



# ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS

## FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>

## SEPTEMBER 2025



### 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.

#### PARENTS EVENING

Please note that the dates for Parents Evening has changed and will now be taking place on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**. Invites for appointments will be sent nearer the time.

#### CLASS DOJO

Please note that Class Dojo is a free resource for you as parents to find out what the children are doing in class. At no time should you be paying for this service. If you have not already joined Class Dojo, please see your child's class teacher for login details.

#### FRONT SCHOOL GATE

Just a reminder that children should not be dropped off or collected at the entrance to the school gates either in the morning or afternoon. This causes a potentially dangerous issue when trying to reverse back on to Hales Drive. It is also a health and safety issue, with children attempting to go round the back of any car when they are leaving our site. Also, should an emergency arise, the emergency services would not be able to access the school.

#### PRAYERS

We have a room for children to pray at lunchtime if this is something they would like to do. This is open between 12.30pm and 12.40pm. Parents need to email the school ([admin@ststephensjuniorschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@ststephensjuniorschool.co.uk)) and let the School Office know if their child would like to do this.

#### TOP GATE ENTRANCE

The gate at the top entrance to the school (from The Terrace) is open every morning at 8.40am and closes at 8.55am to allow for parents to exit the school). Children should be in school by 8.45am every day (children coming through the gate later than this will need to report to Reception or accompany the member of staff into school. The gate then opens again at 3.10pm and closes again at 3.30pm.

## UNIFORM

The expectation is for all children to wear school uniform every day. We do have a supply of pre loved uniform, please ask in the main office if you are interested. If your child is not wearing school uniform, a pre-loved item will be supplied for the day and parents will be notified.

Our out of stock items are going to be here on Monday afternoon.

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

These will be start next week (week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> September) and you will receive an email later today with confirmation of your child's place together with arrangements regarding collection at 4.15pm.

## APPOINTMENTS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Can we please request that parents try, wherever possible, to make appointments/extra curricular lessons for children outside the school day. We do appreciate however that emergencies do happen from time to time.

## PURCHASING OF UNIFORM/PAYMENT OF SCHOOL DINNERS

Please note that the payment of school dinners and the purchasing of uniform only takes place either before school starts or at the end of the school day. We do not take payment for school dinners or sell uniform outside of these times

## EMAILS/FORMS IN THE LAST WEEK

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

<b>Flu Immunisation Information</b>	Whole School
<b>St Edmunds Activity Day</b>	Whole School
<b>Barton Court Enrichment Workshops</b>	Year 5
<b>Secondary School open mornings and evenings</b>	Year 6
<b>Timestables Rock Stars Dress Up Day</b>	Whole School

## YEAR 5

### **Firefinch Class Assembly : Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October**

Firefinch Class are looking forward to welcoming parents to their class assembly on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October. It will start at 9.10am and last for no more than 20 minutes.

## Kookaburra Class : Swimming Lessons

Kookaburra Class will be going swimming again on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September. A separate letter has been sent giving full details of what your child will need and all the travel arrangements.

## YEAR 6

**Please note applications to apply for your child's secondary school place are now open and will close on 31<sup>st</sup> October.**

### TERM DATES

Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Timestables Rockstars Dress Up Day (see attached flier)
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 Height and Weight
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Firefinch Class Assembly
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Pufferfish Clas Assembly
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of Term 1
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term Holiday
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Staff Development Day (no school for children)
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Start of Term 2
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Flu Vaccinations (details to follow) – whole school
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School Individual Photographs
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Treefrog Class Assembly
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Fireworks Evening (details to follow)
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evening (details to follow)
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evening (details to follow)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Leopard Class Assembly
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Coyote Class Assembly
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle Celebration (details to follow)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Lower School Production (details to follow)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term 2
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December –	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Christmas Holiday
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of Term 3