



**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 10th March 2023**

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**A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...** I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well.

**Sporting News** - we've had lots of success with some sporting events recently!

**Girls Football** - Last Friday, the girls football team travelled to Manchester City's training facilities to take part in their final competition. They did amazingly well to get through to the Semi-Finals but sadly missed out by a last minute goal. We are all so proud of them - well done girls!

**Boys Football** - Our Boys Football team were victorious against Manchester Road in a Cup game this week! Well done to all!

**Cheerleading** - Our amazing cheerleading squad took part in a competition this week against other Tameside Catholic Primary Schools. They were incredible and performed with such joy! Their routine is on our Facebook page if you'd like to have a look. They came third overall which is great achievement for their first competition! Well done to all!

**Year 4 Boys Football Team** - a group of Year 4s attended Manchester United's training facilities yesterday to take part in a football competition - they only went and won it!! A huge congratulations boys. They're through to the finals in June - best of luck!  
It's been a busy term of sports and lots more to come this year!

**Parent's Evening**

I hope you found Wednesday evening useful and you have a good understanding of how your child is progressing. If you did not manage to make the evening, please do contact your child's teacher via class dojo to make an appointment. We will be in touch next week with a rearranged date for Mrs Finn and Mrs Williams.

**NEU Strike Action** - The next strike action by the NEU is scheduled for Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. Year 3LH/CS will be closed on Wednesday 15th but will reopen on Thursday 16th. Year 1 will be closed both days. **All other classes will remain open.**

Have a wonderful weekend, Take care, **Mr Lavin, Headteacher**

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

**Compassion**



**Ambition**



**Rejoice**



**Excellence**



**Service**



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**Spring 2**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>15/03/23</b>	Year 3 retreat with Mary Farmer 3DM Year 6 Mrs Gibson Class Assembly - 9:05am School Hall
<b>16/03/23</b>	Year 6 and Special Friends Mass- 10am in Church Year 3 retreat with Mary Farmer 3LH/CS
<b>20/03/23</b>	Year 6 PSHE Workshops (Racism)
<b>21/03/23</b>	National Down Syndrome Day (Wear Odd Socks - £1.00 donation)
<b>23/03/23</b>	Year 2 and 5 Mass- 10am in Church
<b>29/03/23</b>	Year 5 Mr Winn's Class Assembly - 9:05am School Hall
<b>30/09/23</b>	Sacramental Programme- Reconciliation 6pm in Church
<b>31/03/23</b>	Easter Bonnet Parade EYFS/KS1 (9:15am outside on the playground) Decorate An Egg KS2
<b>05/04/23</b>	Year 4 Miss Scaife's Class Assembly - 9:05am School Hall SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR EASTER AT 1:30pm



## Hot Chocolate Friday Winners



Nursery	Cole & Michael S
RKF	Lin Xi
RNE	Deedee
Y1SH	James
Y1LB	Annie
Y2LS	Lydia
Y2AL	Jacob
Y3DM	Vanellope
Y3CSLH	Poppy
Y4DS	Jaime-Leigh
Y4HB	Darcy
Y5LW	Kiera
Y5DW	Reggie
Y6HG	Noah
Y6DF	Lucas

## Readers of the Week



Nursery	Harriet
RKF	Louie
RNE	Myla
Y1SH	Roman
Y1LB	Freddie
Y2LS	Hudson
Y2AL	Tegan
Y3DM	Lereya
Y3CSLH	Isla
Y4DS	Ted
Y4HB	Farren
Y5LW	Daisy
Y5DW	Vinnie
Y6HG	Ronan
Y6DF	Damian

## Handwriters of the week



Nursery	Evie N
RKF	Berrie-Mae
RNE	Evie-Rose
Y1SH	Pati
Y1LB	Henry
Y2LS	Samuel
Y2AL	Peyton
Y3DM	Noah R
Y3CSLH	Avaya
Y4DS	Olivia
Y4HB	Lucie
Y5LW	Poppy
Y5DW	Zach
Y6HG	Scarlett
Y6DF	Eve





## Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	James
RKF	Rose
RNE	Sayo
Y1SH	Harrison
Y1LB	Parker
Y2LS	Jensen
Y2AL	Alex
Y3DM	Bobby
Y3CS/LH	Joe
Y4DS	Jemima
Y4HB	Freddie
Y5LW	Toby D
Y5DW	Mabel
Y6HG	Leni
Y6DF	Layla

