



**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 13th October 2023**

**Be Ready. Be Respectful. Be Safe**

## A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

Happy Friday! I hope you have had a good week! It's been a week of thinking about Mental Health Awareness and on Tuesday, we joined the country in celebrating 'Hello Yellow Day'. It was lovely to see our new Pupil Parliament presenting so confidently to the school. As always, thank you for your generosity in supporting this day.

**Class Assembly** - A huge thank you to Y5GB for their class assembly on Wednesday morning. Their confidence shined through and it was wonderful to see their amazing work so far. On Wednesday next week, it is Mr Muschamp's class - 9:05 am in the school hall. It would be great to see you there.

**As message from Mrs Ellison - SPONSORED DANCE-A-THON** in aid of SHELTER!

On Tuesday 17th October 2023, St Stephen's will be hosting a sponsored Dance-a-thon to raise money for Shelter. Shelter is a charity which helps children, families and adults who are struggling with housing. Did you know that there are currently 17.5 million people struggling? LET'S HELP THEM! The aim is for the school to be dancing for the whole day and children can come to school wearing their PE kits or dance wear!

We are asking for a donation of £1 towards to charity or any amount of sponsorship. Thank you for your continued support and get those dancing shoes ready!!! We are looking forward to a really lovely event.

**Parent's Evening** - You should have received a booking form this week to confirm your choices in time for Parent's Evening on Wednesday 18th October 2023. If you have not booked a time yet, please do contact your child's class teacher via class dojo.

I am sure you will enjoy hearing about your child's progress, understanding their targets for improvement and love seeing some of their work (please remember to leave them a note on their name card). Please do make every effort to attend if you can.

Please **enter via the school hall** and you will be directed to your child's teacher. The plan is as follows:

- Year 6 will be in the school hall
- Year 5LW will be in Mrs Williams classroom
- Year 5GB will be in Miss Birtles classroom
- Year 4SM will be in the school hall
- Year 4DM will be in Mr Muschamp's classroom
- Year 3 will be in the Year 3 classrooms
- Year 2 will be in their classrooms
- Year 1 will be in the school hall
- Reception will be in their classrooms
- Nursery will be in the hall



**A reminder that school closes for our mid-term break on Friday 20th October at 3:15pm**

Have a great weekend, **Mr Lavin, Headteacher**

## Our Values: St Stephen's CARES

### Compassion



### Ambition



### Rejoice



### Excellence



### Service



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## Dates for YOUR calendar

Date	Event
16/10/23	Book Fair - more details to follow
17/10/23	Sponsored Dance-a-thon
18/10/23	Y4DM Class Assembly
18/10/23	Parents Evening
20/10/23	Fire Safety Awareness Day
20/10/23	Reception & Y6 Mass at 10am
20/10/23	Half term begins at 3:15pm
30/10/23	Autumn 2 Term Begins

**Please note that all Class Assemblies will take place in the school hall at 9:05am.**

**Please note masses take place in Church at 10am and parents/carers/families are most welcome to join us.**

**Keep checking this page weekly on the Newsletter as we will continue to add new dates - I'll highlight new dates or changes in a different colour.**

### Harvest Collection -

Our Harvest Collection has now come to an end.

Thank you so much for your generous donations in true St Stephen's style!

All items will be taken to Cornerstones next week and will really make a huge difference to others - such a great feeling!



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# Autumn Events

## Introduction to Foraging Walk & Talk

on Tuesday 24 October  
11am-1pm at Chadwick Dam, Ashton



## Bat Detecting Family Walk & Talk

on Wednesday 25 October  
5.30pm-7pm at Chadwick Dam, Ashton



## Tea Foraging Walk & Talk

on Thursday 26 October  
2pm-4pm at Chadwick Dam, Ashton



## Apples & Alchemy

at Werneth Low Country Park  
Sunday 29 October, 11am - 3pm



**Autumn inspired  
Wall hanging**  
Tuesday 24 October

**Embossed foil  
Folk art**  
Thursday 26 October

Portland Basin Museum  
Drop in any time between  
11am-3pm.

