



**Friday 3rd February 2023**

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### **A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...**

I hope you are well and have had a great week.

In Monday's assembly we focused on Sunday's Gospel, which was about the Beatitudes. We discussed what it means to have a plan for the future, but also reflected on how not everything does go according to plan and that is okay.

We discussed the plan that Jesus sets out for us in our lives, these are called 'The Beatitudes'. I asked children to focus on just one this week, 'Blessed are the peacemakers'. We talked about ways we could bring peace to the lives of others at home and in school. As always, children had great ideas. I also shared a new story with children called 'The Missing Piece' all about searching for something, but actually realising we had it all along - joyful hearts.

I've also been so lucky to see some incredible work this week by our children. I've given out so many Headteacher Award stickers - I am very proud of the hard effort and hard work of our children - keep it up!

### **Boys Football Team**

Congratulations to the Boys Football Team who won a tournament on Tuesday evening, competing against other Catholic schools in Tameside. The boys represented the school incredibly well.

### **Numbers Day**

Today we joined schools across the country to celebrate all things numbers! Children took part in a variety of activities to reinforce the importance of mathematics!

### **Next week**

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week, children will take part in a variety of activities throughout the week to promote how important it is to look after theirs and others mental health and wellbeing. We have lots of new picture books for the children to enjoy!

Just a reminder that we are having a 'Dress to Express' own clothes day on Friday 10th February with a £1.00 donation to Children's Mental Health Charity.

Enjoy your weekend. **Mr Lavin, Headteacher**

### **Our Values: St Stephen's CARES**

#### **Compassion**



#### **Ambition**



#### **Rejoice**



#### **Excellence**



#### **Service**





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

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Date	Event
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	Mrs Finn 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 - 9:05am 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

# 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	Harriet and Noah B
RKF	Felicity
RNE	Alise
Y1SH	Sam
Y1LB	Henry
Y2LS	Pippa
Y2AL	Ethan
Y3DM	Daniel
Y3CSLH	Saul
Y4DS	Macy
Y4HB	Travis
Y5LW	Yong
Y5DW	Evan
Y6HG	Ronan
Y6DF	Damian

## Readers of the Week



Nursery	Elliot
RKF	Cornelia
RNE	Nathaniel
Y1SH	Elijah
Y1LB	Lexie
Y2LS	Daley
Y2AL	Ember
Y3DM	Joshua
Y3CSLH	Isla
Y4DS	Jemima
Y4HB	Emelia
Y5LW	Isobella
Y5DW	Teddy
Y6HG	Ollie
Y6DF	Noah

## Handwriters of the week



Nursery	Leighlah
RKF	Ronnie
RNE	Arthur
Y1SH	Harrison
Y1LB	Kaiden
Y2LS	Kacper
Y2AL	Hollie
Y3DM	Amelia
Y3CSLH	Poppy
Y4DS	Liam
Y4HB	Erin
Y5LW	Ciannarose
Y5DW	Nancy
Y6HG	Charlie
Y6DF	Orla





## Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	Jake
RKF	Poppy D
RNE	Huckleberry
Y1SH	Niall
Y1LB	Freddie
Y2LS	Oscar
Y2AL	Charlie
Y3DM	Harrison
Y3CS/LH	Estee
Y4DS	Jaime-Leigh
Y4HB	Darcy
Y5LW	Divine
Y5DW	Payton
Y6HG	Leni-Rey
Y6DF	Beatrice

## Sports Superstars

Nursery	Maverick
RKF	Cornelia
RNE	Hazel
Y1SH	Elijah
Y1LB	Evelyn
Y2LS	Daley
Y2AL	Noah
Y3DM	Donaeo
Y3CS/LH	Avaya
Y4DS	Sam
Y4HB	Lilly Mai
Y5LW	India
Y5DW	Ava
Y6HG	Louie
Y6DF	Lola

## 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	93.4%
Nursery AM	95%
Nursery Full Day	100%
RKF	90.3%
RNE	80.8%
Y1SH	94.4%
Y1LB	97.2%
Y2LS	93.1%
Y2AL	90.7%
Y3DM	93.1%
Y3CSLH	94.6%
Y4DS	100%
Y4HB	96%
Y5LW	93.4%
Y5DW	94.4%
Y6HG	94%
Y6DF	90.8%



