



ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS

THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY
2026



WHOLE SCHOOL

KITCHEN NEWS

Please see attached our lunch menu for next week. Please can we also remind you that we are a nut free school and no fresh nuts or nut products should be brought into school (this includes peanut butter or hazelnut spread in sandwiches). Thank you.

REMINDER - START TO THE SCHOOL DAY

To support a calm and purposeful start to each day, we will be opening the school gates **five minutes earlier at 8:35am**. From this time, children will be able to come straight into school and go to their classrooms, where staff will be available to welcome and support pupils to settle quickly, get organised and begin their early morning learning activities.

Our official start time remains **8:45am**, as stated on our website, and it is important that all children are in school and ready to learn by this time. The start of the day is a valuable part of learning, and children who arrive late miss important activities that help prepare them for the day ahead. Morning tasks are carefully planned and often link to previous learning or support upcoming lessons. These may include mathematical fluency, handwriting practice, editing and improving existing work, or focused preparation for new learning.

We are committed to ensuring that every minute counts and that all pupils experience a calm, productive start to their day.

Please ensure children arrive between **8:35am and 8:45am** so they can begin learning alongside their classmates. Children arriving after **8:45am** will be recorded as late. Thank you for your continued support in helping all children start the school day positively, safely and ready to learn.

Please note that **children should not be playing on the infant playground unsupervised prior to the opening of the school gates**, as we are unable to provide supervision before this time.

SHOWING RACISM THE RED CARD – MONDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

We going to be holding workshops on Monday 23rd February to educate the children.

- How to recognise racism
- To consider the impact that racism has
- To empower young people to challenge racism in the communities in which they live, providing them with relevant knowledge and information to enable them to do this
- To help young people prepare to play an active role as citizens in an increasingly multi-cultural society

As part of the day, we are asking all children to wear an item of red clothing.

ARBOR APP/PARENT PORTAL

If you are still having issues accessing the Arbor app, please do pop into the school office and we will do our best to help. **You can now delete the ParentMail App.**

LEAVING THE SCHOOL SITE

Thank you to all parents who now leave the site promptly at 3.30pm.

EMAILS IN THE LAST WEEK

Please see below a list of correspondence that has been sent home via Arbor this week in case you missed it:-

World Book Day	Whole School
Swimming Lessons	Pufferfish Class
Year 3 Term 4 Newsletter and Curriculum Overview	Year 3
Year 4 Term 4 Newsletter and Curriculum Overview	Year 4
Year 5 Term 4 Newsletter and Curriculum Overview	Year 5

YEAR 3

KOALA CLASS ASSEMBLY – WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY

Koala Class are looking forward to seeing parents and the rest of the school at their assembly on Wednesday 6th May at 9.10am.

YEAR 4

POSSUM CLASS ASSEMBLY – WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH

Possum Class are looking forward to seeing parents and the rest of the school at their assembly on Wednesday 11th March at 9.10am.

CAPYBARA CLASS – WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH

Capybara Class are looking forward to seeing parents and the rest of the school at their assembly on Wednesday 18th March at 9.10am.

YEAR 5

SWIMMING LESSONS

Pufferfish Class will be starting their swimming lessons on Friday 27th February (a separate email has been sent in this regard).

YEAR 6

BIKEABILITY

There is still time to confirm your place on the Level 2 course taking place in March. Please use the link in the letter to sign up. If you have any questions, please come to the School Office

YEAR 6 LEAVER'S HOODIES/POLO SHIRTS

These are now available to purchase through your Arbor App – closing date for purchase in Friday 6th March. All details regarding sizing and cost etc. are in the letter sent home on Friday 13th February.

TERM DATES

Monday 23 rd February	Start of Term 4
Monday 23 rd February	Show Racism the Red Card (email sent 13 th February) (all children to wear an item of red clothing)
Monday 2 nd – Friday 6 th March	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day and Author Visit
Wednesday 11 th March	Possum Class Assembly
Monday 16 th March	Year 3 Roman Museum Trip (information to follow)
Wednesday 18 th March	Capybara Class Assembly
Wednesday 18 th March	Year 3 Roman Museum Trip (information to follow)
Friday 20 th March	“Holi” Festival (information to follow)
Thursday 2 nd April	Last day of Term 4
Friday 3 rd April – Friday 17 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 20 th April	Start of Term 5
Monday 27 th April	Parents Evening (information to follow)
Tuesday 28 th April	Parents Evening (information to follow)
Monday 4 th May	May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)
Wednesday 6 th May	Koala Class Assembly
Monday 11 th May	Year 6 SATS Week
Thursday 21 st May	Year 5 Showcase (information to follow)

Friday 22nd May

Last day of Term 5

Monday 1st June

Start of Term 6