£1.30 per child.  
Suitable for children  
of all ages. Children must be  
accompanied at all times.



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**SCHOLASTIC** TRAVELLING BOOKS

FREE BOOKS FOR YOUR SCHOOL WHEN YOU BUY AT THE BOOK FAIR!

**COME TO the BOOK FAIR!**

A POP-UP BOOK-STORE WITH HUNDREDS OF BOOKS FROM JUST £2.99

LAST YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED TO DONATE OVER £5.3M BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE

**NEW** PERCY JACKSON AND THE THIEF OF FIRE **TRICK BORDAN** ~~£7.99~~ **£2.99**

**NEW** SPEAK UP! **£7.99**

**NEW** OH MAYA GODS! **VERE EATON** ~~£7.99~~ **£7.99**

**NEW** TOM GATES AND THE STAR STORIES **TEARAWAY** ~~£7.99~~ **£7.99** (Hardback only)

**NEW** The Baddies **£7.99**

**NEW** BLUEY DIRTY BOATS **£6.99**

Date: | **16th October - 21st October 2023**  
**In Year 6 Classrooms**  
**3.30pm - 4.30pm**

Scan the QR code to pay online!

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Hot Chocolate Friday  
WinnersReaders  
of the WeekHandwriters  
of the week

Nursery	Wyatt & Fifi	Nursery	Erin	Nursery	Olivia
RLS	Leo	RLS	James	RLS	Lilly
RNE	Darcie	RNE	Sienna-Rose	RNE	Levi
Y1SH	Bobby	Y1SH	Nathaniel	Y1SH	Sofia
Y1LB	Abigail	Y1LB	Octavia	Y1LB	Keziah
Y2LS	Annie	Y2LS	Evelyn	Y2LS	Jake
Y2AL	Esme	Y2AL	Bruke	Y2AL	Harrison
Y3HB	Lydia	Y3HB	Millie	Y3HB	Kacper
Y3LH	Roman	Y3LH	Hollie	Y3LH	Grace S
Y4DM	Joshua	Y4DM	Lereya	Y4DM	Vanellope
Y4SM	Finnie	Y4SM	Poppy	Y4SM	Yannis
Y5LW	Seth	Y5LW	Lilly-Mai	Y5LW	Lily-Grace
Y5GB	Harrison H	Y5GB	Hannah	Y5GB	Emily
Y6HG	Evan	Y6HG	Hanna	Y6HG	Tyler
Y6DF	Harvey	Y6DF	Rihanna	Y6DF	John-Paul





## Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	Chester
RLS	Leon
RNE	Ava
Y1SH	Hazel
Y1LB	Louie
Y2LS	Bella
Y2AL	Emmanuel
Y3HB	Ruby
Y3LH	Rocco
Y4DM	India
Y4SM	Lola
Y5LW	Eva
Y5GB	Naomi
Y6HG	Brock
Y6DF	Yong

## Sports Star of the Week

Nursery	
RLS	
RNE	
Y1SH	
Y1LB	Sports Stars will return next week
Y2LS	
Y2AL	
Y3HB	
Y3LH	
Y4DM	
Y4SM	
Y5LW	
Y5GB	
Y6HG	
Y6DF	

## Dojo Points

Nursery	599
RLS	757
RNE	1013
Y1SH	1175
Y1LB	1135
Y2LS	385
Y2AL	1009
Y3HB	1395
Y3LH	828
Y4DM	530
Y4SM	939
Y5LW	2646
Y5GB	2838
Y6HG	1337
Y6DF	794

Winners!

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## Attendance

Whole School	94.3%
Nursery AM	92.9%
Nursery Full Day	92.8%
RLS	93%
RNE	83.3%
Y1SH	97.1%
Y1LB	96.9%
Y2LS	98.9%
Y2AL	94.2%
Y3HB	99.2%
Y3LH	94.6%
Y4DM	94.3%
Y4SM	93.1%
Y5LW	93.8%
Y5GB	100%
Y6HG	94.5%
Y6DF	87.5%



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

## St Stephen's Attendance League

Each week our classes compete to gain points

on our attendance league!

