Autumn Term 1

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Well Done!

Well done to all our pupils for settling in to our Autumn Term at Trinity St Stephen Church of England First School. The staff, governors and I have been so impressed with the enthusiasm our pupils have when they arrive at school and their eagerness to learn.
Thank you to our parents who are so very supportive, without your support in the summer term (providing us equipment to keep cool) the pupils and staff would have struggled more than they did.
This term it has been no different, parents have purchased items from our Amazon wish list that have had a huge impact on our ability to provide pupils with a variety of ways they can access learning.
A huge thank you also goes to our TSSSA team, championed by Mrs Burnes, - your fundraising is providing us with a library that will inspire and motivate our children to have a lifelong love of reading! We are excited for our new school benches and further outdoor developments.

Wishing our pupils who are taking part in the Lion's Swim-a-thon St. George's School, Ascot on Sunday all the very best!.



Before School Care

Trinity St Stephen are now offering toast, banana or Weetabix for breakfast for children who arrive between 8am and 8:20am.
If your child attends and requires food please let the staff know at drop off.
Donations of fruit would be welcomed.
We have applied for support from Tesco and government schemes but these applications can take time to be processed.

Harvest Festival

Thank you so much to Father Richard for hosting our Harvest Festival at St Stephen and St Agnes Church.

We are always amazed how well the children perform having had such a short time to prepare along with settling into their new class.

A particular **well done** goes to our reception pupils who had their first experience of a whole school family service.

Thank you to you all for the amazing food donations that will be passed on to Windsor Food Share.

Notices

- We are a no nuts school - this includes Nutella, sesame seeds, peanut butter products. We have children with allergies on site and have to ensure their safety. Residue left on a table from a packed lunch could be enough to cause a serious reaction. All staff are first aid trained and have allergy and asthma training.
- We take safeguarding very seriously - should you have any concerns regarding a child please contact Mrs Pennington (Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Brech or Mrs Pugh who are deputy safeguarding leads.
- Please send children in with a **waterproof coat everyday** - UK weather is very changeable!
- Dates for the diary are published every Friday and are emailed.
- Please do remember to **read with your child/children** every day, all children have reading books from school.
- Snack & Lunch: Please send children in with **healthy snacks and packed lunches**. We ask for children not to have sweets, cakes and high sugar/ fat foods as these should be a treat at home - these foods can impact oral health, concentration, behaviour and tiredness.





Charging and Remissions

It has been brought to our attention that parents did not receive prior notice about changes to the pricing for our breakfast and after-school clubs. We sincerely apologise for this oversight. As a non-profit organisation, our absolute priority is to keep our care as high-quality and reasonably priced as possible. The recent adjustments to our before and after-school care prices have been driven entirely by rising staff wage costs. As we operate on a strictly non-profit basis, these adjustments ensure we can legally and safely maintain our staffing ratios without compromising on care.

We will be writing to you next week to share details regarding updates to our voluntary school contributions process. These contributions remain vital in helping us enrich our pupils' educational environment beyond our core statutory budget.

Thank you for your continued understanding, partnership, and support of our school community.

Reverend Sally

we are sad to be saying farewell to Reverend Sally as she retires from her ministerial work in Windsor. We have been blessed to have her serving God in our community and supporting the community.

Please do join us on Thursday 22 October 2026 at St Stephen and St Agnes Church (9am) for Reverend Sally's Final School Family Worship Service.

Thriving and Achieving in a Caring Christian Community
This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
John Ch15 v12



The Revd Canon Sally Lodge
Rector

Term Time Holiday Leave Requests

While the school and local authority appreciate there are a variety of family, economic and global circumstances that result in a family's decision to take term time holiday, we are unable to authorise the leave.

The Achieving for Children (AfC) Education Welfare Service, acting on behalf of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, set out (in line with the Department of Education) strict parameters for leave of absence criteria and types of absence which can be authorised and those that cannot.

5 days (10 sessions) of unauthorised absence in a row or a combination of days within a rolling ten-school week period triggers a Fixed Penalty Notice. As outline in the Department for Education's (DfE) statutory guidance, 'Working together to improve school attendance', and the local AfC Penalty Notice Code of Conduct.

Our Attendance expectation is a minimum of 96%

Reporting Absences

If your child is unwell: Please email office@tssfirst.co.uk by 9:30am.
Absence line: You can also leave a voicemail on the absence line 01753862540, but please follow this up with an email by 9:30am.

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