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

## Attendance Challenge!

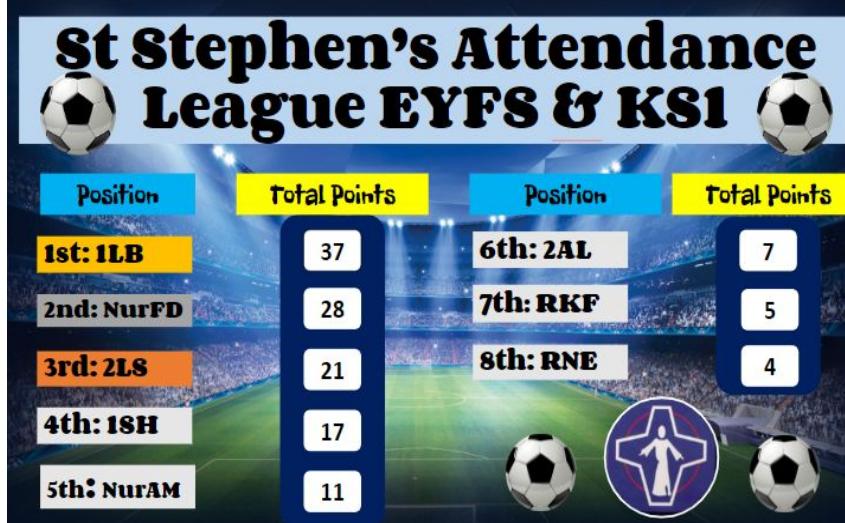
If you are in school everyday this Half term then your name will be entered into a draw for a very special prize!

100%



Good Luck!

## St Stephen's Attendance League



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## Religious Education

### Caritas Sunday

On Sunday 29th January, we celebrated Caritas Sunday.

This week, we pray especially for the work of Caritas within our Diocese. Caritas is charity which seeks to support those in need and vulnerable. The mission of Caritas is:

**"Our vision is for a society where there is justice and equality and where the voices of those experiencing poverty, disadvantage and/or discrimination are heard valued and acted upon so that all people can live in peace and dignity."**

In school we support Caritas within fundraising and we also use lesson resources to develop our awareness of social teaching. At home, we ask that you keep the charity in your prayers by using the prayer below.

We would love to hear if you support Caritas (or any other charity) at home. If you do, please let Mr Lavin or Mrs Gibson know.

### Mass Times

Saturday Vigil  
5.30pm  
Sunday  
10.30am

Our Parish Priest is  
Father B. Wilson.



### Prayer of the Week

#### PRAYER FOR CARITAS SUNDAY

**Caritas**  
Diocese of Salford

Heavenly Father,

You placed Your Only Son amongst the most needy and isolated people living on the margins.

We pray for our neighbours whose lives are transformed by the loving care they receive from Caritas Salford.

We give grateful thanks and pray for all Caritas staff and volunteers, especially those who are in front line services every day.

We pray for our parishes and schools and all who support the work of Caritas spiritually or practically. Together we put the charitable mission of Your Church into practice throughout our Diocese every day.

Let Your Holy Spirit move our hearts so that we may become the embodiment of 'caritas' – LOVE IN ACTION – in our own communities.

We make our prayer through Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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## Nursery

What a lovely week we have had! This week we have been looking at our new number - number 3! We have been looking at what 3 looks like and how it is made up. We used numberblocks to help us. We enjoyed celebrating Number day on Friday. We sang lots of number songs and enjoyed all of our number activities. On Friday we also joined Reception to host our very own Baptism. We took on different roles such as the Priest, the parents, the Godparents and the congregation. We each made a Baptism card for the baby who we welcomed into God's family.

**Question:** Can you find the number 3 at home?

## Reception

Yet again, another very busy week. We have started our new text 'Handa's Surprise' this week. We have read the story and we have tasted the fruit from the story. We have also been working really hard on our independent sentence writing, we are applying what we learn in phonics. In maths, we have been exploring the numbers 6, 7, and 8. We have been finding out which smaller numbers make up the whole number and the different ways we can represent them.

In RE we have performed our own Baptism service. We took on different roles such as the Priest, the parents, the Godparents and the congregation. We each made a Baptism card for the baby who we welcomed into God's family.

