



ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS

FRIDAY 23RD JANUARY 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.

ARBOR APP/PARENT PORTAL

Thank you to all parents who have already created an account on Arbor or downloaded the App. Over 79% of parents have now downloaded the App and are using it for reporting children's absence, checking on payments, replying to messages giving permission and choosing clubs for children. Please note that you can also pay for both school dinners and uniform using the app.

Please note that even if you do have the app, all emails will still appear in your email account. If you have not received any communications since the beginning of term, please check your junk folder.

If you missed the original email providing the details, please see a copy attached. Finally, if you need any help with this, please do pop into the school office and we will do our best to help. **You can now delete the ParentMail App.**

MOVEMENT OF CARS

Please could we ask that all adults dropping and collecting children in the afternoons are mindful of children crossing roads and especially at the entrance of our school. A car reversed into our gate entrance this afternoon and narrowly avoided hitting a child.

LOST PROPERTY

We have once again a huge amount of lost property in our box outside the School Office. If your child is missing an item please feel free to check the box. Please note that if your child has lost an item of uniform and it is unnamed, we cannot return it or identify it as belonging to a particular child. Please ensure all items of clothing whether uniform or not are named if they are coming into school.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

These have now started. If your child cannot attend for any reason, please could you email nrayner@ststephensjuniorschool.co.uk so we know they are safe.

FUNDRAISING READ-A-THON

There is still two weeks to go for the Read-A-Thon (see flier attached). Please note that all donations for this event are **cash only**. The completed forms and cash donations either to their child's class teacher or directly to the office by **Friday 6th February**. If you need an extra copy of the form, there are some in the School Office.

EMAILS/FORMS 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:-

Term dates	Whole School
Lancaster Health Questionnaire	Year 6
Site Access before and after school	Whole School

YEAR 4

JACKRABBIT CLASS

Jackrabbit Class are looking forward to seeing parents and the rest of the school at their assembly on Wednesday 4th February at 9.10am.

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

YEAR 5

GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

Tuesday 27th January

Kookaburra and Pufferfish classes will be walking to the Cathedral gate and back. They will leave after lunch and will be back by the end of the school day. If you have any questions please contact your child's class teacher.

Wednesday 28th January

Firefinch and Treefrog classes will be walking to the Cathedral gate and back. They will leave after lunch and will be back by the end of the school day. If you have any questions please contact your child's class teacher.

BIKEABILITY

A letter was sent home on 7th January regarding the Bikeability Scheme which is being offered to Year 5 (copy attached). There are still spaces available and information on how to sign up is contained in the letter.

Bikeability is the national cycle training programme supported and partly funded by the Department for Transport. The course builds the skills and confidence of children can already ride. Bikeability can not only make children better cyclists, potentially for the rest of their lives, but can help with general confidence and independent thinking.

TERM DATES

Tuesday 27 th January	Year 5 (Kookaburra and Pufferfish Classes) Geography field trip (pm only)
Wednesday 28 th January	Year 5 (Firefinch and Treefrogs Classes) Geography field trip (pm only)
Wednesday 4 th February	Jackrabbit Class Assembly
Wednesday 11 th February	Shark Class Assembly
Monday 9 th February – Friday 13 th February	Year 5 Bikeability
Friday 13 th February	Last day of Term 3
Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February	Half Term Holidays
Monday 23 rd February	Start of Term 4