



ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS

FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

2025



WHOLE SCHOOL

A very warm welcome back to all our children and parents. Children are busy settling into their new classes and routines and we look forward to the term ahead.

This is the very first St. Stephen's News of the year so be sure to check your Parentmail every Friday for this news item. We use this opportunity to update you on forthcoming events in the school and particular messages for your child's year group. We also send out the menu for the week ahead together with any other information that we feel you need to know.

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.

There has been a change to our lunch times. This will now be 45 minutes (12 – 12.45pm) and there will be a short break in the afternoon.

Please note that all children need to bring a packed lunch on Thursday 11th September due to the Kent Test taking place in school. If you are entitled to a Free School Meal and you would like us to provide a school packed lunch, please email shull@ststephensjuniorschool.co.uk by Wednesday 10th September.

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 so 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.

Acrylic nails and nail polish is not permitted in school. If your child has these on, please ensure that they are removed as soon as possible.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

A letter will be sent out at the beginning of next week setting out all the different activities available and how to apply. They will then begin in the week beginning 15th September.

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

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

We have a large supply of pre loved uniform in varying sizes. Please do ask at the School Office if you would like to check availability of particular items.

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:-

Email – Welcome Back	Whole School
Permission to Walk Home	Years 5 and 6
Year 3 Term 1 Newsletter and Curriculum Overview	Year 3
Year 4 Term 1 Newsletter and Curriculum Overview	Year 4
Year 5 Term 1 Newsletter and Curriculum Overview	Year 5
Year 6 Term 1 Newsletter and Curriculum Overview	Year 6
Kent Test Day Information and Arrangements : Thursday 11th September	Whole School

YEAR 5

Kookaburra Class Assembly : Wednesday 17th September

Kookaburra Class are looking forward to welcoming parents to their class assembly on Wednesday 17th September. It will start at 9.10am and last for no more than 20 minutes.

TERM DATES

Thursday 11 th September	Year 6 Kent Test
Wednesday 17 th September	Kookabura Class Assembly
Wednesday 1 st October	Firefinch Class Assembly
Monday 13 th October	Parents Evening (details to follow)
Tuesday 14 th October	Parents Evening (details to follow)
Wednesday 15 th October	Pufferfish Clas Assembly
Friday 17 th October	Last day of Term 1
Monday 20 th October – Friday 24 th October	Half Term Holiday
Monday 27 th October	Staff Development Day (no school for children)
Tuesday 28 th October	Start of Term 2
Wednesday 29 th October	Year 6 Height and Weight (details to follow)
Monday 31 st October	Flu Vaccinations (details to follow) – whole school
Tuesday 4 th November	Whole School Individual Photographs
Wednesday 5 th November	Treefrog Class Assembly
Friday 7 th November	Fireworks Evening (details to follow)
Wednesday 19 th November	Leopard Class Assembly
Wednesday 3 rd December	Coyote Class Assembly
Wednesday 10 th December	Christingle Celebration (details to follow)
Wednesday 17 th December	Lower School Production (details to follow)
Friday 19 th December	Last Day of Term 2
Monday 22 nd December – Friday 2 nd January	Christmas Holiday
Monday 5 th January	Start of Term 3