**Question:** Why do you have a candle at a Baptism?

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## Year 1

We have had another brilliant week in Year One. In English, we finished our work on 'Unplugged' by answering comprehension questions about the story. We then introduced our new book 'Man on the Moon' and made predictions about what the character, Bob, might do on the moon. In Maths, we completed our unit on Place Value within 20, assessing what the children could apply from all of their knowledge. We have started our unit on addition and subtraction within 20, using counting on as a method of addition. In Science this week, we investigated what materials were flexible and discussed how this could be useful for certain objects. In History, we have started our topic on 'The History of Travel' and began by looking at how things were transported by canal in the past. In R.E, we discussed the people who help us in church and listened to the story of the Presentation of Jesus. We had a lovely mass on Thursday to celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus. A big well done to all of our year one children, especially those who read bidding prayers.

**Question: What did Simeon say about the baby Jesus?**

## Year 2

Year 2 have been working extremely hard this week! In R.E, we have completed our topic about 'Books'. We have discussed the Gospel stories that we have learnt over the past 4 weeks and the children chose their favourite one and explained why it was important to them.

In English, we have been creating our own information leaflets about the bird that we researched last week. The leaflets look absolutely fantastic and the children have put so much effort into making them eye-catching and engaging!

In Maths, we have started our 'Shape' unit and the children have been learning the properties of 2D shapes, including sides and vertices.

In Science, we have been looking at animal offspring and the children have been learning about the groups of animals that do not look like their adults when they are born.

To end another fantastic week, the children have enjoyed celebrating Number Day and they have participated in lots of exciting Maths activities!

**Question: Which groups of animals do not look like their adult when they are born?**

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## Year 3

In year 3 this week we have had a busy week of learning. In English we have analysed two poems by Matt Goodfellow and used the ideas to write our own poems about the Minotaur from the myth 'Theseus and the Minotaur'. There was some fantastic rhyming poems produced! In Maths we have looked at measuring in cm and mm, converting between the units and solving problems. We have also continued to practise a range of math skills on our personal freckle accounts.

In History we have researched the origins of the original Olympic Games in Ancient Greece and compared it to the current modern games. The children really enjoyed learning about how different the original games were.

In RE we have read through some of the stories of Mary in the bible and wrote about how we perceive Mary based on the events told within these stories.

In Art this week the children have created Ancient Greek plates which have ended up looking amazing! Well done everyone!

**Question- Can you name something the same and something different about the original Olympic Games and the modern games?**

## Year 4

We have worked hard in Year 4 this week.

In RE we have been continuing to explore the meaning and importance of 'Community,' both as part of a diocese and a parish. The children extended this to look at our school community. They made a leaflet to explain and illustrate how our school acts as a community and how welcoming our community is to new pupils and their families.

In English, we are preparing to write a magazine article, persuading people that we need to make Droylsden a greener city. We have looked in detail at the benefits this brings to a city and practical ways of doing it.

In Maths this week, all the children took a mock multiplication test. They went out of class to do this in small groups. Everyone had a good go at it so the children are now familiar with the format of the formal multiplications check which they will do in the Summer Term. Our work on formal multiplication methods is now extending into word problems and reasoning.

We have enjoyed starting our new class novel, 'Omar the Accidental Trouble Magnet.' The children find it both engaging and funny.

**Question: How can 'green cities' help communities to develop?**

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## Year 5

In Year 5 this week, we have continued our use of long multiplication for 4 digit X 2 digit numbers. The children are working incredibly hard and becoming more confident every day. On Number Day, we also worked in small groups to solve a number of Nrich problems, as well as taking part in a whole-school TTRS competition.

This week, we have continued to research and compare Tripoli and Manchester. We have focused on both physical and human geography - comparing populations, climate and terrain, as well as the daily lives of inhabitants of both Tripoli and Manchester.

In Science, we looked at reversible and irreversible changes and conducted an experiment to separate materials through evaporation, magnetism, filtration and sieving. The children made predictions, made decisions about the most appropriate method, conducted the experiment and recorded their results.

We can't wait to celebrate Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day next week.

**Question: What is the most appropriate method to separate flour and water?**

## Year 6

We have had a brilliant week in Year 6! We have especially participating in a range of number activities today that included a TTRS competition and an investigation of number patterns in shape!

We began our unit of work on decimals in maths this week. The children have impressed the staff with how quickly they were grasping challenging concepts including rounding, adding and subtracting decimals.

In English, we have focused upon Via and Summer's chapters in Wonder. We have listened to their recounts of Auggie's story and made links to popular songs. The children had the opportunity to write the beginning of Summer's chapter in the form of a prediction which was greatly enjoyed!

In Religion this week, we have continued looking at Priesthood. We learnt about Saint John Mary Vianney and considered why he is the patron saint of Priests.

**Question: Via compares Auggie to the sun in Wonder. 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...

