



ST STEPHEN'S CofE WEEKLY NEWS

Placing God at the centre of all we do, we will nurture, inspire and empower every child so they can live life in all its fullness.

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A FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE OF DEMOCRACY!

Today, our children had a first-hand experience of what it means to live in a democratic country as they took part in our School Council and Flourish Faith Group Leader elections. Our library was transformed into a polling station, complete with voting booths and ballot boxes. Children listened to the candidates, made their choices and cast their votes independently and confidentially.

This was a wonderful opportunity for children to understand that their voice matters and to experience how democracy works in practice.

This year, our elected representatives will have the exciting opportunity to really immerse themselves in their roles, as they will be serving for two years. We look forward to seeing them develop their leadership skills, listen to others and make a positive contribution to our school community. Congratulations to all our candidates and our newly elected representatives will be announced during tomorrow's assembly!



FLOURISH PRAYER GROUP WEDNESDAY MEETINGS



Parents, carers, family and friends, you are invited to join our weekly prayer meetings, every Wednesday at 8.45am in the School Library.

Come and join us for fellowship, spiritual growth and to pray for our community. We look forward to seeing you there!

If you have a prayer request, please pop a note in our prayer box in the front reception area.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

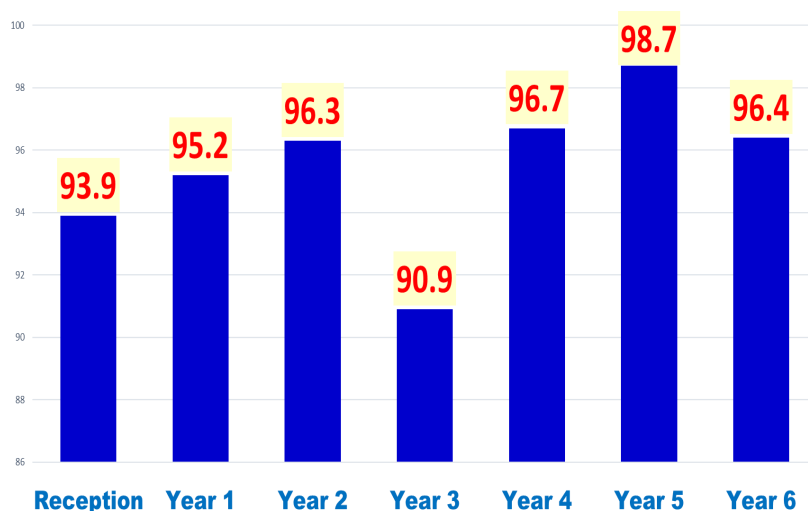
EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

Arriving late can affect your child's attendance!



Lateness = lost Learning figures below are calculated over a school year	
Minutes late each day	Days of lost learning
5	3 days
10	6.5 days
15	10 days
20	13 days
30	19 days

Attendance Chart Week Beginning 14th September '26



Congratulations to Year 5 class for their highest attendance!

Autumn Term 1 - Key Dates

EVENT	DATE/TIME
Secondary school transition meeting	Monday 21st September
After school Clubs start	Monday 21st September
Y5 swimming lessons start	Tuesday 21st September
Year 1 Open Morning /Y4 Open Afternoon	Tuesday 22nd September - 8.45/3.45
Year 2 Open Morning/Y5 Open Afternoon	Wednesday 23rd September - 8.45/3.45
Year 3 Open Morning/Y6 Open Afternoon	Thursday 24th September - 8.45/3.45
Year 4 Trip - Tower of London	Friday 25th September
Year 2 Trip - National Portrait Gallery	Monday 28th September
Year 1 Trip - Vauxhall City	Tuesday 29th September
Year 3 Trip - Horniman Museum & Gardens	Thursday 1st October
Year 5 Trip - National Portrait Gallery	Monday 5th October
Whole school Playground Opening Ceremony	Monday 5th October
Open Coffee Morning	Wednesday 7th October
Year 6 Trip - National Portrait Gallery	Monday 12th October
Harvest Festival	Wednesday 14th October
International Evening	Thursday 15th October
Autumn half term break	Monday 19th October - Friday 30th October
Children return to school	Monday 2nd November



PARENTS OPEN MORNING/AFTERNOON

Thank you to the Early Years team for kick starting our Parents Open Mornings/Afternoons. Please see below a reminder of the upcoming sessions over the week.

Tuesday 22nd September

Year 1 - 8.45am

Year 4 - 3.45pm

Wednesday 23rd September

Year 2 - 8.45am

Year 5 - 3.45pm

Thursday 24th September

Year 3 - 8.45am



**PTA
EVENT**

MOVIE NIGHT!

FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Open to Y1 to Y6 Pupils!

**Purchase tickets
on SchoolGateway**

**Purchase by
2nd October 26!**

**ONLY
£5 ENTRY!**

**INCLUDES:
HOT DOG, DRINK
& POPCORN!**

