



St Stephen's RCP Weekly Newsletter
'A world class school for children that want to make the world a better place as God intended.'

Friday 12th May 2023

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

What a busy week here at St Stephen's! I hope you've had a great week and enjoyed last weekend's celebrations!

Year 6

A huge congratulations to our oldest children - Year 6 - as they have completed their SATs Assessments. They showed courage, determination and strength and I am so proud of how they have approached this week. The tests have been collected for marking and parents will receive the results in the children's end of year report. A huge thank you to the Year 6 team, and all adults who have supported children so well this week.

Year 2

Our Year 2 children have also started their SAT Assessments. Children have been amazing as always and took each day in their stride. These assessments will continue next week. Again, thank you to the staff who have prepared children amazingly.

Classic Car Show

Our very own Mr Allcock, alongside our amazing PTA, will be hosting our annual 'Classic Car Show'. It was a fantastic family day out last year and I am sure it'll be even better this year. It is this Sunday 14th May, 10am-4pm - I hope to see you there!

Be a Hero Day

Next week is Mental Health Awareness week, therefore we have decided that on **Thursday 18th May** we will be holding a 'Be a Hero Day'. Children can attend school in fancy dress, ranging from superheroes, heroes from real life e.g. family members, nurses, doctors etc.

We will also be having a superhero themed lunch.

As a reminder, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are all entitled to Free School Meals so it would be great if they celebrate this day with us by joining us for a Superhero Lunch. Please pre-book on School Grid. If you are unsure of your login, just contact the School Office!

A £1 donation would be highly appreciated as this will go towards our playground renovations.

Have a great weekend!!

Mr Lavin, Headteacher

Our Values: St Stephen's CARES

Compassion



Ambition



Rejoice



Excellence



Service



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Summer One Dates - MORE DATES MAY BE ADDED SO KEEP CHECKING

| Date | Event |
|----------|---|
| 14/05/23 | Class Car Show Event |
| 17/05/23 | Year 6 Robinwood Residential |
| 17/05/23 | Y3LH/CS Class Assembly 9:05 am in the School Hall |
| 18/05/23 | Year 3 and Year 5 Class Mass - 10:00 am in Church |
| 18/05/23 | Be a Hero Fancy Dress Day |
| 19/05/23 | Year 6 Return from Robinwood |
| 19/05/23 | Half term begins at 3:15 pm |

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Hot Chocolate
Friday Winners

| | |
|---------|---------------|
| Nursery | Noah T / Jake |
| RKF | Keziah |
| RNE | Sayo |
| Y1SH | Ava |
| Y1LB | Evelyn |
| Y2LS | Hudson |
| Y2AL | Bella |
| Y3DM | Noah R |
| Y3CSLH | Isla |
| Y4GB | Lyla |
| Y4HB | Farren |
| Y5LW | Daisy |
| Y5DW | Nancy |
| Y6HG | |
| Y6DF | |

Readers
of the Week

| | |
|---------|-----------|
| Nursery | Elliott |
| RKF | Harper |
| RNE | Luke |
| Y1SH | Leo |
| Y1LB | Runo |
| Y2LS | Eva |
| Y2AL | Freya |
| Y3DM | Isla |
| Y3CSLH | Charlie |
| Y4GB | Evie |
| Y4HB | Lilly-Mai |
| Y5LW | Olivia |
| Y5DW | Cody |
| Y6HG | |
| Y6DF | |

Handwriters
of the week

| | |
|---------|---------|
| Nursery | Sienna |
| RKF | River |
| RNE | Rosie |
| Y1SH | Grace |
| Y1LB | Linen |
| Y2LS | Pippa |
| Y2AL | Noah |
| Y3DM | India |
| Y3CSLH | Layla B |
| Y4GB | Rocco |
| Y4HB | Freddie |
| Y5LW | Harvey |
| Y5DW | Santana |
| Y6HG | |
| Y6DF | |

Mrs Gibson and Mr Fitch would like to award each award to all the class this week as Year 6 have been amazing during their SATS!





