

# St. Stephen's

**Church of England Primary School**

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## NEWSLETTER

May 2025

Dear St Stephen's families,

It has been lovely to welcome all the children back after what we hope was a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

We started the term with a Eucharist Service led by Reverend Peter. It was a thoughtful and reflective occasion, made even more special by the involvement of our pupils. Some children took on roles such as leading Reverend Peter in with the cross, reading the Gospel, and sharing their beautifully composed prayers of intercession.

We also kicked off the term with sporting success through our Year 5 and 6 netball teams, who took part in the Local Schools Netball Tournament at Oxted School. Both teams did us proud, with the B Team winning their group and the A Team finishing in second place in their respective tournament. An excellent achievement that reflects the hard work and team spirit of everyone involved. Thanks to Miss Hayden and Mrs Blackburn for their coaching.

On Monday, Year 5 and Year 6 completed their six-week programme with the Crystal Palace Equality Eagles, spending an hour each week exploring the meaning and importance of equality, diversity, and inclusion. The final session saw the children present their learning to the rest of the class - an opportunity they embraced with thoughtfulness and confidence. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and the programme offered them valuable time to reflect on their values and responsibilities in a diverse world.

On Wednesday, Year 5 visited Woking Mosque, providing a valuable opportunity to build on their learning about the Islamic faith. The children were able to experience the mosque in action, deepening their understanding and appreciation of the traditions and practices they've been studying in class.

We look forward to all the opportunities and events still to come for the Summer term, including Break the Rules, Sports Day, Summer Fair, Prize Giving and many more.

Best wishes for a restful bank-holiday weekend.

Niall McLaughlin

*'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me' Philippians 4:13*



# Get to Know Our Governors

## What do you like most about our school?

I like the atmosphere and the children always seem happy. Lots of great learning always happening.

## What do you do as a school Governor?

A school Governor is there to support the school leaders to achieve the best outcome for every child and help set standards and ensure they are achieved so the children can perform their best in their learning.

## What made you want to become a school Governor?

I manage lots of people in my job and wanted to help and share my expertise. I know how important a good education is.



**Name: Bronia Day**  
**Role: Chair of Governors**

## Can you tell us a little bit about yourself?

I live in Smallfield with my husband and two daughters who are 17 and 21 years old. I have a grumpy cat called Sparkles who is 19 years old. My full-time job is being a consultant.

# Get to Know Our Governors



**What was your favourite subject when you were at school?**

My favourite subjects are maths and art because I like numbers and drawing.

**Do you have any advice for the children at our school?**

Attend school everyday, never miss a lesson and pay attention. School is about you so keep trying your best everyday.

**What would you say to pupils about being a Governor?**

Being a Governor is very rewarding as you get to make a difference at school and help improve the standards by helping the school leaders.

**If you could be any book character for a day, who would you be and why?**

Harry Potter because I would love to have an invisibility cloak.

**Is there anything else you'd like to say to the children and families reading the newsletter?**

St.Stephens is a good and strong school with a positive learning environment where it is clear that children flourish and are encouraged and support by the staff.

**Have you enjoyed being interviewed?**

I have loved being interviewed.



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## May

5<sup>th</sup> - Bank Holiday

7<sup>th</sup> - Y3 Feet First Walking Training

9<sup>th</sup> - Y3 Class Assembly

12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> - KS2 SATs Week

16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Residential - Windmill Hill

21<sup>st</sup> - Nursery trip to Let's Pretend

23<sup>rd</sup> - PTA Event - Break the Rules

23<sup>rd</sup> - Y5 Class Assembly

23<sup>rd</sup> - Last day of half term

## June

2<sup>nd</sup> - First day of Summer Term 2

6<sup>th</sup> - Y1 Class Assembly

10<sup>th</sup> - Y5 trip to Mercer's Lake

13<sup>th</sup> - YR trip to Brighton Sealife Centre

13<sup>th</sup> - Y2 Class Assembly

16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Bikeability

20<sup>th</sup> - YR Class Assembly

## Activities Timetable

Summer			
	PE	Swim	Library
N	Tu		M
YR	W	Th	M
Y1	M & Th		Th
Y2	F	M	W
Y3	M & W		M
Y4	F	W	Tu
Y5	M & W		Th
Y6	W	F	Th
Forest School	Year 3: 29/04, 06/05, 13/05, 20/05 Year 6: 03/06, 10/06, 17/06, 24/06 Year R: 01/07, 08/07, 15/07, 22/07		

# REMINDERS

• **Reporting absence** - please report all absence to the school office by 9am

either by telephone (we have a voicemail facility) or send an email to:

[info@ststephens.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@ststephens.surrey.sch.uk)

• **Dogs** - dogs are not allowed on the school site unless prearranged and risk-assessed by our Senior Leadership Team. Parents are also requested not to wait directly outside the pedestrian gate entrances with dogs as this can be frightening/unsafe for children. Many thanks for your cooperation.

• **Trip consent forms** - please can you return any outstanding consent forms for upcoming trips to the office as soon as possible.

