



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 19th April 2024

Be Ready. Be Respectful. Be Safe

A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

I hope you have had a great week despite this very strange weather at the moment!

We started off the week looking at what it means to be a witness. We reflected on the Gospel story where Jesus appeared to his disciples again, and said the important words 'Peace be with you'. We talked about how we can be witnesses to our faith, and how we can spread the good news of Jesus to our families and friends.

Reception Farm Visit

On Monday, our Reception children visited Reddish Farm - children were so excited and were thrilled to share with me what they had seen and done! I hear there were some very cheeky goats jumping about! The staff at the farm commented on how well behaved the children were - well done children!

Y4SM

Thank you for a lovely class assembly on Wednesday Mr Meleady's class! Next up is Mrs Bilic's class, Wednesday morning at 9:05am in the school hall.

Congratulations - Honey Bee Label

A huge congratulations to Olivia in Year 6, who won the Honey Bee Label competition. Her label will be printed onto the honey sold at Picadilly Place in Manchester next year! Amazing achievement!

St George's Day

On Tuesday 23rd April it is St George's Day, the patron Saint of England. Children can come into school wearing red and white and children will be learning about St George in more detail.

Gentle Reminders:

- Pick up time is 3:15pm - there are an increasing number of children being picked up late, please be on time and if not, please contact the office so we can inform the children.
- Nursery is closed on **Tuesday 2nd May 2024** due to the building being used for the local elections.

Have a great weekend - let's hope the weather picks up!

Mr Lavin, Headteacher

Our Values: St Stephen's CARES

Compassion



Ambition



Rejoice



Excellence



Service



'It's the right thing to do...'



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Dates for your calendar - Summer 1

Week Beginning 22nd April 2024

Date	Event
23/04/23	Own clothes day - St George's Day
24/04/24	Y3HB Class Assembly 9:05am
26/04/24	Reception Mass

Week Beginning 29th April 2024

Date	Event
01/05/24	Y3LH Class Assembly 9:05am
03/05/24	Year 1, 2 and 3 Mass

Week Beginning 6th May 2024

Date	Event
06/05/24	Bank Holiday School Closed
10/05/24	Year 4 and 5 Mass

Week Beginning 13th May 2024

Date	Event
13/05/24	Y6 SAT Week Begins
17/05/24	Y6 and Reception Mass

Week Beginning 20th May 2024

Date	Event
22/05/24	Y6 PGL
24/05/24	Y6 Return PGL
24/05/24	Year 1, 2 and 3 Mass
24/05/24	Road Safety Day
24/05/24	Half term begins at 3:15pm

New dates will be added as the term continues, I will highlight these in a different colour.



Hot Chocolate Friday Winner



Nursery	William & Emily
RLS	Nicholas
RNE	Noah B
Y1SH	Thomas
Y1JL	Ronnie
Y2LS	Jake
Y2AL	Isabelle
Y3HB	Alex
Y3LH	Sofija
Y4DS	Leraya
Y4SM	Hamilton
Y5LW	Darcy
Y5GB	Lleyton
Y6HG	Corey
Y6DF	Lacey

Readers of the Week



Nursery	Arthur
RLS	Raya
RNE	Tilly
Y1SH	Nathaniel
Y1JL	Berrie-Mae
Y2LS	Panagiotis
Y2AL	Leo
Y3HB	Eliza
Y3LH	Jacob
Y4DS	Charles
Y4SM	Laicee
Y5LW	Ralph
Y5GB	Hannah
Y6HG	Kaitlyn
Y6DF	Dexter

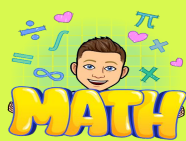




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Maths Star



Nursery	Elliott
RLS	Fabian
RNE	Victoria
Y1SH	Luke
Y1JL	Jessica
Y2LS	Felix
Y2AL	Grace
Y3HB	Samuel
Y3LH	Riley
Y4DS	Donao
Y4SM	Samson
Y5LW	Seth
Y5GB	Lottie
Y6HG	Fresha
Y6DF	Jensen

