



St Stephen's
CE Primary School

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

NEWSLETTER

38: Friday 10th July 2026

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



SPREAD
THE WORD

We ♥

This week, we have been delighted to welcome Ben, Ellie, Faisal, Ella Mae, Nafiah and Oliver (back) to St Stephen's as part of their work experience placements. They have brought enthusiasm, energy and a willingness to get involved in all aspects of school life, supporting learning in classrooms, helping staff and building positive relationships with our children. They have been fantastic role models and have shown great maturity, kindness and professionalism throughout their time with us.

THANK YOU!

Dear Parents, Thank you so much for sharing in our special week of honour for Mrs Smith. We wanted to strike the right balance of honour, recognition and celebration for our children, staff and families and, as always, your support has been invaluable. Over the weekend, we have welcomed many new followers to our Facebook page, which is wonderful to see. With this in mind, we wondered whether any parents would be willing to leave a review on our Facebook page, as some of these new followers may be prospective families considering St Stephen's for their children now or in the future. As always, if there is something you love about St Stephen's, please tell everyone! If there is something you do not like or feel we could do better, please tell us. Your feedback helps us to continue improving and celebrating all that makes our school such a special place. Thank you again for your continued support.

Mrs Denney and the team.

Congratulations to Miss Almond on the birth of her beautiful baby girl!

We were delighted to welcome Miss Almond and our newest St Stephen's Superstar, baby Hallie, back to St Stephen's this week for SSGT!

TENNIS COMPETITION



A huge congratulations to these St Stephen's superstars who proudly represented our school at the recent Excel Tennis Tournament!

They showed fantastic determination, worked incredibly hard, and displayed outstanding sportsmanship throughout the event. We are so proud of the positive attitude, teamwork, and great spirit they demonstrated while representing St Stephen's. Well done, everyone - you should be very proud of yourselves!



ST STEPHEN'S GOT TALENT!

Well done to everyone who took part in this year's St Stephen's Got Talent. Every audition and performance made this year's competition such a success.

Special congratulations go to our St Stephen's Got Talent winners - **Year 1!**



OUR ST.STEPHEN'S SUPERSTARS:

EYFS	All of EYFS
YEAR 1	All of Year 1
YEAR 2	All of Year 2
YEAR 3	All of Year 3
YEAR 4	All of Year 4
YEAR 5	All of Year 5
YEAR 6	All of Year 6



OUR CHARACTER SUPERSTARS:

EYFS	KEY STAGE 1	KEY STAGE 2
Ava-Grace - YR	Ugochi Y1	Arish - Y5

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE and PUNCTUALITY:

<u>NURSERY</u>	91.89%	0 lates	<u>YEAR 3</u>	98.08%	2 lates
<u>RECEPTION</u>	98.89%	4 lates	<u>YEAR 4</u>	98.18%	2 lates
<u>YEAR 1</u>	99.13%	0 lates	<u>YEAR 5</u>	92.33%	4 lates
<u>YEAR 2</u>	96.25%	0 lates	<u>YEAR 6</u>	93.10%	2 lates

Number of lates this week: 14  No improved from 9 last week.

Punctuality Champions: Nursery, Year 1 and Year 2

Attendance Heroes: Year 1



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



TECH FREE SUMMER?

For many young people, the summer holidays can easily become dominated by phones, gaming, streaming and social media. This guide offers reassuring, realistic advice for parents, carers and educators who want to encourage 11- to 16-year-olds to spend more time offline without making technology feel like the enemy.

Click [here](#):



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



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	Beef Burger	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Beef Lasagne	BBQ Chicken Panini	Vegetable Nuggets
BLUE	Halal Beef Burger	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Halal Beef Lasagne	Halal BBQ Chicken Panini	Vegetable Nuggets
PURPLE	Vegetable Bolognaise	Vegan Sausage Roll	Vegetable Moussaka	Cheese Whirl	Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake
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	Chocolate Orange Sponge & Custard Yeo Organic Fruit Yoghurt Fresh Fruit Platter	Strawberry Smoothie Pot Yeo Organic Fruit Yoghurt Fresh Fruit Platter	Blueberry Muffin Yeo Organic Fruit Yoghurt Fresh Fruit Platter	Organic Rainbow Fruity Ice Lolly Yeo Organic Fruit Yoghurt Fresh Fruit Platter





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YOU'RE INVITED!

Monday 13th July

Family Breakfast

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



8.15am

We can't wait to see you!



