

St. Stephen's C of E First School

The September Chronicle 2026

Dear Parents,

Well we have got off to a flying start here at St Stephen's C of E First School. There has already been lots of excitement over the iRock assembly and I know that some parents have already signed up so that their child can learn to play an instrument and be in a Rock band. If you have not been able to sign up, I have attached the website at the bottom of this letter if your child is still interested in signing up. Learning a musical instrument is brilliant for helping children learn and can improve their mathematics abilities too.

We had a great day on Friday 25th September when we held our Spectacular Sport Day! The children were able to rock climb and some even got to the top of the 7m high climbing wall. The children were taught to scooter on a two wheeled scooter. They were also taught scooter tricks and jumps...some of them were pretty tricky. Perhaps the most scary of all the activities were the Caves. This was a large, plastic structure that the children had to crawl through in the dark! Some children were not very keen, but there were others who couldn't wait to put their helmet lights on and face the challenge!

There is lots more happening in the next few weeks and we are looking forward to hosting our annual MacMillan coffee afternoon. This is in the school Hall on Thursday 1st October, at 2:00pm. Please join us for this enjoyable fundraising event.

Finally, a few parking reminders for our friends and neighbours on Mabey Avenue and surrounding roads. Please don't park in front of residents driveways. This causes a lot of upset and understandably annoyance when home owners are trying to leave their driveways. We recently had an assembly in school about idle engines; one minute of an idle engine can fill 150 balloons worth of harmful emissions, so please turn engines off. Lastly the entrance to the school has yellow zig zag lines to prevent cars parking or turning in the bay, please try to avoid parking on these zig-zags.

We look forward to seeing you all around school.

Take care,

Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. Callanan and the St Stephen's team.

[iRock School of Music | In School rock and pop band lessons](#)

**NO NUTS OR NUT
PRODUCTS ALLOWED
IN SCHOOL**



Be an
**Attendance
H.E.R.O.**



★ Here
★ Everyday
★ Ready
★ On time

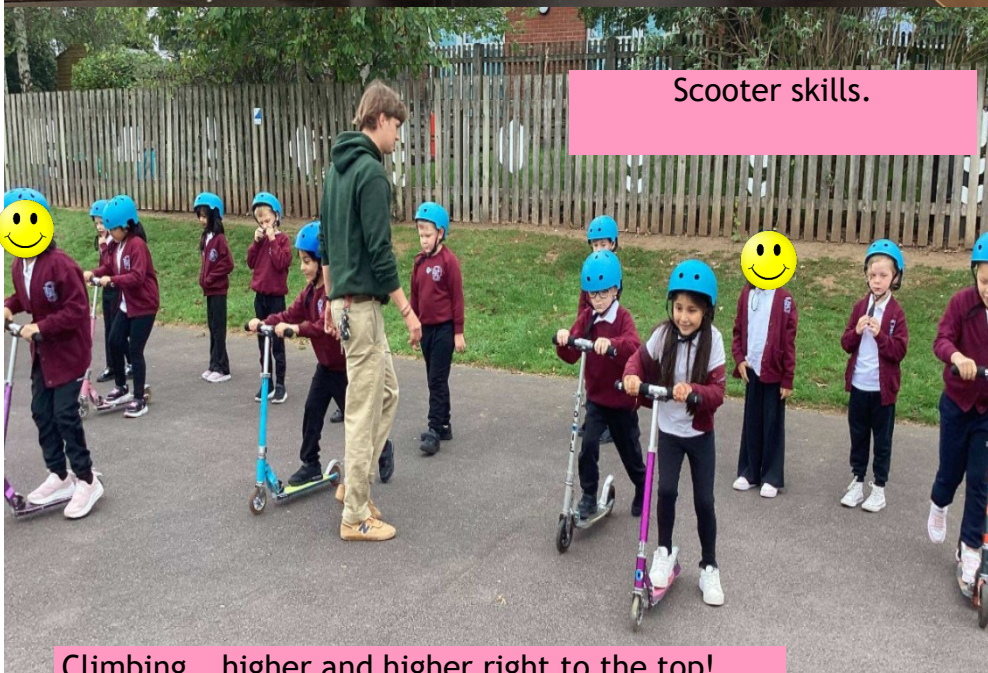
James from iRock lead an assembly to show how easy it is to play an instrument.



Spectacular Sport Day



Scooter skills.



Climbing...higher and higher right to the top!



Some of our brave cavers!



KS2 getting competitive...



The children all had a fantastic day. 'It's the best school day ever!' said Arthur. A big thank-you to Mrs Sherwood for organising this spectacular event.



Apply for free school meals

Make a free school meal application online.



Is your family eligible for Free School Meals? There are now two types of Free School Meals, Expanded Free School Meals and Targeted Free School Meals. Follow the link below to see whether you qualify.

[Apply for free school meals | Worcestershire County Council](#)

Don't forget that we have a free breakfast club that starts at 8:15 am every morning. All children are welcome. If your child is in Nursery parents are requested to stay with them at Breakfast Club, whilst your children are eating.



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SENDIASS Advice Appointments

A reminder that the next SENDIASS Advice Appointments can be booked now. Experienced SENDIASS Advisors will be available in community venues every month to provide impartial guidance on:

- SEND support
- Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)
- Health and social care services
- SEND processes and procedures
- Your rights and available options

Send Spotlight for families of children with special educational needs.

Families can book a free, 30-minute face-to-face confidential advice appointment at the following venues:

- Holly Trees Family Hub, Redditch: Friday 9th October
- Sunshine Family Hub, Malvern: Tuesday 3rd and 10th November

[Find out more and book an appointment.](#)

If you are unavailable on these times you can continue to contact SENDIASS in a number of ways: [Contact SENDIASS.](#)

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YOU ARE WELCOME

BIRCHENSAL MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

- High expectations
- Excellent teaching
- Calm and positive culture
- Good progress made by all pupils
- A thriving extra-curricular offer
- Strong core values

**THURSDAY 1ST
OCTOBER 2026
5:30 PM ~7:00 PM**

**WITH
HEADTEACHER PRESENTATION
AT 5:45 PM AND 6:30 PM**

Contact Us: 01527 68430

Autumn Term 2026

1st October: Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 2:00pm.
13th October: Parents Evening, 3:30-5:30pm
13th October: Year 1 Families in the Forest
15th October: Parents evening 5:00-7:30pm
19th October: SEND Parents Workshop 1:30-3:00pm.
22nd October: Harvest Festival 10:00am
22nd October: School closes for Half term.
23rd October: School closed for staff training.
2nd November: School opens.
11th November: Flue Vaccinations.
12th November: World Diabetes Fundraising day.
13th November: School Photo's
20th November: Children in Need
4th December : Early Years Nativity, Reception and Nursery.
8th December: Early years stay and play.
16th December: School Christmas Parties.
17th December: Church Christmas Service
18th December: Father Christmas and Raffle.
18th December: School closes for Christmas .
21st December - 5th January: School Opens for Spring term.