



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 27th January 2023

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

I hope you have had a great week and are looking forward to a lovely weekend with your families. It has been a busy week here at St Stephen's.

We started off the week thinking about how we are called to follow Jesus. We reflected on Matthew's Gospel and how Jesus asks us to 'cast our nets' and follow him. We discussed how we can spread Jesus' message each and every day. Children had some great ideas!

Star Gazing Event - Wow! What an incredible evening we had here at school last night. It was great to see the school buzzing with excitement - a real community feel.

Thank you to Miss Scaife for organising the evening so well and thank you to all school staff who gave up their time to make the event a success. As always, thank you our dedicated PTA for joining us and helping to make this a great evening. I hope you all had a great evening. Lots of pictures will be on our school Facebook Page.

NEU Teaching Union Strike - You should have received an email on Wednesday outlining our plans for the NEU Teaching Union Strikes - first strike day planned for **Wednesday 1st February 2023**. Please check your junk email folder if you have not received it in your inbox. Reception Mrs Finn's class assembly will need to be rearranged - Mrs Finn will contact you directly with a new date soon.

Parking -We are still receiving complaints from neighbours around the school due to parking. Please do take care when dropping off and picking up your child, particularly leaving enough room for cars to still access roads and parking in front of people's driveways. Thank you for your cooperation.

Community Projects - Do you know any local businesses, or businesses you may work for who support schools with any kind of school projects/funding/donations? We are constantly looking at ways we can improve our school so are very keen to make more connections. If so, please drop me an email and help us make these connections.

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

Our Values:
St Stephen's
CARES

Compassion



Ambition



Rejoice



Excellence



Service



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Date	Event
02/02/23	Year 1 and 2 Mass - 10am in Church
06/02/23	Children's Mental Health Week - Theme: Let's Connect
07/02/23	Internet Safety Day Year 2 Retreat
08/02/23	Mrs Ellison Class Assembly - 9:05am School Hall
09/02/23	Year 3, 4 and 5 Mass - 10am in Church
10/02/23	Own clothes day: Dress to express £1.00
15/02/23	Nursery Class Assembly - 9:05 School Hall
16/02/23	Special Friends Mass (Reception and Year 6) 10am Church
17/02/23	Annual PTA Break the Rules Day - poster on next page
17/02/23	Half Term begins 3:15pm

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BREAK the RULES DAY

Rules to be broken include:

1. Wear school uniform
2. Bring a healthy lunch or snack
3. Have neat hair
4. No temporary tattoos
5. No nail varnish
6. No make-up
7. Wear school shoes only
8. Fill your water bottle with water only
9. Teachers! You can join in too! You must wear smart clothes.

Here's how it works:

WHEN?
Friday
17th
February

Parentkind
Member Association

It's back!

Mr Lavin knows how much the children love break the rules day and how much fun they have, so let's break some rules!

50p a rule break

Maximum 4 rules can be broken

Bring your 'fines' in an envelope and give it to your class teacher.

Enjoy choosing which rules to break!

Hot Chocolate
Friday Winners

Nursery	Everyone!
RKF	Abigail
RNE	Arthur
Y1SH	Milliane
Y1LB	Arabella
Y2LS	Brooke
Y2AL	Klayson
Y3DM	Patrick
Y3CSLH	Charlie M
Y4DS	Audrey
Y4HB	Alexis
Y5LW	Annalise
Y5DW	Megan
Y6HG	Jayden L
Y6DF	Louie

Readers
of the Week

Nursery	Harper
RKF	Odin
RNE	Alise
Y1SH	Ava
Y1LB	Kalani
Y2LS	Sahichpreet
Y2AL	Riley
Y3DM	Harrison
Y3CSLH	Daisy
Y4DS	Sara
Y4HB	Reece
Y5LW	Dolton
Y5DW	Evan
Y6HG	Fletcher
Y6DF	Ashley

Handwriters
of the week

Nursery	Noah B
RKF	Noah
RNE	Kendrick
Y1SH	Grace
Y1LB	Freddie
Y2LS	Ruby
Y2AL	Adora
Y3DM	Daisy
Y3CSLH	Joseph
Y4DS	Lottie
Y4HB	Finley
Y5LW	Olivia
Y5DW	Carter
Y6HG	Riley
Y6DF	Isla





Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	Evie R
RKF	Frankie
RNE	Sofia
Y1SH	Raya - Mae
Y1LB	Parker
Y2LS	Eliza
Y2AL	Bella
Y3DM	Daniel
Y3CS/LH	Laicee
Y4DS	Macy
Y4HB	Beau
Y5LW	Eddie T
Y5DW	Tyler
Y6HG	Simona
Y6DF	Jonny

Sports Superstars

Nursery	Lula
RKF	Frankie
RNE	Mary
Y1SH	Harrison
Y1LB	Linen
Y2LS	Brooke
Y2AL	Ember
Y3DM	Lotsie-Lou
Y3CS/LH	Charlotte
Y4DS	Deliah
Y4HB	Ralph
Y5LW	Eddie T
Y5DW	Ava
Y6HG	Fletcher
Y6DF	Louis

House Points

Blue

16, 726



Red

12, 648



Yellow

17, 151



Green

13, 759



Totals So Far!

Blue 108, 462

Green 104, 685

Red 93, 680

Yellow 118, 814



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Attendance

Whole School	95.7%
Nursery AM	97.4%
Nursery Full Day	90%
RKF	96.8%
RNE	92.3%
Y1SH	92.9%
Y1LB	100%
Y2LS	97%
Y2AL	93.1%
Y3DM	99.1%
Y3CS/LH	100%
Y4DS	98.3%
Y4HB	91.2%
Y5LW	92.9%
Y5DW	97.1%
Y6HG	99.6%
Y6DF	93.3%



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	35	6th: 2AL	7
2nd: NurFD	25	7th: RKF	5
3rd: 2LS	21	8th: RNE	4
4th: 1SH	17		
5th: NurAM	10		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y4DS	25	5th: Y3DM	11
2nd: Y4HB	20	5th: Y3LH/cs	11
3rd: 5LW	18	6th: Y5DW	7
4th: Y6HG	14		
5th: Y6DF	11		

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Religious Education

Remembering Father Fallon

On Thursday 26th January, it was the anniversary of the passing of Father Fallon.
May we remember Father Fallon in our prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto him , O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace.
Amen.



Sacramental Programme Notice

Mrs Gibson will be holding a parent meeting on **Monday 13th February** for parents/guardians of children on the Year 3 Sacramental Programme. There will be two meetings, 9am and 4pm. Further details will be emailed in the upcoming weeks.



Prayer of the Week

Dear God,
Thank You for sending Jesus to this world.
We're thankful for the light He brings to our lives--the hope, joy, love, and peace He brings us.
Amen

Mass Times

Our Parish Priest is Father B. Wilson.

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



Nursery

What a fabulous week we had! Our Airport day yesterday was fabulous. The children were amazing. We have been learning about air transport this week and in particular aeroplanes. We discussed airports and what we need to get on an aeroplane and made our very own airport. The children had to go through very thorough security check, a rigorous passport control before they go got through to the departure lounge. What a day! We don't know who had more fun the children or the adults!

This week we have finished our work on the number 2 in maths, we have looked at counting, recognising and representing number 2.

We have been looking at celebrations in RE and what celebrations happen in church. On Friday afternoon we walked over to church to explore the inside, look at at the altar and baptismal font.

Question: Can you find and spot the number 2 this weekend?

Reception

Another wonderful week in Reception full of learning. In maths we have been thinking about weight and capacity. We have learnt words such as heavy, heavier, heaviest and light, lighter, and lightest. We have experimented in our water tray filling and emptying containers. In Literacy, we have completed our final week reading "The Train Ride." We have loved this story and have made our own version of the book. In RE we have continued our unit about celebrations. We enjoyed a trip to the church to have a learn about the different types of celebrations that take place there and the special areas for them. We have been enjoying using our new challenge station. This is where we can apply all of our learning independently. When we complete a challenge, we get a coloured lolly stick to put in our own envelope. When we have all 5, we receive a special rainbow certificate.

This is just a polite reminder for children to not bring in toys from home. There have been a few incidents this week where home items have been lost or damaged.

Thank you.

Question: What does it mean when the scales look like this....





Year 1

Year 1 have been working hard this week. In English we have thoroughly enjoyed being authors and writing our own versions of Steve Anthony's "Unplugged ". It was great to see the children's growing independence in their writing. We have also been working hard on our pre cursive handwriting.

In maths we have continued to develop our understanding of numbers to 20. We have been using number lines to help us to order, estimate and compare.

In our new Science topic on Materials, we have been looking at the difference between an object and the material that it is made from.

In art we have continued to experiment with colour by adding white or black to change the tone of a primary colour. In our computing session we have been exploring commands for a floor robot.

