



# Trinity St Stephen CE Aided First School

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Dear Parents and Care Givers,

We do hope everyone's Autumn has started well, this time of year is a time of transformation, change and colour. Our children are dealing with change and transformation in a number of ways. In particular they are continuing to develop friendships; learn the new routines; structures and expectations of their new school year group. We take our pastoral care for pupils seriously and we are supporting pupils and families. A useful website that provides parents with advice and support is place2be – two areas particularly useful can be found at [place2be – making friends](#) and [place2be why boundaries create safety for children](#).

Year 4 families will also be looking into change for the future and finalising their middle school choices. Middle School open days will be advertised on schools' individual websites. For details of the process please do look at the [RBWM website](#). The application window is now open and the closing date for applications is 31 October 2025. Should you need a friendly supportive chat regarding your decisions please do not hesitate to ask via the school office.

This week our year group welcome/information sessions took place. We do hope they have been useful, informative and have given those who attended opportunities to ask questions and gain clarity.

To help children feel calm, safe and present we have been teaching mindfulness strategies. These include; using finger breathing, breathing in for 5 hold for 1 out for 6 and star jumping up to 10 and then down to 0. We will also be introducing the 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 method. I have attached information about each one of these for your reference.

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September, St Stephen and St Agnes Church hosted our first family church service of the school year. Reverend Sally led us in reflection and prayer focussing on the importance of sharing kindness through smiling at and with each other. Following in God's plan and Jesus' footsteps, as taught in, 1 John 3:18, 'My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth!' Smile and the whole world smiles with you!

On Thursday our Year 4 pupils were able to take part in their Level 1 Bike Ability course. I am pleased to say all those who chose to take part did very. On Friday, during our celebration assembly, they were presented with their certificates.

I am very proud of all our pupils, however, this week I learned that one of our Year 2 pupils, was invited by NASA and the IMAP team to have his name added to an instrument tool which was sent into space by NASA rocket on 23<sup>rd</sup> September. This means his name and the instrument tool will eventually travel 1 million miles from Earth - Wow! We will be watching a clip from the launch on Monday!

***Speaking of good deeds, our lovely TSSSA team will be organising with our Year 3 cohort a cake sale on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October; Year 4 Movie Night on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October and our Christmas Fair on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Year 4 traditionally support leading the Christmas Fair and the event provides lots of family friendly festive activities that should not be missed!! We do hope, as our community members, you will find your way to supporting these events, the TSSSA team's efforts raise valuable funds which enrich every TSS child's life!***

Kind regards,

*Linda Pennington*

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## Dates:

01 October 2025	<b>Maidenhead Advertiser</b> in to take photos of Reception Children's Class Picture. Photograph consent information will be checked and followed.
02 October 2025	<b>Reception Phonics Meeting</b> – 2:30pm (Date up dated)
<b>10 October 2025</b>	<b>TSSSA supported by Year 3 – Friday After School Cake Sale – do not miss out!! Everybody deserves a Friday tasty treat!!</b>
<b>13 October 2025</b>	<b>The TSSSA are working on the events calendar for the year ahead. We are always looking for new parents to get involved so please come and join us at the AGM on the 13th October. We have an opportunity for someone to join the TSSSA as uniform rep. Abi Robins and Becky Evans TSSA Co-Chairs. 7pm arrival.</b>
15 October 2025	<b>Owl Visiting Year 1</b> - 09:30 to 11:00
16 October 2025	<b>Year 4 Class Assembly</b> 9am - St Stephen & St Agnes Church (Year 4 Parents and Caregivers invited) All children attend.
<b>17 October 2025</b>	<b>TSSSA - Year 4 Movie Night</b>
19 October 2025 (Sunday)	<b>TSSSA</b> - first <b>fundraiser</b> of the year will be the <b>Windsor Lions Swimathon</b> , held at St. George's school in Ascot on 19 October. We are looking for 2 teams of 8 children to take part and swim as many lengths as possible in the allotted time. Swimmers need to be able to swim 25m, and will take turns to swim lengths. It's a fun event and a great experience for the children.
21 October 2025	<b>Parents Evenings</b> 3:30 to 4:30 in school hall.  Sign-up sheets to be available from 29 September to 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2025
23 October 2025	<b>Harvest Thanksgiving</b> – 9:30am – Holy Trinity Church – Families Welcome.  Theme: From Farm to Table (Farms around the world to our table in the UK)  Each child will be asked to bring one item to donate to the Windsor Foodshare Charity – children will carry the item to the church and deliver it to the Harvest Table.  <b>Parents Evening 3:30pm to 6:15pm (10 Minute meetings) N.B. start and finish time may be adjusted depending on demand.</b>
4 November 2025	<b>Individual Photographs</b>
10 November 2025	<b>Year 4 Parent Talk For May 2026 Residential to High Ashurst with Mrs. Alison Brech KS 2 Lead. <a href="http://www.surreyoutdoorlearning.uk/centres/high-ashurst">www.surreyoutdoorlearning.uk/centres/high-ashurst</a></b>
13 November 2025	<b>Year 1 Visiting Windsor Castle</b>



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14 November 2025	<p><b>Children In Need Day – Challenge Yourself to 25! (Our choice of what our 25 will be is due to be announced soon!)</b></p> <p>Children will be able to dress up spotty and make a voluntary contribution of £1. </p>
20 November 2025	<b>Year 4 to Warner Bros. Studios - Harry Potter</b>
25 November 2025	<b>Festival Finale for Years 3 &amp; 4 Music and singing</b> project (Autumn Term Music Project). Concert to be held with children from other First Schools, in front of parents etc in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.
27 November 2025	<b>Family Worship</b> – 9am - St Stephen & St Agnes Church, SL4 5DA - Advent
5 December 2025	<b>Family Christingle Service</b> – 2:30pm - St Stephen & St Agnes Church, SL4 5DA
11 December 2025	Whole School at <b>the Pantomime</b> - Cinderella
12 December 2025	<b>TSSSA Christmas Fair</b> supported by Year 4. 3:30 in the school hall.
17 December 2025	<b>KS1 Nativity – 10:00am to 11:00am St Stephen &amp; St Agnes Church, SL4 5DA</b>
17 December 2025	<b>KS2 – Christmas Concert</b> – 2pm - St Stephen & St Agnes Church, SL4 5DA
19 December 2025	<b>Term Ends at 1:15pm</b> - Children to bring in a Christmas Themed Pack Lunch and wear their Festive jumpers if they have one.
05 January 2025	<b>Staff Inset</b>
06 January 2025	<b>Pupils Return for Spring Term 2026 – Happy New Year!</b>

Please note additional event key dates for the Autumn Term may be added to future newsletters – do ensure you check weekly and note any changes in your diary. **New entries from previous update are in blue. TBC**



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