



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 17th February 2023

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN... I cannot quite believe we have come to the end of another term of this academic year. I would like to thank you all for your continued support. Thank you to all the school staff for working so hard to provide the very best for our children.

Nursery - This week our youngest children had their class assembly in front of their parents. I am so proud of how well they did. They read their lines with such confidence and showcased some amazing work! A huge well done to all.

Girls Football - Last Friday, our girls football team won a competition at Manchester City and are through to the finals. They now have the chance to win the next round and represent Manchester City in a Nationwide competition against the other Premier League teams. A huge well done and best of luck for the next competition!

PTA Break the Rules Day - Thank you for your support today with our annual Break the Rules Day. These events are so important to help raise additional funds for the school. Thank you to our amazing PTA as always.

Class Dojo - We are going to be using Class Dojo a lot more going forward so it is really important that you are connected to your child's class. If you are unsure what Class Dojo is, just pop your child's class teacher a message and they will be happy to help you get set up!

NEU Strike Action - You should have received an email on Wednesday this week outlining the plans for the next NEU Industrial Action due to take place on Tuesday 28th February 2023. Please do read it carefully. If anything changes nearer the time I will let you know.

World Book Day - We will join with schools across the country to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March. Children are welcome to come dressed up or just wear their own clothes.

Have a wonderful week off with your families and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 27th February 2023. Take care, **Mr Lavin, Headteacher**

Our Values:
St Stephen's
CARES

Compassion



Ambition



Rejoice



Excellence



Service



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Spring 2

Date	Event
27/02/23	School reopens after the mid-term break.
28/02/23	NEU Strike Day - information to be confirmed as soon as possible
02/03/23	World Book Day! Year 3 + 5 Mass
08/03/23	Year 6 Mr Fitch's Class Assembly - 9:05am School Hall
15/03/23	Year 3 retreat with Mary Farmer Year 6 Mrs Gibson Class Assembly
22/03/23	Year 3, ,4 and 5 Mass
29/03/23	Year 5 Mr Winn's Class Assembly - 9:05am School Hall
30/09/23	Year 6 and Reception Special Friends Mass - 10am in Church
31/03/23	Easter Bonnet Parade EYFS/KS1 (9:15am outside on the playground) Decorate An Egg KS2
05/04/23	Year 4 Miss Scaife's Class Assembly - 9:05am School Hall SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR EASTER AT 1:30pm

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Hot Chocolate Friday Winners



Nursery	Whole Class
RKF	Sienna
RNE	Sofia
Y1SH	Hudson
Y1LB	Deanah
Y2LS	Ruby
Y2AL	Peyton
Y3DM	Cleo
Y3CSLH	Isaac
Y4DS	Sam
Y4HB	Ellenore
Y5LW	Lacey
Y5DW	Desta
Y6HG	Amelia
Y6DF	Thomas

Readers of the Week



Nursery	Harper
RKF	Louie
RNE	Aaliyah
Y1SH	Millianne
Y1LB	Linen
Y2LS	Tamunoboma
Y2AL	Adora
Y3DM	Tarandeep
Y3CSLH	Alisha
Y4DS	Aoife
Y4HB	Corey
Y5LW	Ethan
Y5DW	Michal
Y6HG	Alfie
Y6DF	Racheal

Handwriters of the week



Nursery	Victoria
RKF	Keziah
RNE	Poppy-Kay
Y1SH	Grace
Y1LB	Annie Macmillan
Y2LS	Eva
Y2AL	Tegan
Y3DM	Freddie D
Y3CSLH	Hamilton
Y4DS	Lleyton
Y4HB	Ralph
Y5LW	Louie
Y5DW	Hollie
Y6HG	Lilia
Y6DF	Willow





Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	Lilly
RKF	Jessica B
RNE	Rosie
Y1SH	Roman
Y1LB	Kaiden
Y2LS	Olivia
Y2AL	Keane
Y3DM	Hanna
Y3CS/LH	Layla B
Y4DS	Olivia
Y4HB	Farren
Y5LW	Melody
Y5DW	Hanna
Y6HG	Ivan
Y6DF	Freddie

