!



Look out for the letter on Arbor

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YOU are in the spotlight:

Oscar

Year 6

Favourite food: Tuna pasta
Favourite film/programme: Harry Potter
Favourite subject: Computing
What is the best thing about St Stephen's? Fun Fridays
What would make St Stephen's better?
 More music days
What is your greatest achievement in school? Getting 'Star of the Week'
What is your greatest achievement out of school? Getting a certificate at swimming
Anything else? I LOVE fun Fridays

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:
HA HA
 When should you take a cookie to the doctor?
 When it feels crumbly!

Kindness spotlight

CHOOSE kindness

Teddy Y, Chloe, Mae, Heavenlyjoy and Amber!
 Your kindness makes our school shine!

Wellbeing WISDOM from the warriors:

“
CONNECT
 Volunteer together
 as a family
 ”

WINNING WAYS TO WELLBEING

- CONNECT**
TALK & LISTEN, BE THERE, FEEL CONNECTED
- Give**
Your time, your words, your presence
- TAKE NOTICE**
REMEMBER THE SIMPLE THINGS THAT GIVE YOU JOY
- KEEP LEARNING**
EMBRACE NEW EXPERIENCES, SEE OPPORTUNITIES, SURPRISE YOURSELF
- BE ACTIVE**
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:

THE BEST POLICY

In every way be an example of doing good deeds. Titus 2:7

KID TIP

Honesty is the best policy. Make sure that it's your policy, even when telling the truth makes you feel a little uncomfortable.

A PRAYER FOR TODAY

Dear Lord, the Bible teaches me that honesty is the best policy. Help me remember that lesson today and every day of my life. Amen.



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

Inclusion Champions



Our



sign

of the



week

is



Good



Our Inclusion champions are working hard to make sure our school is accessible for everyone with or without disabilities!

Bury

Young People's
Mental Health
Support Team
Thrive in Education

Hello, my name is Katie



NHS

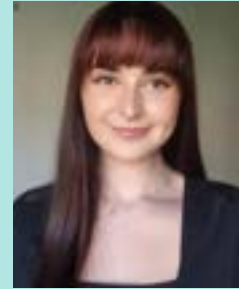
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NHS Foundation Trust

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.

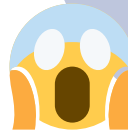


I'm an Education Mental Health Practitioner

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

Worry Management Webinar

For parents and carers of young people, this session will help you to:

- Better understand worry and anxiety
- Support your child to manage and overcome these feelings

Primary School

**Tuesday 16th
June
2026**

6-7.30pm

Step 1: To join our workshop please scan the QR code and complete the registration.

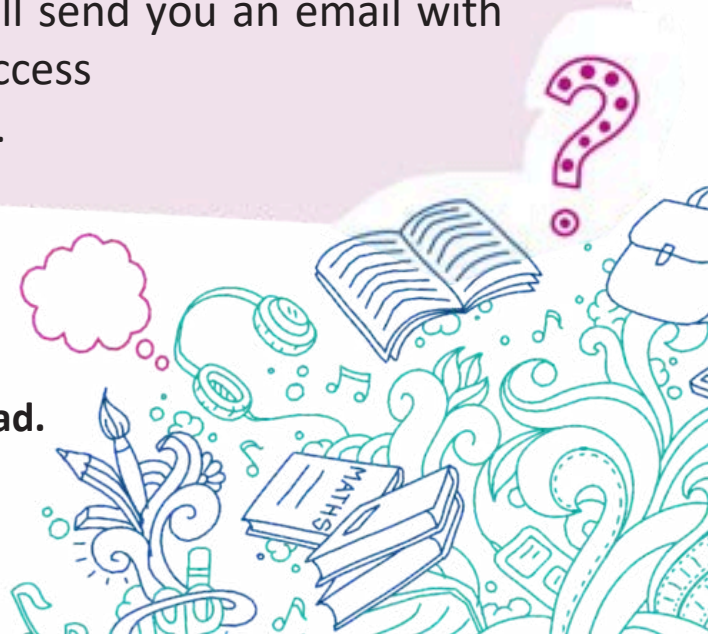


Step 2: Once registered a member of our team will send you an email with the link to access the webinar.

If you would like any further information
Please contact your school's mental health lead.



pcn-tr.burymhst@nhs.net



Worry Management Webinar

For parents and carers of young people, this session will help you to:

- Better understand worry and anxiety
- Support your child to manage and overcome these feelings

High School and
College
Tuesday 23rd June
2026
6-7.30pm

Step1: To join our workshop please scan the QR code and complete the registration.



Step2: Once registered a member of our team will send you an email with the link to access the webinar.

If you would like any further information
Please contact your school's mental health lead.



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For the year's overview, please view school calendar

Event	Date
Celebration Worship	Friday 3pm
Class Photographs	Monday 8th June
Y6 Residential	Wednesday 10th - Friday 12th June
Y6 Swimming - everyday for 10 days	Monday 15th - Friday 26th June
New Starters Parent Meetings	Monday 15th June at 3:45pm & 5:00pm
New Starters Parent Tours	Thursday 18th June at 9:30am & 10:30am
Y5 Big Camp Day	Friday 19th June
Skips2bFit	Thursday 25th June
KS2 Sports Day - morning	Friday 26th June
FOSS Car Boot Sale	Saturday 27th June at 9:00am
Super Mrs Smith Week	Monday 29th June - Friday 3rd July
Super Mrs Smith Saturday	Saturday 4th July at 12:00pm
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 - morning	Friday 3rd July
St Stephen's Got Talent	Wednesday 8th July
Family Breakfast	Monday 13th July at 8:15am
Year 6 Leavers Service	Friday 17th July
School closes for Summer	Friday 17th July at 2:30pm

Would you like to learn how to:

- Build your **confidence** in the kitchen?
- Rustle up **quick** and **easy** meals from scratch?
- Cook **cheap** and **simple** meals for the whole family on a limited **budget**?
- Use **fresh** and **nutritious** ingredients to prepare a **healthy** and tasty meal for all the family?

Come along to our **free** 5-week course

WHAT'S COOKING? HEALTHY EATING ON A BUDGET

for parents, grandparents and carers of children under 17

Starting on Friday 12th June, 12.30-2.30pm



Please call **0161 253 5772**

to book a place on the course at

Bury Adult Learning Centre

18 Haymarket Street, Bury, BL9 0AQ

Come along to our **free** course
ENGLISH(ESOL) CLASS
for parents and carers whose first language is not English
Starting on Friday 12th June, 9.30-11.30am



Enrol on the first class or call **0161 253 5772** to book

East Bury Family Hub
25 Dorset Drive, Bury, BL9 9DN