



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 3rd March 2023

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

I hope you had a great half term break with your family. It has been great to welcome everyone back this week.

Lent - As you will know we have now entered the season of Lent in the Liturgical calendar. Our Assembly this week focused on Lent. Our Chaplains delivered a wonderful assembly all about how we can help others this Lent. They informed us of the CARITAS St Joseph's Pennies boxes that children will bring home and hopefully fill up so we can donate them to those in need.

World Book Day - Yesterday, it was World Book Day where we joined schools across the country to celebrate all things books! As always, you got your creative heads on and everyone looked amazing. It was great to see everyone so enthusiastic and truly loving sharing everything about their favourite books! All children in the school made a little book, and these were displayed in our forest. It was so lovely to see different year groups reading to each other.

Parent's Evening - You should have received an email this week to confirm arrangements for Parent's Evening on Wednesday 8th March 2023. 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 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 their classrooms
- Year 5 will be in the school hall
- Year 4DS has been sent separate information
- Year 4HB will be in the school hall
- Year 3 will be in the school hall
- Year 2 will be in their classrooms
- Year 1 will be in the rooms down the KSI corridor
- Reception will be in their classrooms
- Nursery will be in the school hall

Year 6DF Class Assembly - this was scheduled for Wednesday 8th March but we will unfortunately have to rearrange. We will share a new date with you as soon as possible. Year 6HG will go ahead as planned on Wednesday 15th March 2023 at 9:05am in the hall. Have a great weekend!

Take care, **Mr Lavin, Headteacher**

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St Stephen's
CARES

Compassion



Ambition



Rejoice



Excellence



Service



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Spring 2

Date	Event
08/03/23	Parents' Evening
15/03/23	Year 3 retreat with Mary Farmer Year 6 Mrs Gibson Class Assembly - 9:05am School Hall
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	Ava and Victoria
RKF	Declan
RNE	Huckleberry
YISH	Gabbie
YILB	Panagiotis
Y2LS	Millie
Y2AL	Jeremiah
Y3DM	Noah R
Y3CSLH	Charles B
Y4DS	Olivia
Y4HB	Eva
Y5LW	Reggie
Y5DW	Leah
Y6HG	Grace
Y6DF	Isla

Readers of the Week



Nursery	Michael S
RKF	Jessica B
RNE	Sofia
YISH	Isabelle
YILB	Annie
Y2LS	Adam
Y2AL	Charlie
Y3DM	Bobby
Y3CSLH	Mia Bella
Y4DS	Lottie
Y4HB	Gustavo
Y5LW	Oscar
Y5DW	Michal
Y6HG	Mia
Y6DF	Thomas

Handwriters of the week



Nursery	Nick
RKF	Frankie
RNE	Hazel
YISH	Niall
YILB	Deanah
Y2LS	Ebony
Y2AL	Harrison
Y3DM	Hanna
Y3CSLH	Layla W
Y4DS	Harrison R
Y4HB	Reece
Y5LW	Toby HH
Y5DW	Brock
Y6HG	Sum Yin
Y6DF	Harley





Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	Betti
RKF	Scarlett
RNE	Maisie
Y1SH	Ava
Y1LB	Jake
Y2LS	Elvis
Y2AL	Adora
Y3DM	Donaeo
Y3CS/LH	Jacob
Y4DS	Sara
Y4HB	Finley
Y5LW	Rihanna
Y5DW	Lennie
Y6HG	Elijah
Y6DF	Olivia

Sports Superstars

Nursery	
RKF	
RNE	
Y1SH	Sports Stars will return next week.
Y1LB	
Y2LS	
Y2AL	
Y3DM	
Y3CS/LH	
Y4DS	
Y4HB	
Y5LW	
Y5DW	
Y6HG	
Y6DF	

House Points

Blue
3327



Red
12,648

Yellow
8473



Green
13,759

Totals So Far!
 Blue 111,799
 Green 104,685
 Red 93,680
 Yellow 127,287



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Attendance

Whole School	92.7%
Nursery AM	72.5%
Nursery Full Day	100%
RKF	85.9%
RNE	88%
Y1SH	91.3%
Y1LB	80.6%
Y2LS	94.8%
Y2AL	93.5%
Y3DM	95.4%
Y3CS/LH	94.1%
Y4DS	98.3%
Y4HB	98.9%
Y5LW	95%
Y5DW	89.7%
Y6HG	94.8%
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

St Stephen's Attendance League EYFS & KS1

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 1LB	42	6th: 2AL	8
2nd: NurFD	34	7th: RKF	5
3rd: 2LS	27	8th: RNE	4
4th: 1SH	17		
5th: NurAM	11		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y4DS	30	6th: Y6DF	14
2nd: Y4HB	25	7th: Y3LH/CS	12
3rd: Y6HG	20	8th: Y5DW	7
4th: 5LW	18		
5th: Y3DM	15		

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Religious Education

Lent- St Joseph Penny Boxes

The chaplains led a beautiful assembly this week where they spoke to the children about Lent. Our Year 6 chaplains explained how Lent is a time where many Christians pray more, fast and give.

As a school, we are going to be supporting Caritas throughout Lent. Each child has been given a St Joseph's Penny Box where they are to collect loose change to support the work of Caritas. The children can collect loose change for the duration of Lent.

We ask that the St Joseph Penny boxes are returned during Holy Week (3/4/23) so that the money can be collected and our donation sent to Caritas.

For further information regarding the work of Caritas in the Diocese of Salford please click on the link below: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/>

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil
5.30pm
Sunday
10.30am

Our Parish Priest is
Father B. Wilson.



Prayer of the Week

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen.



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Nursery

What a first week back! The children all seemed to have grown up over February half term.