Mathematicians of the Week

| | |
|---------|------------|
| Nursery | William |
| RKF | Frankie |
| RNE | Jessica E |
| Y1SH | Oscar |
| Y1LB | Henry |
| Y2LS | Boma |
| Y2AL | Emmanuella |
| Y3DM | Donaeo |
| Y3CS/LH | Tallulah |
| Y4GB | Audrey |
| Y4HB | Emilia |
| Y5LW | Louie |
| Y5DW | Hollie |
| Y6HG | |
| Y6DF | |

Sports Superstars

| | |
|---------|----------|
| Nursery | Evie N |
| RKF | Amelia |
| RNE | Rosie |
| Y1SH | Patrycja |
| Y1LB | Kaiden |
| Y2LS | Elvis |
| Y2AL | Noah |
| Y3DM | Jacob |
| Y3CS/LH | Frances |
| Y4GB | Naomi |
| Y4HB | Charlie |
| Y5LW | Harvey |
| Y5DW | Brock |
| Y6HG | Lilia |
| Y6DF | Louie M |

House Points

Blue
6989



Red
5322

Yellow
6290



Green
5539

Totals So Far!

Blue 143, 106
Green 129, 427
Red 126, 082
Yellow 156, 998



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Attendance

| | |
|------------------|-------|
| Whole School | 93.9% |
| Nursery AM | 96.7% |
| Nursery Full Day | 90.8% |
| RKF | 94% |
| RNE | 91% |
| Y1SH | 92.9% |
| Y1LB | 90.5% |
| Y2LS | 95.4% |
| Y2AL | 87% |
| Y3DM | 92.9% |
| Y3CS/LH | 94.6% |
| Y4GB | 97.9% |
| Y4HB | 91.1% |
| Y5LW | 93.7% |
| Y5DW | 97.9% |
| Y6HG | 96.8% |
| Y6DF | 98.3% |



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Attendance Challenge!

If you are in school everyday this Half term then your name will be entered into a draw for a very special prize!

100%

Good Luck!



St Stephen's Attendance League

| St Stephen's Attendance League EYFS & KS1 | | | |
|---|--------------|----------|--------------|
| Position | Total Points | Position | Total Points |
| 1st: 1LB | 47 | 5th: 2AL | 15 |
| 1st: 2LS | 47 | 6th: RKF | 10 |
| 2nd: NurFD | 43 | 7th: RNE | 5 |
| 3rd: NurAM | 19 | | |
| 4th: 1SH | 17 | | |

| St Stephen's Attendance League KS2 | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| Position | Total Points | Position | Total Points |
| 1st: Y4GB | 48 | 6th: Y6DF | 19 |
| 2nd: Y6HG | 32 | 7th: Y3DM | 17 |
| 3rd: Y4HB | 25 | 8th: Y5DW | 12 |
| 4th: 5LW | 21 | | |
| 5th: Y3LH/CS | 19 | | |

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Religious Education

May is the Month of Mary A Poem to Share



TO OUR LADY
Lovely Lady dressed in blue— teach me how to pray!
God was just your little Boy, tell me what to say!
Did you lift Him up, sometimes, gently, on your knee?
Did you sing to Him the way Mother does to me?
Did you hold His hand at night?
Did you ever try telling stories of the world?
O! And did He cry?
Do you really think He cares if I tell Him things—
Little things that happen?
And Do the Angels' wings make a noise?
And can He hear me if I speak low?
Does He understand me now?
Tell me—for you know!
Lovely Lady dressed in blue, Teach me how to pray!
God was just your little Boy, and you know the way.



Mary Dixon Thayer

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil
5.30pm
Sunday
10.30am

Our Parish Priest is
Father B. Wilson.



Prayer of the Week



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Nursery

We have had another busy week in Nursery!

We have been looking at minibeasts and what features they have. In maths we have been looking at more and less and 2D shapes.

In RE we have continued to learn about good news. We have been reading Acts 2: 1-4.

Our caterpillars are now Butterflies!! We are excited to set them free.

Reception

We have thoroughly enjoyed another week in Reception. The children's writing is improving each day. We have been encouraging the children to really use their phonic knowledge to make sure important sounds in words are included when writing them. We have also been encouraging children to leave a finger space after each word.

In maths we have thought about shape and how we can arrange them to make pictures. We ended our week by creating tangrams. They were very tricky but we rose to the challenge.

In RE we have continued to learn about good news. We have been reading Acts 2: 1-4.

Our caterpillars are now really very big. We can't wait to see them spin their cocoons.

Question: In Acts 2: 1-4, what was the good news that The Disciples wanted to share? Why was it good?