Writing Star



Nursery	Olivia U
RLS	Jake
RNE	Isabella M
Y1SH	Sofia
Y1JL	Harry
Y2LS	Gavriel
Y2AL	Aurora
Y3HB	Luna
Y3LH	Bella
Y4DS	Oscar
Y4SM	Finnie
Y5LW	Alexis
Y5GB	Anabelle
Y6HG	Cody
Y6DF	Dexter

**1%
BETTER**





Attendance

Whole School: 94.8%

Nursery AM	86.8%	3HB	97.1%
Nursery Full Day	97.1%	3LH	96.9%
RLS	81.8%	4DS	94.8%
RNE	90.2%	4SM	95%
Y1SH	94.9%	5LW	97.4%
Y1JL	93%	5GB	98.3%
Y2LS	98.3%	6HG	93.2%
Y2AL	98.4%	6DF	94.7%

St Stephen's Attendance League EYFS & KS1			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 2LS	51	5th: 2AL	13
2nd: NurFD	28	6th: RNE	4
3rd: 1JL	23	7th: RLS	3
4th: 1SH	12		
5th: NurAM	13		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 5GB	47	6th: Y6DF	9
2nd: Y5LW	45	7th: Y4LM	5
3rd: Y3HB	22	8th: Y6HG	2
4th: Y3LH	13		
5th: Y4SM	10		



Religious Education

Sacramental Programme

Our children on the Sacramental Programme will be starting to prepare for their First Holy Communion next week in class. We are extremely lucky that Father C will be delivering some lessons with the children. Please keep the Sacramental children in your prayers as they prepare for the next stage of their faith journey.



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 Father Callistus Orjika to St Stephen's as our assistant priest as Father Wilson recovers.

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

Prayer of the Week

**Lord Jesus, come to me.
Lord, Jesus, give me your
love. Lord Jesus, come to
me and give me yourself.
Lord Jesus, friend of
children, come to me.
Lord Jesus, you are my
Lord and my God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus
Christ.
Amen.**



Nursery

This week Nursery have been very busy.

We have been rescuing eggs, discovering who is in the egg, sequencing events and working on our fine motor skills.

In Maths, we have been sequencing nursery rhymes, our day and the hungry caterpillar introducing key words such as first and last.

We have finished our story 'Who is in the egg?' The children have learnt lots of facts about different animals and brought the story to life using actions.

In RE this week we spoke about good news. During this time the children shared their good news and we gave out our friday certificates.

Next week we are looking forward to our new book 'The odd egg.'

Question - Can you re-tell 'who is in the egg?'

Reception

Wow! What an amazing week we have had. We started the week off with our class trip to Reddish Vale farm. This linked to our topic of life cycles and new life. We were lucky enough to see lambs, chicks and ducklings who had all recently been born.

The children's behaviour was outstanding. The respect they showed to the farm staff, the animals and to each other made us all so proud. Well done, Reception! In Literacy we have been writing about our farm trip. We are now trying hard to write in full sentences on our own using our phonics knowledge. In maths, we finished our unit on 9 and 10 and began our unit on 3D shape. Next week we will continue learning about shape and pattern.

We had a very exciting arrival in class this week. Our tiny caterpillars were finally delivered. We are so excited to watch them grow and transform into butterflies.

Thank you for a lovely week, Reception!

Question: is the number 5 an odd or an even number? How do you know?



Year 1

In Year 1 this week, we have continued our daily phonics sessions, the children are working really hard. Please ensure you read with your child at home daily to support them in their reading development. In Maths, we have completed our mass, volume and capacity work, and have been comparing and measuring volumes. In English, we continue our focus of 'Meerkat Mail', the children have been writing some amazing descriptive pieces all about Sunny the Meerkat. In Science, for our plants topic, we have been learning about trees, and labelling the parts of different trees. In Geography, we have been looking at weather symbols and understanding what these are, as well as continuing to record the daily weather patterns. In RE, we continue to learn about Holidays and Holy days, and have been thinking about what makes a day Holy and special.

Question: What is volume and what is capacity?

Year 2

This week, the children have started their new History unit, The Titanic! The children have been fascinated in this and they have learnt about what the Titanic was and why it was thought to be unsinkable. Your child will have come home with a letter today about our school trip to the Liverpool Maritime Museum where they will consolidate all their learning about the Titanic. We have lots to look forward to in this topic!

In English, we have been writing explanation texts about how chocolate is made. The children published these as double page spreads which look beautiful!

