



May 2026 Newsletter

We break up today (Friday 22nd May) for the half-term break. We return to school on Monday 1st June.

Parents' Association News

*Next half-term we are holding our Summer Fair on Saturday 27th June. Help would be appreciated in setting up/ clearing up and helping out on a stall/ game. Please contact the office if you are able to help in any way.

More details will follow after half-term.

*If you have any good quality teddies/ soft toys that are going spare, again please send them into school for a teddy tombola.

*The Leavers' Ball for our Year 6 pupils will take place on the evening of Friday 10th July.

Reading Draw

We held our reading draw in assembly this morning. Well done to this half-term's winners who each received a £5.00 voucher to spend in Waterstones: Gabriel, Elena, Zech, Joe A, Autumn, Alex and Teodora.

There are a few places left for Nursery for September. The parents meeting for our new starters to Nursery is on Wednesday 3rd June at 5.30pm.

Next half term there are a number of opportunities for our new Reception pupils and their families to come into school. We start with the New Parents' Meeting on Wednesday 3rd June at 6.00pm. We look forward to welcoming them all into the St. Stephen's family.

Pass up days

Next half-term there will be two pass up days, when all children will spend the days with their new teacher. These days are Tuesday 30th June and Tuesday 7th July. These are opportunities for the children to become familiar with their new teacher and classroom.

Summer

Let's hope the sunshine continues after the half-term break. Do remember to send a hat into school for your child and a water bottle. Parents are advised to apply a high factor sun cream to their child's face, neck and legs prior to the start of the school day.

After-school Clubs will start up again straight after the half-term break. Letters have come home about these, and payments are to be made on ParentPay before we return to school in June.

In Christ: Be healthy, be happy, be helpful. Believe!



Diary dates for June/ July

1st June - School re-opens
3rd June 5.30pm - New Nursey Parents' Meeting
3rd June 6.00pm -New Reception Parents' Meeting
w/c 8th June - Phonics testing in Year 1
w/c 8th June - Y4 multiplication checks
10th June - Nursery/ Reception Sports Day
24th June pm - Fun afternoon for new Reception families
18th June am- Sports Day
24th June 9.30am - Y4 Brass Music Concert
25th June am - Reserve Sports Day
27th June - Summer Fayre
30th June - Pass Up Day
1st July 10.30am - Y6 Leavers' Service at Manchester Cathedral
7th July - Pass Up Day
8th July - Full Governing Body meeting
9th July 10.00am - Y6 Leavers' Service at St. George's, Tyldesley (Parents welcome)
10th July - Y6 Leavers' Ball
13th July 2.00pm - Y6 performance
14th July 6.30pm Y6 performance
15th July 9.15am - Leavers' Service in School for Y6 pupils and their families
17th July - School closes 3.25pm

Well done to Mobolade and Henry who performed in a Let's Play concert tonight. We are proud of you!



Sports Day

This year Nursery and Reception are holding their own Sports Day. This will take place on Wednesday 10th June at 9.30am, and the children are wearing P.E. kits. For the children in Y1 upwards we aim to hold our Sports Day on the morning of **Thursday 18th June at 9.30am**, and our Reserve Sports Day the following week on Thursday 25th June. We invite the children from Y1 upwards to wear a t-shirt in their house colour.



Good school attendance is crucial to your child's success both now in primary school, and in the future. Please ensure your child is in school unless they are unwell. All holidays in term-time are unauthorised, and 5 days or more of unauthorised absence (including holidays) will result in a penalty notice. Please be truthful and tell us if you are taking your child(ren) out of school for a holiday, and give as much notice as possible.

It would be appreciated if sponsor money from today was collected over the holidays, and sent into school on our return. All money raised is going to go towards developing our outside areas.



Governor Spotlight

My name is Janet Pollard. I became a Foundation Governor in 2013 and Chair of Governors in 2016. I became the link governor for SEND and pupil premium. This responsibility fits with my view that every child deserves the best education possible.

Education has been prominent in my life. I started to study to become an Accountant, whilst working full time and having 2 children under 4. With the support of my family, I qualified as an Accountant in 2000.

My favourite city is Toronto, Canada. My husband and I lived there for 5 years. In December 2025, we had a wonderful holiday there, exploring old and new parts of the city. We loved the snow but it was pretty cold. One day it was -13 and with the windchill -17.

My lasting memory is our visit to North Bay (4 hours north of Toronto). We went kick sledging whilst we were there, it was hard work but so much fun.