## Sports Superstars

Nursery	Maverick
RKF	Keziah
RNE	Hazel
Y1SH	Sophie
Y1LB	Kaiden
Y2LS	Eva
Y2AL	Jeremiah
Y3DM	Cleo
Y3CS/LH	Charlotte
Y4DS	Harrison H
Y4HB	Travis
Y5LW	Dolton
Y5DW	Desta
Y6HG	Anais
Y6DF	Noah HH

## 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





## Attendance

Whole School	91.6%
Nursery AM	100%
Nursery Full Day	100%
RKF	95.8%
RNE	86.1%
Y1SH	73.2%
Y1LB	76.4%
Y2LS	95.7%
Y2AL	91.2%
Y3DM	88.9%
Y3CSLH	86.6%
Y4DS	96.3%
Y4HB	95.3%
Y5LW	94.6%
Y5DW	90.4%
Y6HG	97.2%
Y6DF	95.8%



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 **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	42	6th: 2AL	9
2nd: NurFD	37	7th: RKF	5
3rd: 2LS	29	8th: RNE	4
4th: 1SH	17		
5th: NurAM	14		

### St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y4DS	32	5th: Y6DF	15
2nd: Y4HB	25	6th: Y3LH/cs	12
3rd: Y6HG	23	7th: Y5DW	7
4th: 5LW	18		
5th: Y3DM	15		

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## Religious Education

### Lent- Big Questions

These are the following topics and big questions that the children in each class will be exploring during Lent

**Nursery and Reception-** How and why do things grow?

**Year 1-** How and why do things change?

**Year 2-** How does each day offer opportunities for good?

**Year 3-** What makes some people give everything for other people?

**Year 4-** Is self- discipline important in life?

**Year 5-** Why do we need to make sacrifices?

**Year 6-** Can any good come out of loss and death?

Each class has also been assigned a Station of the Cross which they will be completing some artwork around over the upcoming weeks.

### Mass Times

Saturday Vigil  
5.30pm  
Sunday  
10.30am

Our Parish Priest is  
Father B. Wilson.



### Prayer of the Week

#### A Children's Prayer for Lent

Lord, please show me what I should give up for  
Lent

And when I've given it up

Remind me to pray to You instead

To thank You

To love You

To hear from You

Each and every day in Lent

Amen

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## Nursery

We have had a lovely week this week. We started our new book Jasper's Beanstalk. We are learning about planting seeds, and what they need to grow. On Wednesday a beanstalk appeared in our classroom!

We are learning about the number 5 this week in maths. We have been looking at recognising and counting to 5 this week.

In RE we are continuing to think about why we gather together in church and why Jesus is an important leader. We have been learning the hymn "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands."

We enjoyed going out in the snow - we had some toast and hot chocolate to warm us up.

*Question: Can you find the number 5 out and about this weekend*

## Reception

What a lovely week we have had in Reception. We have started our new text "Bloom." This is all about kindness and love. We have sequenced the story and written about how different characters feel. In maths we have been thinking about measuring length and time. We have been finding out what we can do in 1 minute!

We had planned to complete springtime activities and go on Springtime walks in our forest area, but due to the snowy weather, this was unable to happen!!

We had fun in the snow though!

In RE we are continuing to think about why we gather together in church and why Jesus is an important leader. We have been learning the hymn "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands."

*Question: Can you set and complete 1 minute challenges at home?  
What did you achieve in that time?*



## Year 1

Another fantastic week in year 1 has flown by with lots of great learning. Thank you to all those who were able to attend parents evening. We really enjoyed discussing your child's progress and sharing their wonderful work with you. We appreciate all of your incredible support throughout the year so far. In English, we introduced our new book 'How to look after your Dinosaur.' Children generated and wrote questions for the dinosaur's owner. We also identified adjectives from the story and wrote sentences containing imperative verbs. In Maths, we have started looking at numbers to 50, counting forwards and backwards from any number and identifying tens and ones. In Science this week, we looked at different materials and sorted them based on whether they were opaque, transparent or translucent. In Geography, we introduced our topic on the UK, identifying and labelling the countries of the United Kingdom on a map. In R.E. we recognised the story of 'The Last Supper' by creating pop-up artwork. Children then retold the story and reflected on why it was such a special meal for Jesus. In Computing, children counted groups of objects with the same label and understood that computers require input from humans to perform tasks. This week, we also attended mass with years 3 and 4. As always, the children were so respectful and it was lovely to worship with other year groups.

