



ST STEPHEN'S C of E WEEKLY NEWS

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5th October 2026

Year 1 Bring Their Science Learning to Life at Vauxhall Farm!



As part of their Science topic, Animals Including Humans, Year 1 enjoyed an exciting visit last Monday to Vauxhall Farm. The children had a wonderful time meeting and feeding some of the animals before embarking on a fun and engaging trail designed to explore their five senses.

They used their eyes to see the animals, their ears to hear the sounds they made, their hands to feel different textures and their noses to smell the fresh outdoor surroundings. They even had the opportunity to taste a healthy lunch prepared for them!

It was a fantastic hands-on learning experience that brought their classroom learning about animals and the human senses to life. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring, discovering and learning outdoors!



We are delighted to announce that Mr Hamilton, our Inclusion Lead, will be reopening the Resource Library for parents and children. The Resource Library will be available every other Thursday from 3:30pm – 3.45pm in the school hall, giving families the opportunity to borrow a range of fun and educational resources to support learning at home. Families can borrow up to three educational games and/or resources free of charge each week. It is a fantastic way to make learning at home enjoyable, interactive and engaging!

Every Thursday
3:30pm – 3:45pm
School Hall
Up to 3 resources free
to borrow



SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

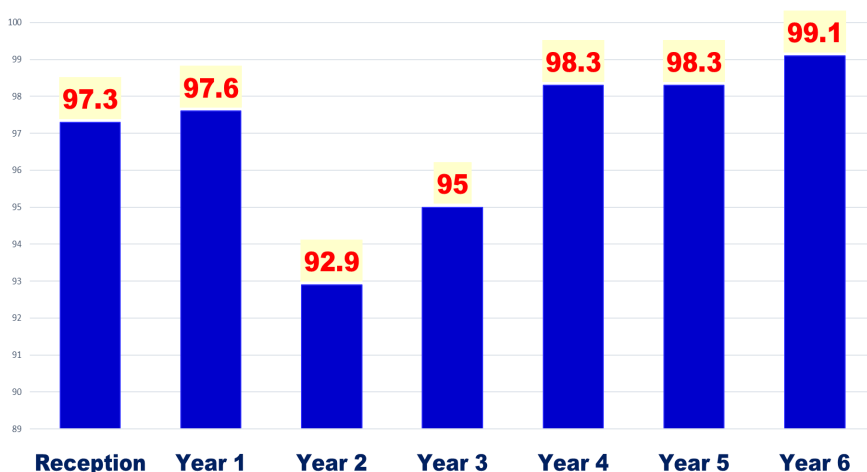
A friendly reminder to all Year 6 parents and carers that the deadline to apply for a secondary school place is

31st October 2026 by Midnight.

Please make sure your application is submitted on time!

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Attendance Chart Week Beginning 28th September '26



Congratulations to Year 6 Class for their highest attendance!

NOTICES & REMINDERS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH Art Exhibition



Date: Monday 12th October 2026

Time: 3:15pm – 4:00pm

Venue: School Hall

On **Monday 12th October**, we are delighted to open our school hall to parents and carers for our Children's Learning Gallery.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and appreciate the fantastic learning and creativity taking place across our school during the first half of the term. The gallery will showcase a selection of work from Nursery through to Year 6, highlighting the progress, effort and achievements of our children.

We warmly invite parents and carers to come along, explore the children's work and celebrate their achievements with us.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing our children's learning with you!

HARVEST FESTIVAL

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Wednesday 14th October 2026

Harvest Service will be held at St Stephens Church at 09:30 am

Parents and carers are welcome.

Below items would be greatly received:

- Dried foods (pasta, rice, cereals, oats, lentils, beans, etc.)
- Canned foods (vegetables, fruit, meat, soup, beans, etc.)
- Non perishable items (biscuits, pasta sauces, spreads, tea, coffee, jam, etc.)
- Long life milk (full milk, plant based milk, etc.)
- Herbs (dried herbs, spices, seasonings, etc.)
- Breakfast cereals
- Spreads (jam, honey, peanut butter, etc.)
- Cooking oil
- Tea & coffee
- Tinned soup

All donations will be donated to our local soup kitchen to help the less fortunate in our community.

Small donations make a big difference

Thank you!

All donations must be left at the school office by Tuesday 13th October 2026.

INTERNATIONAL EVENING

International Evening

Parents/Carers,

We will be holding our annual International Evening on **Thursday 15th October 2026** from 3.45pm to 5.30pm, in the school hall.

We are asking parents and carers to contribute a **traditional dish** (labelled with the ingredients) from their country of heritage for us to share at the event (African, Caribbean, British, Portuguese, South American, Philippines, Spanish, Turkish...), cakes are also welcome!

Children can wear their traditional outfit to school.

Food plates will be **£2.00 per adult** and **£1.00 per child**, payment is to be made on the day via card machine.

Cold Drinks will also be available to purchase on the day via card Machine.

Please bring your dish donation to the school office on **Thursday 15th October 2026** between 2.30pm and 3.00pm.

ALL PARENTS bringing a dish must complete and return the slip below by no later than **Friday 9th October 2026**.

Thank you for your continued support and look forward to see you all to celebrate this event!

Autumn Term 1 - Key Dates

EVENT	DATE/TIME
Year 5 Trip - National Portrait Gallery	Monday 5th October
Whole school Playground Opening Ceremony	Monday 5th October
Open Coffee Morning	Wednesday 7th October
Year 6 Trip - National Portrait Gallery	Monday 12th October
Art Exhibition	Monday 12th October
Harvest Festival	Wednesday 14th October
International Evening	Thursday 15th October
Autumn half term break	Monday 19th October - Friday 30th October
Children return to school	Monday 2nd November
Individual/Siblings photos	Wednesday 11th November
Anti-Bullying week	Monday 9th - Friday 13th November
Handwriting Coffee morning	Thursday 12th November
Year 5 Anne Frank Workshop	Monday 16th November
Year 2 trip - Brockwell Park	Tuesday 17th November
Year 6 trip - RAF Museum	Monday 23rd November
Year 1 trip - National Portrait Gallery	Tuesday 24th November
Year 3 trip - Natural History Museum	Friday 27th November
Year 4 trip - National Army Museum	Tuesday 1st December
Winter Fair	Friday 5th December
Parents Evening Day 1 & 2	Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th December
KS1 Nativity Performance	Wednesday 16th December
Choir performance to parents	Thursday 17th December
Autumn term break	Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January
Inset Day - school closed	Monday 4th January