• **Swimming** - payments for Summer term can be made on Arbor as well as any outstanding payments for previous terms.

Please can ALL parents log in to their Arbor account to ensure their contact details are up to date, as well as any medical or dietary needs.

Please also check all consents are completed.

**Payments can be made on Arbor**

**Please click here to login**

Click on 'Accounts' and then 'Meals' to pay for school dinners.



Click on 'Activities' and then 'Trips' for all other payments.



*Our value of the month is:*

# Equality



## *St. Stephen's Church Events*

**Tuesdays  
10am-12am**

**St. Stephen's Warm Space**  
Coffee from 10am  
Books and jigsaws to buy or exchange  
Games to play

**Wednesdays  
2pm**

**Paracise**

Low intensity exercise involving stretching and balance exercises to music. A very friendly group who stay afterwards for a cup of tea and a natter. £4 per class.

Contact: Suzy  
07710 413409

**Thursdays  
9am-12pm**

**Mums United**

Weekly baby and toddler group. A chance to share and chat with other mums. Refreshments provided.

Contact: Cathy  
07708 104214

**Saturdays  
10:30am**

**Zera Avraham Messianic  
Synagogue**

Shabbat services held in the Hall and broadcast online.

Contact: Rabbi  
07919 043179

**St. Stephen's Church  
Hall Hire**

£25 a session  
(morning, afternoon or evening)

No bouncy castles but toys are available. Small kitchen and toilets, wifi, sound system and projection facilities are available.

Contact: Karen Jackson  
01342 894669 / 07713 207397

**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month  
2pm-5pm**

**Crafters**

Learn a new craft, need crafting advice or bring your own project. Enjoy a chat and refreshments.

Contact: Carol  
01342 893189

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month  
8pm-9pm**

**South Godstone WI**

Contact: Maria  
07485 014479

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month**

**Surrey Scale Model Club**

All types of models made.

Contact: Clive  
07949 127841

**For more information: <https://www.godstonebenefice.org.uk/ststephens>**



# St. Stephen's School Term Dates 2024-2025

September Autumn Term 2024						
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January Spring Term 2025						
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May Summer Term 2025						
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August						
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**School Holidays**



**Public Holidays**



**INSET Days**

## Bank and Public Holidays

Christmas Day - 25<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Boxing Day - 26<sup>th</sup> December 2024

New Year's Day - 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025

Good Friday - 18<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Easter Monday - 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025

Early May Bank Holiday - 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Spring Bank Holiday - 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Summer Bank Holiday - 25<sup>th</sup> August 2025



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## *Helping parents to understand the changes to Penalty Notices*

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines that may be issued for term time leave and recorded by schools **after 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024**.

### *Who may be fined?*

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent who allows their child to be absent from school.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent who allowed the holiday receiving 3 separate fines.

### *First Offence*

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for an unauthorised term time holiday the fine amount will be:

£80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Increasing to £160 if paid between days 22-28.

### *National Threshold*

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period.

For example: a 5 day holiday would meet the national threshold.

The 10-school week period can span different terms.

**Unauthorised Absence:** We may apply to the local authority for a penalty notice if there are **10 or more sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period**.

### *Second Offence (within 3 years)*

The Second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

£160 per parent (who allowed the holiday), per child, payable within 28 days.

### *Third Offence*

**(and any further offences within 3 years)**

The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and local authorities will need to consider other available measures to address the absence concerns. This may mean that cases are presented before a Magistrate's Court. Prosecution can result in criminal records and fines of up to £2,500.



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**FROM 2:30 PM**

**Bar**

**Arts & Crafts**

**DJ**

**Temporary Tattoos**

**Face Painting**

**Cakes**

**Penalty Shoot Out**

**Games**

*All are welcome! Don't forget your picnic's and  
blankets!*






# NEVER BREAK the RULES

**FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY**

**look out for  
the tick sheets  
coming home in  
school bags**



**50p PER rule break**

St Stephen's C of E Primary School  
**PTA** 

## NEVER BREAK the RULES

**FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY**

Which rules will  
you break?

<input type="checkbox"/> HAVE ANY COLOUR HAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> WEAR NAIL VARNISH
<input type="checkbox"/> PUT SQUASH IN YOUR WATER	<input type="checkbox"/> WEAR ANY SOCKS
<input type="checkbox"/> HAVE TEMPORARY TATTOOS	<input type="checkbox"/> WEAR ANY HAT
<input type="checkbox"/> WEAR MAKE-UP/FACE PAINT	<input type="checkbox"/> BRING IN A TOY
<input type="checkbox"/> WEAR ACCESSORIES	<input type="checkbox"/> WEAR ANY SHOES

child's name: .....

parent's signature: .....

Children will need to come: .....





BREAK  
the **RULES**

\* **BONUS** \*

\* **DOUGHNUTS** \*

**FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY**  
(BREAK THE RULES DAY)

**KRISPY KREME**  
**DOUGHNUT SALE**  
**AFTER SCHOOL**

**ORIGINAL GLAZED DOUGHNUTS £1 EACH**