Points are calculated based on the highest class percentages for each key stage.

100%



1st place = 3 Points

2nd Place = 2 Points

3rd Place = 1 Point

St Stephen's Attendance League EYFS & KS1			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: NurFD	7	4th: RNE	2
1st: 2LS	7	5th: RLS	1
2nd: 1LB	6	6th: 2AL	0
3rd: NurAM	3		
3rd: 1SH	3		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y5GB	7	5th: Y6HG	2
2nd: Y3HB	6	5th: Y4DM	2
3rd: 5LW	5	6th: Y6DF	0
3rd: Y4SM	5		
4th: Y3LH	3		

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## Religious Education

### Harvest Collection

Thank you to all who have contributed to our Harvest collection. If you have any contributions you would like to send to school, please ensure these are in school by Monday.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



### Sacramental Programme

On Sunday we have our presentation Mass for the Sacramental Programme. Children need to arrive at church for 10.15am ready for 10.30am Mass. A Parent/ Guardian should be present for the mass. All children should come to the front of Church to be registered by a member of staff. Children are allowed to wear their own clothes.

### Mass Times

Mass Times:  
Saturday Vigil : 5.30pm  
Sunday: 10.30am

Our Parish Priest is Father B. Wilson.

We keep Father Wilson in our prayers as he recovers from illness.

We welcome Canon Michael and Father Celestine from St Mary's, Failsworth, during Father Wilson's recovery period.

Class Masses will continue weekly on a Friday at 10am Mass.

### Prayer of the Week

Tender God, Your gentle and kind-hearted love waits for us in the darkness and shields us from the light when it feels too overwhelming. Continue to cherish us all when we find it so difficult to cherish ourselves. Enable us to discover companions of compassion who will abide with us, as you abide in all things and in all places where the heart and mind aches for peace and a place of rest from the storm. We ask this in the name of our brother and friend, Jesus Christ. Amen





## OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

### How to Pray the Rosary



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## Nursery

This week we have finished our book 'Happy to be.' The children have worked really hard with learning words and actions to read the book aloud using a story map to help. The children have been using their imaginations to create their own stories. In maths we have continued to look at matching objects. In Phonics, we have worked on our listening ears by walking round the school grounds, playing instruments and singing nursery rhymes. In RE we began creating sunny grams where the children say kind words about their classmates. These will go on display before being added to the children's learning journals.

Question - Can you name your body parts and tell me what they do?

## Reception

What a lovely week we've had in Reception! In Literacy we have continued looking at the story 'The Leaf Thief'. The children have enjoyed sequencing the story and learning some new vocabulary from the book. In Maths, we have been comparing size and mass. The children have loved using balance scales to discover which object is heavier and which is lighter. On Tuesday, it was Hello Yellow day where the children came into school wearing yellow to support World Mental Health Day. On this day, we attended our first Assembly along with Nursery and KS1 to learn all about having a healthy mind. As October is Black History Month, on Thursday the children learnt about Mae Jemison. They even made their own rockets and space helmets during their independent learning time. They looked AMAZING!

We are really excited for our final week before half term!

Question: Why was Mae Jemison special?



## Year 1

This week the children have shown greater independence in their rainbow challenges across the curriculum- well done Year 1!

In English the children have been working hard to develop their story language using our text "Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat where have you been?" - we can see the impact of their phonics is having on their sentence work. In maths we are coming to the end of our work on place value and have been comparing and ordering numbers to 10. We have also been putting numbers on a number line. We began using our knowledge to add and subtract within 10.

In science we learnt about our sense of taste - we explored savoury, sweet, sour, salty and bitter foods. The children enjoyed carrying out an experiment to group foods.

We have started a new RE topic on Judaism and looking at the story of Abraham & Sarah. In history we compared the Lives of Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth I.

On Tuesday we took part in Hello Yellow Day and spent time completing fun activities that helped us learn about how important our mental health is.

**Question- Can you name all five senses and the body parts we use with each sense?**

## Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic week! On Tuesday, they enjoyed participating in 'Hello Yellow' day and learnt about ways that we can look after our mental health.