In RE we focused on the church and thought about what we do in Mass.

We have also been keeping our skills sharp by practicing our previous learning in our Rainbow Challenges. A great week- well done Year 1!

Task: Look around your home and local environment at different objects and discuss the materials they are made of.

Year 2

We have had yet another great week in Year 2 this week.

We were lucky enough to be visited by one of Lizzie's real birds from our text Lizzie and the birds. The children were elated to meet it! We then used this to spark our creativity. The children designed their own bird to write a character description. The children have also been writing in role as Buster the cat as they wrote an apology letter to the birds for his behaviour.

In Maths, the children have been adding and subtracting two , two digit numbers. They have been using visual images and equipment to help support them with this.

In Art, the children have been continuing to explore different tones of colour by adding black to make the tone darker.

During Religion, we have been continuing to study our unit named, 'Books'. We have been thinking carefully about our mission statement 'Love one another as I have loved you' and considered carefully how we greet the Gospel.

Question: Which birds have visited our classroom this week?



Year 3

In Year 3 this week we have used our new History unit of 'Ancient Greece' to read different Ancient myths in our guided reading sessions. The children have really enjoyed learning about the different characters and stories. They have even created their own storyboard comics to retell 'Theseus and the Minotaur'.

In English this week we have focused on sentence structure and vocabulary. We have worked on homophones as well as editing work with a punctuation focus.

In math we have completed our unit on multiplication and division. The children have also been working hard to improve their math skills on their 'Freckle' accounts.

In RE we have researched the feast days of Mary and also created artwork depicting Mary. The work produced was amazing!

In Science we have looked at how water is transported around a plant. We have also investigated and predicted what we think will happen to white flowers left in dyed water. We will be completing this experiment next week.

Question- How many feast days of Mary are there that we celebrate?

Year 4

In Year Four this week, we have enjoyed learning about a variety of new things.

In Geography, we continued to learn about rivers. Having already studied the different parts of the river, the journey a river takes to the ocean and the benefits of living near a river both past and present, this week we learnt about the part a river plays in the Water Cycle. This coincided nicely with our learning in Science.

In Science, we have been learning about different processes that change one state of matter to another such as melting, boiling, condensation and evaporation. There has been lots of working scientifically in Year Four this week. Mrs Bilic's class investigated the different melting points of milk, dark and white chocolate while Miss Scaife's class set up an investigation to explore the effect heat has on the evaporation process. They will be making observations and gathering data each day over the next week.

In maths, we have finished our learning on multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 and have just begun formal methods of multiplication.

Question: What is the role of the Pope?



Year 5

This week in Year 5 we started our latest Maths topic - multiplication and division. We have been utilising our times table knowledge and new formal methods to multiply four digit numbers. The children excelled using the written methods which will be vital throughout this year and following years.

In English we have continued our study of Chak De! India. This has allowed us to recap relative clauses, transcribe complex sentences, and proofread a text. They are really enjoying Chak De! India and can't wait to find out what happens next.

We have continued our Mission topic in RE and our exploration of charities and mission. The children loved creating their posters about a chosen charity.

Comparisons of Manchester and Tripoli have been our focus in Geography. We have explored our initial idea about what Tripoli might be like and the similarities and differences to Manchester. Everyone really enjoyed using their atlases to explore the continent of Africa and creating their own map.

Question: How many African countries can you name?

Year 6

We've had another busy week in Year 6 this week! Yesterday, we celebrated Mass in Church with Year 4. This was a beautiful opportunity for the children to pause and reflect. Father Wilson spoke to the children about light and how Jesus is the light of the world. We were reminded how it is important to follow in the light of Jesus, especially with the choices that we make.

Both classes finished, 'Letters from the Lighthouse' this week in Guided Reading. The children enjoyed the many twists and turns within the novel and were sad to see this end!

In English, we have continued reading Wonder. We have studied the chapter, 'The Bleeding Scream' in depth considering character development. We have been re writing this chapter from the point of view of the mask that Auggie wears at Halloween. Our focus in Maths this week has been fractions of amounts. We have found unit and non unit fractions of amounts using our multiplication and division knowledge. The children have had some challenging problems relating to fractions this week and have shown great resilience when solving them. Well done Year 6!

Question: After reading 'The Bleeding Scream', has your opinion of any of the character changed? Why?

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THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

It's been another remarkable week!
Here are some photographs to show some
wonderful learning experiences...