Sports Superstars

Nursery	Freddie
RKF	Keziah
RNE	Sayo
Y1SH	Isabelle
Y1LB	Evelyn
Y2LS	Samuel T
Y2AL	Freya
Y3DM	Harrison Y
Y3CS/LH	Layla W
Y4DS	Delilah
Y4HB	Travis
Y5LW	Louie
Y5DW	Carter
Y6HG	Charlotte F
Y6DF	Charlie P

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	92.5%
Nursery AM	84.6%
Nursery Full Day	99.4%
RKF	85.4%
RNE	67.3%
Y5H	91.1%
Y1LB	100%
Y2LS	97.4%
Y2AL	87.5%
Y3DM	97.2%
Y3CSLH	96.9%
Y4DS	93.3%
Y4HB	92.4%
Y5LW	95.7%
Y5DW	90.5%
Y6HG	98.4%
Y6DF	97.1%



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 **100%** 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	40	6th: 2AL	7
2nd: NurFD	30	7th: RKF	5
3rd: 2LS	22	8th: RNE	4
4th: 1SH	17		
5th: NurAM	11		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y4DS	28	6th: Y3DM	12
2nd: Y4HB	22	6th: Y3LH/cs	12
3rd: 5LW	18	7th: Y5DW	7
4th: Y6HG	17		
5th: Y6DF	13		

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Religious Education

RSE and Sacramental Programme Meetings

Thank you to all the parents who attended the RSE Zoom meetings yesterday and the Sacramental Programme meeting on Monday.

Information has been sent via email regarding these meetings; please email Mrs Gibson if you have not received these emails.

Lent

Ash Wednesday is the first day in the season of Lent. This year it falls during our half term break on Wednesday 22nd February. Traditionally, on Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes made from the previous years Palm Sunday palms. It is a reminder of how during Lent we seek God's forgiveness.

Over the half term, discuss with your children about how you will mark Lent at home. Will you fast together? Will you give something up? Will you attend church as a family? Ashes will be distributed during the 10am Mass at St Stephen's Church on Wednesday 22nd February.

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil
5.30pm
Sunday
10.30am

Our Parish Priest is
Father B. Wilson.



Prayer of the Week

Our Reception and Nursery children, alongside their Guardian Angels (special friends) in Year 6 celebrated their learning about Jesus being the light of the world. This week's prayer is one they shared together.

Dear God,
We thank you for the brightness of light.
Thank you for sending Jesus to be our light.
Help us to follow him always.
Amen

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Nursery

What a lovely week we have had.

I am so proud of how well they did in their assembly. To stand up there and speak and sing in front of everyone at such a young age is amazing.

We have started to look at number 4 this week in our maths sessions, particularly looking at counting and recognise the number.

We have learnt all about Valentines day this week, and celebrated all the people we love. We have even managed to squeeze in look at dinosaurs. We have now finished our celebrations topic in RE. We had a "Be a Light" afternoon with our special friends where we completed lots of different light activities across the Year 6 and Early Years classrooms.

Question: Can you find the numbers 1,2,3,4 this week?

Reception

A super busy final week of the half term for the Reception children! In maths, we have continued to practise our subitising skills. We have matched dots to their numeral and tried really hard to not count and just say the amount. In Literacy, we have focused on using red words such as I, the and my in our writing. We made Valentine's cards and wrote letters.

We have now finished our celebrations topic in RE. We had a "Be a Light" afternoon with our special friends where we completed lots of different light activities across the Year 6 and Early Years classrooms.

We hope you all have a great half term break.

Question: What date is Valentine's day?



Year 1

We have had a fantastic final week of term in year one and the children have been working extremely hard. In English, we finished our work on our class story 'Man on the Moon' by answering comprehension questions about the text. In maths, we explored doubles and how near doubles can help with adding and subtracting higher numbers. In history, we looked at the railways and compared trains from the past to what trains are like today. We then discussed how George Stephenson was significant person and learned about his creation of the railway from Manchester to Liverpool. In science, we looked at how materials can be absorbent or non-absorbent. We then conducted an experiment investigating which materials would be the most absorbent. In R.E, we completed our unit on special people and have begun to look at special meals. We were lucky enough this week to take part in 'Ready, Steady, Read' with the author Emma Perry, who read her book to us.