YOU are in the spotlight:

Paige

Year 4

Favourite food: McDonalds

Favourite film/programme: We Can be Heroes

Favourite subject: Maths

What is the best thing about St Stephen's?
They're all kind

What would make St Stephen's better?
Nothing

What is your greatest achievement in school? Getting 2nd place in St Stephen's Got Talent!

What is your greatest achievement out of school? My gymnastics

Anything else? I have a hidden talent of football!

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:

Q: What do you call a bear with no teeth?

A: A gummy bear!



Kindness

spotlight

Zayn - Year 4
Adam - Year 1

Your kindness makes our school shine!

Wellbeing WISDOM from the warriors:

BE ACTIVE

Do a 10-minute stretch or yoga session.

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.



Reflection of the week:

KIND WORDS

When you talk, do not say harmful things. But say what people need - words that will help them become stronger. Then what you say will help those who listen to you.

NHS 5 ways to wellbeing

Ephesians 4:29

KID TIP

If you can't think of something nice to say ... don't say anything. It's better to say nothing than to hurt someone's feelings.

A PRAYER FOR TODAY

Dear Lord, You hear every word that I say. Help me to remember to speak words that are honest, kind and helpful. Amen.

SUMMER PROGRAMME AUGUST 2026

ON THE BEACH

THURSDAY 6TH AUGUST

IN THE CITY

THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST

IN THE FOREST

THURSDAY 20TH AUGUST

IN THE MOUNTAINS

THURSDAY 27TH AUGUST

**Join us every Thursday 10.30-11.30
for a short celebration and crafts.**

Most suitable for primary school aged children,
but all ages welcome.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Free to attend, no booking required

For more information, email
canon.missioner@manchestercathedral.org

Tottington High - Open event for Year 5 pupils

To enquire: email sarah.dandy@ths.set.org

We'd love to welcome you to our

TOTTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN EVENT

Come and join the fun!

 **Monday 20th July**

 **10:00am – 2:00pm**

We are excited to invite all **Year 5 students** to spend the day with us and discover what makes **Tottington High School** so special.

- ★ Inflatables
- ★ Games and challenges
- ★ Farm visits
- ★ Meet our animals
- ★ Explore our classrooms
- ★ Meet staff and students
- ★ Learn more about life at THS



VISIT OUR SCHOOL FARM

One of the things that makes Tottington High School unique is our on-site farm. Come and meet our:

-  Chickens
-  Rabbits
-  Alpacas
-  Goats

Our farm is a wonderful part of school life and helps students learn responsibility, confidence and care for others.



DISCOVER LIFE AT THS

Find out more about:

-  **KINDNESS**
-  **EXCELLENCE**
-  **ENTHUSIASM**

These values are at the heart of everything we do.

You'll also have the chance to learn about our restorative approach, meet members of our school community and see what high school is really like.

FUN, FRIENDS & NEW ADVENTURES!

A great opportunity to join in, have fun and find out more about life at Tottington High School!



 **Parents and Carers**
To express your interest in attending, or for more information, please email: sarah.dandy@ths.set.org

We look forward to welcoming you to Tottington High School.



 **We can't wait to meet you!**

Whether you're feeling excited, curious or a little nervous about starting high school, this is a great opportunity to get to know us better.

We are looking forward to welcoming you and supporting you every step of the way.

 **#TEAMTHS** 

KINDNESS • EXCELLENCE • ENTHUSIASM





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Inclusion Champions



Our



sign

of the



week

is



GOOD

Make short forward movement using closed hand with thumb up (1 or 2 hands).



Our Inclusion Champions are working on a sensory garden area to support children with their sensory needs .

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.

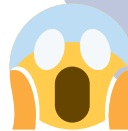


I'm an Education Mental Health Practitioner

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
Family Breakfast - ALL INVITED	Monday 13th July at 8:15am
Year 6 Leavers' Disco	Thursday 16th July, 6-7:30pm
End of Year Church Service @ St Stephen's Church ALL INVITED	Friday 17th July at 10:00am
Year 6 Leavers Service at School YEAR 6 FAMILIES	Friday 17th July at 1:15pm
School closes for Summer	Friday 17th July at 2:30pm

DATES FOR 2026-27

Event	Date
INSET - Pupils NOT in school	Tuesday 1st September
Year 1 - Year 6 Pupils Return to School	Wednesday 2nd September
Nursery Pupils in School for Transition	Thursday 3rd September 1:30pm-3:30pm
Reception Pupils in School for Transition	Friday 4 September 8:45am - 12:30pm (lunch included)
Celebration Worship	Friday 4th September at 3pm
Starting School: Nursery and Reception Pupils	Monday 7th September
Flu vaccines	Thursday 24th September
Individual and Sibling Photographs	Wednesday 4th November

Support for Parents/Carers of Neurodiverse Children / Young People



This service is for parent/carers who would like support and advice around their neurodiverse needs. Your young person does not have to have a diagnosis to access this service.