**Question:** Can you find any opaque, transparent, and translucent objects?

## Year 2

Another great week has been had on Year 2 this week. We hope that you found Parents' Evening useful on Wednesday. It was lovely to share all the wonderful things the children have been doing and showing you the progress your child has been making.

This week in Maths, we have started our unit on Multiplication and Division. The children have been looking at equal and unequal groups as well as adding equal groups together.

In English, the children have been creating their own narratives. based on story 'Pretty'. We have had some creative ideas and we can't wait to finish them next to read them in their entirety.

In Religion, we have been considering our Lenten promises and also thinking about we can be thankful at home, in school and in our community.

**Question:** Who is the main character in your story? Can you describe them?

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## Year 3

This week in year 3 we have continued our story of George's Marvellous Medicine which the children are thoroughly enjoying. This week we have created character profiles for the 2 main characters as well as answering some comprehension based questions. We also sketched George in the style of Quentin Blake in our Art lesson.

In math we have moved on in our fraction unit. We have used fractions in relation to measures and also on number lines. The children are working extremely hard to understand and apply this knowledge.

In RE the children have begun their sacramental programme which they have really enjoyed. This week we have focused on thanksgiving and sins and mistakes.

In Science we have completed some assessments to check on our understanding of learning that we have covered earlier on in the school year.

Question - Is George a good character or bad based on what he has done to his Grandma?

## Year 4

This week was a very busy one in Year 4.

We started our new English unit, 'Macbeth,' with a 'whodunit' activity. The children enjoyed examining different types of evidence which gave them clues as to who has committed murder in the story. On Monday afternoon, we had a Forest Schools session which was also based on Macbeth. The children had to collect a range of items from nature which would represent ingredients that the witches might put into their potion. The children practised reciting a part of the play.

In Maths, we have begun to explore measuring length and distance. The children had to decide which units of measure would be most appropriate for different items. They also had to learn to convert metres to kilometres and vice versa.

In RE, we have used CAFOD resources to reflect on the meaning of Lent. We have written prayers and thought about what we can do to help others during the Lenten period. Our new History topic is the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. We discussed why the Anglo-Saxons came to Britain.

QUESTION: Which countries did the Anglo-Saxons come from?

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## Year 5

Another busy week in Year . Monday brought a visit from Laurus Rycroft. The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit. We were challenged to complete a mathematical problems that used our knowledge of number facts and deciphering code. The children loved the code breaking, creating their own code and asking if they knew their older siblings.

In maths we have transitioned to our new topic - fraction. The children have worked really hard over the course of their multiplication and division unit, overcoming many challenges but they have all made brilliant progress.

In English, we have continued our unit on Chak De! India. This week we have explored the use of apostrophes for both contraction and possession. The children have continued to enjoy the unit particularly using text messages as examples of apostrophes for contractions.

In Science, we have started our unit on Earth and Space. We have been exploring the Earth Moon and Sun. The student have loved discussing their knowledge on the moon.

**Question: What shape is the Earth?**

## Year 6

We began our week with a special visit from the Maths team at Laurus Rycroft this week. We completed a series of mathematical problems which involved us using and applying our knowledge of number facts. This was great fun and the children loved experiencing a secondary style Maths lesson!

In our Maths lessons this week we have been finding equivalent fraction, decimals and percentages. The children have been fantastic with this and showed a secure knowledge of multiplication and division.

We are approaching the end of Wonder and have spent time reflecting upon how the characters how grown throughout the year. The children have planned end of year reports for key characters which we are looking forward to completing next week.

In Geography, we shared our current knowledge of natural resources and made links to previous learning in Science regarding the environment.

**Question: What is the difference between a renewable energy resource and a non renewable energy resource?**

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## THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

It's been another remarkable week!  
Here are just a few photographs to  
share with you.



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