Year 1

Another busy week has flown by in Year 1. In English this week, children have been using high frequency words to generate different types of sentences, including questions. Children have been working very hard in phonics lessons on learning and applying set 3 sounds in preparation for their Phonics Screening Check after the holidays. In maths, we have been counting forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s and 10s, as well as identifying equal groups. Please practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s at home as it will help children greatly with this unit of work. In Science, we have started our topic on animals. We began by looking at mammals, before working scientifically to sort different animals according to their features. We then compared different animals, identifying similarities and differences between them. To prepare for Pentecost, we have been discussing how the Holy Spirit is a guide and a friend to Jesus. In our R.E lessons, children identified different symbols of the Holy Spirit and how it can help us. In Geography, we assessed children's knowledge of the UK. In computing, we began our unit on digital writing and children used a keyboard to write their names on a word document.

Question- Can you name an animal that is a mammal and explain how you know?

Year 2

This week, the children have started to complete their SATs and we are so proud of their resilience and determination when doing these. The children have been working so hard and put 100% effort into these.

In Maths, we have been learning about Fractions and we have been finding $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of shapes and amounts.

To end a busy week, the children have made placards in preparation for our Suffragettes workshop on Monday.

We hope the children have a fantastic weekend and have a well-deserved rest before we finish our SATs next week. Well done Year 2!

Question: What is $\frac{1}{2}$ of 16? How can we use this fact to help us work out what $\frac{1}{4}$ of 16 is?



Year 3

This week in year 3 we have continued our book of 'Escape from Pompeii'. We have written from the perspective of characters within the story whilst practising our uses of speech dialogue.

In math we have completed our unit of money. The children have worked really well on working out change using their methods of addition and subtraction.

In RE we have now begun our next unit of choices in our lessons alongside continuing our communion pack to prepare us for our upcoming celebration.

In Geography we have researched and presented findings on deforestation.

Question- What is one problem that cutting down lots of trees in the Amazon is creating?

Year 4

Year 4 have worked extremely hard this week! We have been continuing to explore different features of the book 'Pet Dragon' in our English sessions. We have begun to plan the content for our own non-chronological reports with focus on developing our use of description and varied sentence openers.

Miss Birtles' class have thoroughly enjoyed their weekly music sessions this half term and have been creating music using the djembes and technology to compose and layer tracks.

In maths this week, we have expanded on our fractions knowledge from this topic to explore adding and subtracting fractions, including mixed numbers. The children have utilised their excellent knowledge of the key words to support their learning throughout and have been able to represent fractions in a written form, using bar models and also on number lines.

In preparation for the Multiplications Tables Check at the beginning of the next half term, both classes have had a big push on times tables this week to support the children's accuracy and recall. This will continue next week and the children are encouraged to access **TTRS** and **[timestables.co.uk](https://www.timestables.co.uk)** frequently to ensure they are secure and confident going into the test.

Building upon our knowledge of the Vikings and Anglo Saxons, Year 4 have been looking at Alfred the Great, with focus on his life and achievements to discuss and debate whether he deserves the title 'Great'.

Question: What is a tendril?



Year 5

This week has been a little different for 5LW, who have started each day in the hall whilst the Year 6 SATs took place in their classroom. However, this hasn't phased the children, who took it all in their stride, working maturely and completing their work to the best of their ability.

In Maths, we have used a variety of formula to calculate the perimeter of squares, rectangles and other rectilinear shapes. The children have also identified missing measurements in compound rectilinear shapes and worked systematically to find all possibilities when creating rectangles with the same perimeter.

As part of our English unit, the children have written a setting description, incorporating similes, metaphors and personification. They have practised using brackets, dashes and commas for parenthesis and begun to write a first-person witness recount based on Ride the Wind, which they will complete next week.

The results of the children's double-page spreads about the reformation and dissolution of the monasteries in History are impressive, providing the children with a vehicle to express everything they have learnt. We are so proud of their hard work.

Question: Who do you think was most affected by the dissolution of the monasteries?

Year 6

We are SO proud of ALL the children in Year 6! They have showed great maturity, strength and resilience whilst completing their SATS tests this week. The children used this as a wonderful opportunity to show off their learning and they all should be so proud of themselves. All the Year 6 staff (and staff across the school) know how hard the children have been working in the lead up to the SATS and we could not be more proud! We celebrated the end of SATS week with a chippy lunch today! The children enjoyed this greatly!

We are extremely excited about our residential to Robinwood next week! The weather is forecasted to be dry and we are hoping it stays that way! If you have any questions in the lead up to Robinwood, please do not hesitate in contacting a member of the Year 6 team.

WELL DONE YEAR 6!



THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

It's been another remarkable week!
Here are just a few photographs of
learning experiences to share with you.