We have completed our place value unit in Maths and this week, the children practised counting in multiples of 2, 5, 10 and 3.

In English, we have continued our study of The Highway Rat and the children produced descriptive 'Wanted' posters and they analysed the features of a diary entry.

In Science, we have been learning about reptiles and amphibians and the children have been able to recognise their needs for survival.

We have been looking at a special Psalm in R.E and the children finished the week with a lovely Mass.

In preparation for our Great Fire of London workshop, the children placed the key events of the disaster on a timeline.

**Question: What do reptiles need that other animals don't?**





## Year 3

This week we have been looking at the significance of the Rosary, especially in the month of October. We recited the prayers of the rosary and then wrote our own morning prayer. Later, we made our own rosary beads.

In Maths, we finished our unit on Place Value and were preparing to start our new unit on Addition and Subtraction.

In Science we learned about the functions of the skeleton and how different bones are designed to carry out particular jobs, helping us to move whilst protecting our organs.

In English, we completed our diary entry from the bear's viewpoint. We thought about how the bear would feel as he left his home in the forest to make his life in the busy city.

On World Mental Health Day, we read a story called, 'The Huge Bag of Worries' which was all about how important it is to talk about our worries with others.

On Friday we enjoyed a lovely mass in church. The theme was kindness.

**Question: Can you put these numbers in ascending order? 152, 341, 89, 216**

## Year 4

We have had another busy and productive week in Y4.

In English, we have continued to look at our book, 'The Lost Happy Endings'. In class, we have been using conjunctions and planning and writing our character analyses of either Jub or The Witch!

In Maths, we are looking at addition and subtraction using a written method and place value charts, and the children have been working hard to maintain their presentation in books.

In Science, we have concluded our unit and the children have completed their end of unit assessment. They have learnt about vertebrates and invertebrates; flowering and non-flowering plants, and how to use a classification key to store information accurately.

In RE, we also concluded our unit: 'Where do I come from?' and the children have been reflecting on their knowledge of Joseph as Jesus' adopted father.

We also had a lot of fun in Forest School this week, and celebrated World Mental Health Day on Tuesday by wearing something yellow and talking about how we can overcome our own doubts and insecurities and help ourselves in the future.

**Question: Can you write a sentence using two conjunctions?**



## Year 5

Another wonderful week in Year 5! 5GB performed a fantastic class assembly on Wednesday, celebrating their hard work from this half term. We were extremely proud of the children. Thank you to all those parents and carers who attended.

In English this week, we published the children's narratives from an alternative viewpoint, as well as writing our own poem based on 'Refugees' by Brian Bilston. This is a thought-provoking poem, which has an opposite viewpoint when read from bottom to top. Although challenging, the children had some fantastic ideas and produced quality work.

Formal written methods for addition and subtraction have been our focus in Maths this week. We revised the addition and subtraction of 4 digit numbers before moving on to numbers up to 1,000,000. We also applied our understanding to missing digit calculations, identifying errors and problem solving.

In History, we explored the Maya number system, identifying numbers up to 5,000 and using Mayan symbols to create our own calculations.

Finally, for World Mental Health Day, we read 'Shelter for Sadness' by Anne Booth. We talked about what makes us sad, how we deal with those feelings and what brings us comfort. We will be concluding this work in our Forest School sessions next week.

Question: Can you show 338 using Mayan symbols?

## Year 6

This week in English we continued our work on our novel: The Final Year. We read about Nate's residential and mapped out his emotions during the trip. The children then wrote diary entry entry recounting the trip; thinking especially about use of varied vocabulary and sentence structure.

In Maths, we have been working through division. This has included looking at short division and how we can use factors to help. The children have then been applying this knowledge to prove or disprove statements.

In Science, we continued our work on classification and used our knowledge of classification keys to classify trees. The children are extremely enthusiastic about their science lessons and we can't wait to see their knowledge applied to practical investigations.

In History, we began our work on Evacuation. The children learnt about why evacuation happened and analysed a range of sources.

Question: Why are not all evacuation photographs reliable evacuation sources?