



WEEKLY INFORMATION SHEET – 19th SEPTEMBER 2025

	STAR AWARD WINNERS
Reception	Rory
Year 1	Nyla
Year 2	Grant
Year 3	Crimson
Year 4	Olivia
Year 5	Annie
Year 6	Lennon

CLASS	% ATT	LATES
REC	98.84	4
YEAR 1	94.44	6
YEAR 2	98.83	1
YEAR 3	98.21	4
YEAR 4	90.00	10
YEAR 5	98.33	1
YEAR 6	86.45	7

HOUSE WINNERS
WINDERMERE

HEAD TEACHER'S THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

"There is always Hope"



Welcome to the latest newsletter. I hope you have had a wonderful week.

Firstly, thanks to all who attended our 'Meet the Teacher' evening on Wednesday for Years 1-4. We hope you found it useful and enjoyed seeing the classrooms and resources as well as the important day to day information. Years 5 and 6 will be hosting their evening on Monday 22nd September at 4:00pm. Please do try to come along and found out all about the year ahead.

We are having a big push on Reading; for pleasure and reading at home with parents this year. We have unfortunately seen a decline in the amount of reading some children are accessing, especially at home with parents. Please do try to listen to your children read at least 4 times a week and record in their Reading Diary. Remember, every read gains a ticket in the Reamarkable Reader draw at the end of term.

Our Open Day for Reception starters September 2026 is filling up nicely. The event on October 1st has 3 time slots, please pass the message to all who have Reception children starting next year. Come and visit St Stephen's!



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Our Harvest service is planned for Friday 3rd October 9:15am in Church. Year 5 will be leading our service and all parents are invited to join us. As usual, our harvest donations will be going to Farnworth and Kearsley Foodbank. More details about donations next week.

It's been a soggy start to Forest schools in Year 1, although the sun did make an appearance towards the end of the session on Wednesday! The Year 1 children certainly enjoyed being in the woodland. Thanks to Mrs Lomax and Mr Williams for providing this great opportunity. Keep looking out for when it's your classes turn.

Keep up the good work with attendance and punctuality. The new term bugs have been going around as they always do, but please inform the office each day of the illness.

Finally, we have an amazing opportunity for 2 new Parent Governors here at St Stephen's. Come and join our brilliant Governing body and help our school go from strength to strength. Please put your interest in writing to the office and we can assist.

Mr Puckey
Head Teacher

YEAR 5 BIKEABILITY

Bikeability will take place on Wednesday 8th October and Thursday 9th October.

Please can you complete the following link to consent for your child to take part.

<https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/wild-mag-they>

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer is coming into school on **Monday 6th October**. As in previous years, if you have more than one child in school, they will be photographed together. If you wish to have pre-school children photographed with those who attend St Stephen's, please come into school at **8:45am** when these family groups will be taken. Individual photographs will only be taken for those children with no siblings unless we are notified in advance. Thank you.

FOSSS BONFIRE BINGO

Tickets will be made available for the FOSSS Bingo Night on **Thursday 23rd October** from next week. Doors will open 6:00pm with first game of bingo commencing at 6:30pm; finishing around 8:30pm with a break for supper. Please support this event which promises to be a fun filled evening. Tickets, which include a supper, are **£5.00 per adult** and **£2.50 per child**. Tickets will be available to purchase via the Store on MCAS. Tickets will then be sent home with your child.

Take a look at our Website
www.ststephenskearsley.co.uk



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FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-Based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 they will receive Universal Free School Meals funded by the Government. However, if you are eligible for benefit related free school meals, please apply as all children who are in receipt of free school meals at St Stephen's will also benefit from school trips being funded by school.

To find out more, and whether you may be eligible, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

RECEPTION APPLICATION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL 2026

Applications for Primary School 2026 is now open. Please visit

<https://www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions/apply-online-school-place>

Parents need to apply through the Citizens Portal online or via a paper application which is available from the Local Authority. The closing date is **15th January 2026**.

YEAR 6 APPLICATION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL 2026

Applications for Secondary School 2026 is now open. Please visit

<https://www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions/apply-online-school-place>

Parents need to apply through the Citizens Portal online or via a paper application which is available from the Local Authority. The closing date is **31st October 2025**. If parents are applying for St James', Canon Slade, Bury Church and Bolton Muslim Girls School, there is a supplementary form which needs to be completed.



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RECEPTION 2026 - OPEN DAY

We will be holding two Open Days for parents of children due to start in Reception Class in 2026.

Wednesday 1st October and **Tuesday 25th November**

9.30am, 1:30pm and 4:30pm

Please contact the School Office on 01204 333642 to book your place.

This is the perfect opportunity to meet the staff, hear about our vision for the school and ask questions about how our provision will ensure your child's potential is really fulfilled. We look forward to welcoming you and your child.

Please also note, we have some places available in our current Reception Class. Please contact the School Office for more details.



OPEN DAY

**IS YOUR CHILD STARTING SCHOOL
IN SEPTEMBER 2026?**

Come and see our fantastic school in action on:

Wednesday 1st October 2025
&
Tuesday 25th November 2025

9:30 / 13:30 / 16:00

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
Monday 22nd September	KS2 Multi-Skills Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm
Tuesday 23rd September	KS1 Multi-Skills Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm KS2 Girl's Football Club Kearsley Academy Football 3:30pm - 4:30pm
Wednesday 24th September	Dancing Feet - Street Dance 3:15pm - 4:15pm
Thursday 25th September	KS1 Football Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm
Friday 26th September	