Drop-in sessions are every

Tuesday & Thursday

9.30am – 3pm

You can drop in or bookable appointments are available on request if you prefer.

Tel: 0161 762 1440

Email: jburns@buryneurohub.co.uk

Address: Phoenix House, 100 Brierley Street, Bury BL9 9HN



My
Favourite
Things

SUMMER Cabaret 2026

AN EVENING OF SONGS FROM EXCELLENT FILMS

CHILDREN PERFORMING
A VARIETY OF FUN PERFORMANCES



11TH
JULY
2026



7:15PM
CURTAIN UP



ST. STEPHEN'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL
ELTON, BURY
BL8 2DX



£5 ADULT
£2 KIDS



TICKETS
ON DOOR

IN ASSOCIATION WITH

St. Stephen's Church +



Letters have come home for the Y6 Leavers' Disco on Thursday 16th July 6pm-7:30. Return your slip to Mr Smith for your ticket!

YOU'RE INVITED TO

FREE



Thursday 16th July
6-7.30pm

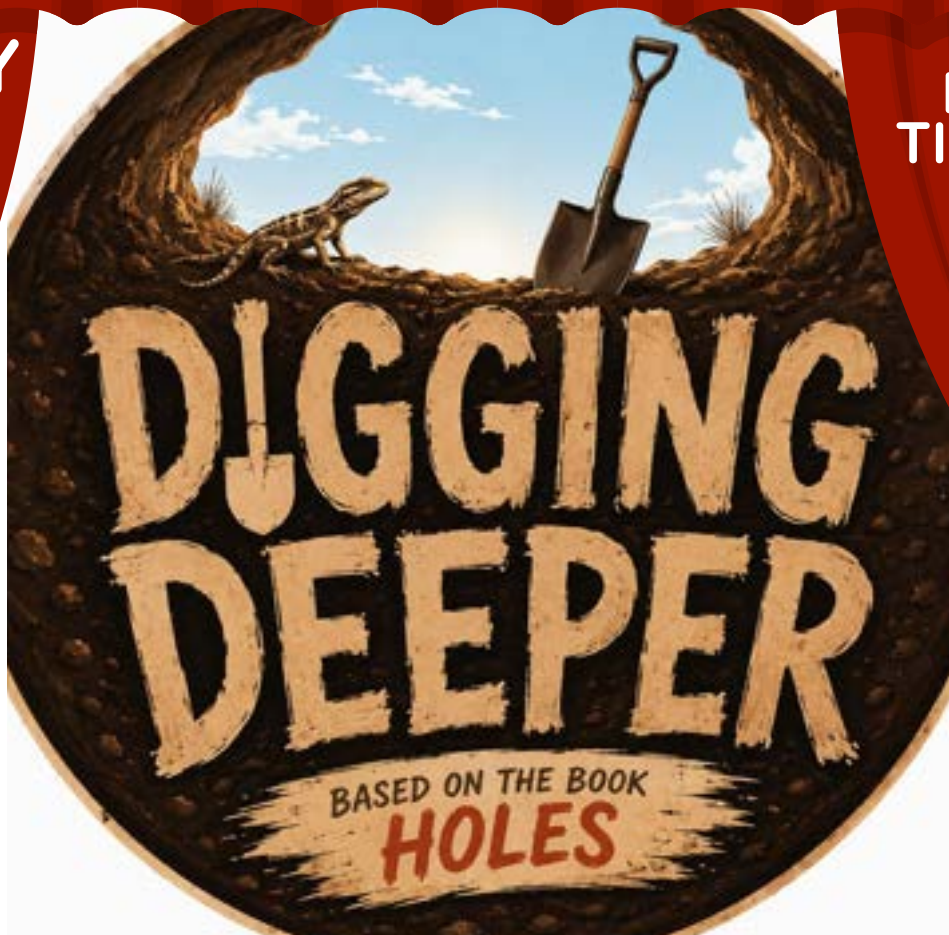
St Stephen's Year 6 Leavers' Disco

You're invited to our year 6 play

TUESDAY
14TH
JULY

REFRESHMENTS

2pm



FREE
TICKETS

BIG
RAFFLE

6pm