In Maths, we have finished our learning about multiplication and division. The children have learnt their 2, 5 and 10 times tables; please continue to practise these at home and on Times Tables Rockstars.

In Science, we have started our new topic about Seeds and Bulbs and the children have learnt about the differences between these.

In R.E, we have started our topic about Pentecost and the children explored the importance of spreading messages.

Question: What was the Titanic and why was it thought to be unsinkable?



Year 3

This week has been extremely busy in Year 3.

In Maths, we began a new unit on Fractions. The children did well at identifying unit fractions on shapes and ordering and comparing sets of fractions.

In English we have gone deeper into "George's Marvellous Medicine." The children have already written two diary entries as well as looking in some detail at the characters of George and Grandma. As part of our work on this text, Year 3 enjoyed a Forest Schools session with Mrs Arthingstall. It was great fun as they had to find ingredients from a list. They were items found outside including soil, the leaves of certain plants and bird seed.

The children enjoyed making a magic potion with their ingredients.

In Geography, we looked at the impact earthquakes have on property, human life and habitats. We also began to look at the Richter Scale and other ways of measuring the severity of earthquakes.

In RE, we read the story of Jesus' Ascension into heaven. The children had to write a recount from the point of view of one of the apostles who witnessed events.

Question: What did the men tell the apostles to do when Jesus had gone up to heaven?

Year 4

In Year Four this week, we continued our work on the text Dare to Care: Pet Dragon. The children used expanded noun phrases to describe their dragon egg and began to think about the appearance and characteristics of their new dragon species. They are looking forward to beginning work on designing their dragon next week.

In Maths, Miss Scaife's class have been learning about mixed number and converting improper fractions. The children enjoyed an 'eliminate me' lesson - a Guess Who style activity that helped to build their understanding of fraction vocabulary. Mr Meleady's class concluded their learning on length and perimeter this week with work on calculating the perimeter of regular polygons and rectilinear shapes.

Mr Meleady's class delivered their class assembly on Wednesday. The children really enjoyed getting to share their work and sing some of their favourite hymns.

Miss Scaife's class were excited to get the djembe drums back out this week as their music lessons with Tameside Music Service resumed.

QUESTION: Can you retell the story of the arrival of the Holy Spirit?



Year 5

A busy but exciting week here in Year 5! We have worked extremely hard in History, with focus on our Tudors topic. We began by creating a timeline of British history, ordering events in chronological order before developing an understanding of the Tudor period, including the different Monarchs who reigned during significant events and created a timeline of our own to support this. We have also learnt about the War of the Roses, Henry VIII and the political, economic and religious reasons which caused the English Reformation and dissolution of the monasteries. The children have shown great enthusiasm for this topic and we look forward to researching and creating our double page spreads on Elizabeth I next week.

In Maths, we have begun our unit on Decimals and Percentages. We focused on decimals up to two decimal places, using bar models to support our understanding of place value. Utilising part-whole models, the children have recognised and have been able to partition decimals into tenths and hundredths with confidence. We look forward to expanding our understanding of this next week, finding fractional equivalents.

In English, we continue to understand more about the character of Auggie, his self-esteem and experiences at school and have composed detailed internal monologues, expressing his feelings.
Well done Year 5.

Next week, we look forward to continuing our learning in Science with focus on the properties of materials by working scientifically and experimenting electrical conductivity and insulating heat.

Question: Can you name the five Tudor monarchs who reigned in chronological order?

Year 6

We've had another extremely busy week in Year 6!

In English, we have been revising grammatical features in preparation for writing a persuasive letter. We have revised subordinate clauses, active and passive voice and subjunctive mood. All the children have assignments on EdShed set to consolidate these grammatical features at home. We are looking forward writing are persuasive letters to the Prince of Verona next week!

We have been revising key spellings this week in the form of competitive Hive games in class. The children are encouraged to practice these spellings at home on Ed Shed.

In Maths, we have been focusing on angles this week. This has included using a protractor as well as using our knowledge of angles to calculate, rather than measure.

We came to the end of both our Science and RE topics this week and the children completed their end of unit assessments. The children showed an extremely secure understanding of electricity- fantastic learning Year 6!

Question: What is the subjunctive mood?