Question: What does absorbent mean?

Year 2

What an end to this half term we have had! The children have been working extremely hard and we are very proud of them.

In English, the children have been continuing to study the poem, 'If I had wings' and wrote their own poetry named, 'If I had fins'. The pieces produced were fantastic.

In Maths, we have been continuing to work on our addition and subtraction skills as well as the study of different shapes.

In Religion, we have been reflecting on Matthew's Gospel and retelling events from scripture from the perspective of John the Baptist.

In Geography, we have continued to work out map skills whilst exploring an atlas and comparing features of an atlas and a map.

We completed our week with our 'Break The Rules Day' which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

Have a fantastic half term!

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Year 3

We have had a really fun week of learning this week, centred mostly around our unit of 'Ancient Greece'.

In English the children have re-told the story of Theseus and the Minotaur through writing and drama. Each child was given a scene and a small script to learn to help retell a part. We then acted out in small groups to show a complete retelling of the famous myth.

In History we have looked at the history behind the 'Marathon'. The children are now fully able to explain how and why we have the marathon today and the origins behind its name. We finished off our week with a food-tasting afternoon where the children tried a range of different foods from Ancient Greece. The olives were not a favourite!

In Maths we have now completed our unit of measurement. The children have shown fantastic accuracy in converting between mm, cm and m and then applying to this to problem solving.

In Science we have now also finished our unit on plants. This week we looked at pollinisation as well as the different types of seed dispersal.

Question- How many types of seed dispersal are there and what are they?

Year 4

This week, Year 4 have worked very hard.

In English, the children have completed and edited their reports on making Droylsden a greener city. We then began our new English unit based on the epic Anglo Saxon poem, Beowulf. The children enjoyed gathering vocabulary and using it to write a Kenning poem about the monster, Grendel.

In Maths we have completed our unit on division with remainders as well as continuing our practice of multiplication tables.

In Geography, our work on Rivers and the Water Cycle has come to an end. We rounded off our learning by looking at the causes and effects of water pollution. The children had to write a report, giving information and advice to other children as to how to help reduce water pollution in their daily lives.

In Art, we are exploring the patterns and styles involved in Celtic Art. The children have looked in detail at the types of lines and patterns included in this type of art and have learnt about its symbolism..

Question: How many people in the world have no access to clean water?

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Year 5

In Maths, this week, the children completed work on long multiplication and learnt how to use both informal and formal methods of short division, focusing on the most efficient method. We will continue this work on our return after the half term.

As part of our unit in English, we revised the use of apostrophes for contractions, as well as singular and plural possessive nouns. This knowledge was then used to write sentences relating to the characters in Chak De! India. The children also edited and improved their informal letters. We will continue to study Chak De India for a short time after the half term before moving on to 'Ride the Wind' by Nicola Davies.

In our work on 'Mission' in RE, we compared scripture with the lyrics of the hymn 'God's Spirit is in My Heart' to identify similar themes. In addition, the children researched a number of Catholic charities: identifying how they help others, how they support Jesus' mission and relating them to pertinent scripture.

Finally, the children enjoyed online workshops from relevant authors in conjunction with Tameside Libraries. They loved learning about their creative process and asked some insightful questions.

Question: What is the role of a Parish Catechist?

Year 6

Year 6 have worked extremely hard during their final week of this half term. In Maths, we finished our work on decimals and moved onto a short topic on ratio. The children learnt about why and how ratio is used, how it is written and also compared ratio and fractions.

In English, we have focused on the fall out of Jack Will and Julian in Wonder. We revised the key features of formal and informal writing to help us write an informal letter and a formal email. The children have been working hard on varying their vocabulary and sentence structure.

We have thoroughly enjoyed our afternoon with our Reception and Nursery friends today! The year 6 children were compassionate towards their younger peers and enriched their learning by sharing their knowledge and faith. The children enjoyed a range of activities including: painting, matching, writing, reflecting and even hide and seek! A great afternoon was had by all!

Question: Should Jack Will have to apologise to Julian?

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THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

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



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