



St Stephen's Kearsley Moor
CE Primary School
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WEEKLY INFORMATION SHEET - 5th SEPTEMBER 2025

WELCOME BACK

HEAD TEACHER'S THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

"I am with you always"



Welcome to our first newsletter of the new year. I hope you all enjoyed the Summer break and managed to make the most of the good weather.

As most of you are aware, this will be my last term here at St Stephen's before I take on my new role as Executive Head in another Authority in January. The governors are well on with all their preparations for my successor and will keep you updated accordingly. However, there is much work to be done before I go anywhere, so let's enjoy it together and continue giving our children the best

opportunities to move mountains!

Firstly, a big welcome to our new Reception children and families who have joined us this week. They have been amazing, settled in brilliantly and are really enjoying their new classroom and routines. Miss Wild and Miss Smith are very proud of them and our Year 6 buddies are excited about helping them too.

Also, welcome to our new starters across the classes. We have seen quite a number of new children joining us this week with a few more to come! We do still have some spaces in Reception, Year 2 and Year 4, so please pass the word around.

We have our Open Days set for 1st October and 25th November for Reception places 2026, so please book a slot with the office if your child is starting Reception in September 2026.

We look forward to welcoming parents at our Meet the Teacher evening on Wednesday 17th September. Come along after school and visit the classroom, meet the staff and find out all about the coming year. We will put out more information next week so keep an eye on Dojo communication.

Please continue to use the Website, Newsletter and Dojo for all the information you need.

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Please remember, staff can't reply to messages through Dojo as they are teaching. Please make sure any important messages are passed on face to face or through Mrs Wall in the office.

Please ensure all absences are reported to the office before 9am each day that your child is ill.

Well done to everyone this week on ensuring children are in their classes before 8.55am. It's imperative that the children are in before the gates close to ensure a smooth transition, diminish anxiety and maximise learning time.

The children have all looked lovely and smart in their uniforms. Please remember, black shoes only apart from PE days when they can wear their trainers. We have had lots of donations for our uniform swap shop and lots of items have new owners! Thank you so much for supporting this, it really makes a difference and supports our families. If you need anything or would like to donate any uniform/PE kits, please see Mrs Wall in the office.

We still have a couple of spaces available with Mrs Raisbeck for Brass tuition. Please email minshallmusicsam@gmail.com if any KS2 children would like this fantastic opportunity. Mrs Raisbeck is with us every Friday.

Congratulations to Miss Stokes on the safe arrival of her son Finn. He arrived Tuesday 22nd July and all is well. We can't wait for Miss Stokes to visit and the Team are eager for cuddles with Finn!

On that note, we welcome Miss Shaw to the St Stephen's family who will be covering Miss Stokes' maternity leave. Miss Shaw is our new Year 5 teacher and has enjoyed her first week with us.

Finally, some sad news for us at school. Mr Seggie has had to take a step back from his volunteering here at St Stephen's to support his family. Mr Seggie has been a fantastic support to children, teachers and families for many years and we will miss him enormously. I'm sure we will see him back in school at some point and around in the community. Take care Jimmy, you are welcome back anytime!

Have a restful weekend and we will see you all for our first full week back on Monday.

Mr Puckey
Head Teacher

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PE LESSONS

Below is the timetable for your child's PE lesson. Please ensure your child is not wearing earrings on these days and comes to school in their PE kit.

Year 1 - Wednesday and Thursday

Year 2 - Monday and Thursday

Year 3 - Monday and Wednesday

Year 4 - Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 5 - Tuesday and Friday

Year 6 - Wednesday and Thursday

Reception - will not need their PE kit until after October half term. Also, after half term, the children will be taking part in Forest School each alternative Friday so will need to be in warm outdoor clothing, which may get muddy, and wellies.

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

Please can you ensure all emergency contact details and medical information is up to date for your child. Details can be updated via the MCAS App using **"Data Collection"** and **"Parental Consent"**.

It is extremely important we have up-to-date information in case there is a need to contact you.

Please ensure your child's details are kept up to date so that school are aware of any changes.

Any problems, please speak to the Office.

Y2K BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

To book your child onto the morning or after-school club, please register for online bookings by using the following link: <https://y2kkidzklub.kidsclubhq.co.uk/rdr?u=home>

If you have not already registered for online bookings, you will need to click on 'create an account' and follow the directions to register.

Please note, Children must be booked onto the session 24 hours in advance.

CLUBS

Rees Sport will be running the following clubs for 6 consecutive weeks starting from 8th September. Cost of the clubs are **£12** and payable via MCAS.

- **Mondays KS2 Multi-Skills**
- **Tuesdays KS1 Multi-Skills**
- **Thursdays KS1 Football**

All clubs run 3:15pm - 4:15pm.



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DANCING FEET

This term will be **Street Dance, Halloween themed** starting Wednesday 10th September. Classes are open to children in Year 1 to Year 6 and will run for 6 consecutive weeks, with last class on Wednesday 15th October. Cost will be £24 and children will need to bring their trainers and tie long hair up.

If you would like to take part in these classes, please contact 6 weeks **Carol** directly on 07730 565 096

PARENT GOVERNOR POSITION

We have a vacancy which has arisen for the position of Parent Governor to serve on the Governing Board. If you wish to be considered to stand in the election to be a Parent Governor, please express your interest at the Office.

MCAS PAYMENTS

Please remember we are progressing with becoming a cash free school; please make payment via MCAS for Dinners, Clubs, Trips and Ties. Any problems, please speak to Mrs Wall in the Office. Reception Tuck Money will continue as cash payment, to paid at the start of each term.

IMMUNISATIONS

Letters have been sent out regarding this year's immunisations. Please can you return completed forms stating whether you consent or do not consent to your child receiving immunisations. Nurses will be in school on **Wednesday 19th November**.

MEET THE TEACHER - YEAR 1 TO YEAR 6

We look forward to welcoming our Year 1 to Year 6 parents at our **Meet the Teacher** evening on **Wednesday 17th September**. Come along after school and visit the classroom, meet the staff and find out all about the coming year. More information will be posted on Dojo next week.

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.

YEAR 6 APPLICATION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL 2025

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 8th September	KS2 Multi-Skills Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm
Tuesday 9th September	KS1 Multi-Skills Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm
Wednesday 10th September	Dancing Feet - Street Dance 3:15pm - 4:15pm
Thursday 11th September	KS1 Football Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm
Friday 12th September	