We have had a lovely book themed week. We have immersed ourselves in some of our favourite traditional fairy tales. We have looked at Goldilocks, The Gingerbread man, Jack and the Beanstalk, Little Red Riding Hood and the 3 Billy goats gruff. The children have loved retelling these stories.

In maths we have continued to look at the number 4 and how it is made up. All the children looked fabulous yesterday for World Book Day. We had a lovely visit with a special visit to the forest for our Stick man activity.

In RE we have looked at Lent and the meaning behind the period.

Question? Can you read lots of stories this weekend?

Reception

What a lovely first week back we have had in Reception. It was lovely to see the children back and raring to go and to find out about their half term adventures.

In Literacy, we have been celebrating World Book Day. We have talked about our favourite stories and characters. On Thursday, which was World Book Day, we wrote about what we had dressed as and talked about the stories our characters were from. We made bookmarks and dressed elves as different characters from different stories.

In Maths we have been thinking about what "a pair" means as well as combining 2 groups of objects.

We have also been excited to see some signs of Spring. We are looking forward to seeing more and learning all about this exciting season.

In RE we have been thinking about Lent and how we can show and give kindness during this time rather than give something up. We have made a kindness rules poster for our classroom that we have been talking about everyday.

Question: What story did your teachers dress up as for World Book Day? Can you retell that story to a member of your family?



Year 1

We have had a lovely week in Year 1 this week. In preparation for World Book Day the children made books and used the story of Unplugged by Steve Anthony as our inspiration. We had a great time in "The Forest of Books" where we shared our stories with the year 5 classes. Many thanks for your support the children looked fantastic in their costumes.

In maths we continued our work on subtraction and looked at finding the difference between two numbers. We also continue to work hard on our mental arithmetic and practising our fluency every morning.

In science we have been thinking about properties of materials and which materials would be suitable for a child's bath toy. We also sorted materials into natural and man-made materials.

RE we have been thinking about special meals and the people we celebrate them with.

In our computing lesson we have been sorting information into groups in preparation for using search engines.

Question? Can you find some natural and man-made materials around your home?

Year 2

Year 2 have had a brilliant first week back! They have been writing their own books and yesterday, the children shared these with 4HB in our 'Forest of Books'. The children put so much effort into their own books and it was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and creativity. The children had a fantastic day for World Book Day and they all looked fantastic in their costumes.

In R.E, we have been thinking about our Lenten promises and how we can be closer to God this liturgical season. We have also illustrated our own ideas of how Heaven and Earth are full of God's glory.

In Maths, we have started our new unit - Money. The children have been counting coins and working out the value in pence.

Question: What Lenten promise have you made?

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Year 3

It has been a very busy first week back after our mid term break. We have had a fantastic time during our World Book Week. We have created our own books and designed front covers like real authors and illustrators. It was amazing to see us all dressed in our character costumes!

In English we have begun our new book which is 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. We are so far upto chapter 4 and have found the book to be exciting and funny. We have made predictions and answered questions.

In math we have started our fraction unit. We have worked on numerators and denominators this week and the children have been very successful.

In guided reading we have read extracts from 3 well-known texts and the children have been fantastic at responding to the different questions posed.

In RE we have started our new unit on listening and sharing. We have responded to scripture and also explored the importance of meeting for a Sunday Mass Service.

Question- Which room in the house did George get most of his ingredients from?

Year 4

On our first week back after the holidays, Year Four have working hard and having lots of fun. This week, we celebrated World Book Day. In the run up to the day, we were busy creating our own books. The children loved having complete creative license over their story and they had lots of great ideas! Once they had written it, they then got to work putting their book together, drawing illustrations and designing a front cover. On Thursday, we went into the forest and the children shared their books with the Year Two children. We also loved getting to see and hear their books too! The outfits were great, the stories were fantastic and lots of memories were made.

Year Four have also carried out some science investigations this week. Mrs Bilic's class have set up an experiment to find out the importance of heat in the evaporation process while Miss Scaife's class made cup telephones to investigate how sound travels. The children loved working scientifically!

Question: What do you know about Lent?

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Year 5

The children have loved our literary-packed first week back. World Book Day has been so much fun with children evoking their creativity in all manner of ways. They adored planning and writing their own stories, which they transformed into an array of amazing books. They were able to take their stories to the forest to meet Year 1, where they read to each other - they were amazing with the young ones.

Furthermore, the children designed their own World Book Day tokens for a competition that could grant themselves, their peers and our school hundreds of pounds in book tokens.

In Maths, we have continued our multiplication and division unit, looking particularly at division with remainders and efficient division. It has been hard but the children have shown resilience to gain a vital understanding.

We have finished our Mission unit in RE. This has allowed the children to gain a strong knowledge of God's mission for His Son and all of us. The children have loved exploring charities and their missions relate to that of Jesus.

Question: How can you continue Jesus' mission?

Year 6

The children have worked incredibly hard this week and produced some fantastic work. We enjoyed celebrating World Book Day by sharing books with our special friends in Reception. We worked hard on writing books that would engage the younger children in school and that were personal to our special friends. We loved hearing the class book the Reception children had written; it was wonderful to see their beautiful handwriting and drawing!

In Maths this week we have focused on the relationship between fractions and decimals. We have been converting challenging fractions to decimals by using short division.

Wonder has taken us on a rollercoaster ride of emotions this week in our English lessons! We have celebrated characters highlights and also experienced (and felt) their sadness through the loss of a pet. The children's responses to the characters journeys have been mature and reflective- well done!

Question: In Wonder we met Justin this week. Who is Justin and how has he impacted the Pullman family?

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THIS WEEK IN PICTURES



It's been another remarkable week!
Here are just a few photographs to show some
of our World Book Day!

