



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 March 2023

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

I hope you and your families are well!
Happy St Patrick's Day to all of our Irish Community here at St Stephen's.



It has been another jam packed week here at school!

Forest Schools

Our Forest School Sessions have continued and I am so pleased to see our children loving their outdoor learning! I saw some fantastic clay creations by our Year 5 children, which are proudly presented in the forest. Do feel free to have a wander over and see their great work.

Year 3 Retreats

Our Year 3 children took part in a special Religious Retreat here in school this week, as part of their preparations for Lent. Children responded beautifully and really impressed our visitor Mrs Farmer.

Year 6HG Class Assembly

Mrs Gibson's class led a fantastic assembly this week, celebrating everyone's differences. Well done to all children!

Next week:

Shakespeare week lands here at St Stephen's next week. Children will study some of the work of Shakespeare and children from Year 1 to Year 6 will take part in a drama workshop led by a production company. We are asking for a £1.00 donation via ParentPay if possible please, your support in providing these opportunities really helps us to give the best possible curriculum opportunities for our children. The week will end with a special celebration in our Year 1 garden, where children will have the opportunity to perform in front of each other. A really exciting event to look forward to!

Tuesday 21st March - It is World Down Syndrome Day on Tuesday - we will join schools across the country and wear odd socks - £1.00 donation to the foundation which can be given to your child's class teacher.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Take care, **Mr Lavin, Headteacher**

Our Values:
St Stephen's
CARES

Compassion



Ambition



Rejoice



Excellence



Service



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EYFS/ Key Stage One

I am thrilled to confirmed that our Annual Easter Bonnet Parade for Children in **Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** is back this year! We invite all children to create an Easter Bonnet at home and bring it in for a Parade on **Friday 31st March**. It is a wonderful event and has been supported so well in past years. Parents are invited to attend.



Plan 1 will be for parents from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to gather on the playground after drop off. Children will then parade their bonnets on the playground for all to see - if the weather is bad, we will go to plan 2. We will inform you the day before when we know more about the weather!

Plan 2 will be in the school hall at the following times to watch your child walk down the catwalk. Please only attend during your allocated time, we will clear the hall before the next set of parents are allowed to enter so please wait outside until a member of staff signals for your time to come in:

Nursery and Reception: 9:00-9:15 am

Year 1: 9:20 am - 9:30 am

Year 2: 9:35 am - 9:40 am

We will allow you to take individual photographs of your child but you will not be allowed to photograph or film the parade for Safeguarding reasons.

Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6)

For children in Key Stage 2, **Years 3 to 6**, we invite children to decorate an egg - we have had some incredible creations over the years and I cannot wait to see what comes in this year. We display the eggs in the school hall on the day for all classes to come and look at the creations.

****Please can we ask for donations of Easter Eggs to help us with the prizes for the Bonnet and decorated eggs - these can be sent in with your child or left at the office.**

THANK YOU!**



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Spring 2

Date	Event
20/03/23	Year 6 PSHE Workshops (Racism)
21/03/23	National Down Syndrome Day (Wear Odd Socks - £1.00 donation)
23/03/23	Year 2 and 5 Mass- 10am in Church
29/03/23	Year 5 Mr Winn's Class Assembly - 9:05am School Hall
30/09/23	Sacramental Programme- Reconciliation 6pm 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	Harper and Nancy
RKF	River
RNE	Jessica E
Y1SH	Sophie
Y1LB	Runo
Y2LS	Ruby
Y2AL	Noah
Y3DM	Elijah
Y3CSLH	Evianna
Y4DS	Audrey
Y4HB	Bobby
Y5LW	Alfie
Y5DW	Mabel
Y6HG	Ruby
Y6DF	Eve

Readers of the Week



Nursery	Jake
RKF	Declan
RNE	Arthur
Y1SH	Grace
Y1LB	Evelyn
Y2LS	Brooke
Y2AL	Emily
Y3DM	Noah R
Y3CSLH	Tallulah
Y4DS	Chen
Y4HB	Charlie
Y5LW	Rihanna
Y5DW	Tan
Y6HG	Jessica
Y6DF	Olivia

Handwriters of the week



Nursery	Sienna
RKF	Odin
RNE	Henry
Y1SH	Oscar
Y1LB	Parker
Y2LS	Eva
Y2AL	Ethan
Y3DM	Patrick
Y3CSLH	Charlie M
Y4DS	Evie
Y4HB	Leila
Y5LW	Yong
Y5DW	Reggie
Y6HG	Simona
Y6DF	Roman





Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	Michael N
RKF	Cornelia
RNE	Luke
Y1SH	Elijah
Y1LB	Kingsley
Y2LS	Alex
Y2AL	Ember
Y3DM	Dolly
Y3CS/LH	Lola
Y4DS	Scarlett
Y4HB	Lily-Mai
Y5LW	Divine
Y5DW	Kaitlyn
Y6HG	Fletcher
Y6DF	Orla

Sports Superstars

Nursery	Noah
RKF	Rose
RNE	Olenka
Y1SH	Niall
Y1LB	Deanah
Y2LS	Oscar
Y2AL	Bella
Y3DM	Elijah
Y3CS/LH	Charlie
Y4DS	Jaime Leigh
Y4HB	Tejiri
Y5LW	Isobella
Y5DW	Mason
Y6HG	Louie
Y6DF	Olivia

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	91.7%
Nursery AM	80%
Nursery Full Day	92.5%
RKF	87%
RNE	87.5%
Y1SH	91.7%
Y1LB	82.9%
Y2LS	99.1%
Y2AL	92.6%
Y3DM	96.3%
Y3CS/LH	82%
Y4DS	97.5%
Y4HB	95%
Y5LW	89.2%
Y5DW	89.7%
Y6HG	95.2%
Y6DF	90%



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	11
2nd: NurFD	38	7th: RKF	5
3rd: 2LS	32	8th: RNE	4
4th: 1SH	17		
5th: NurAM	14		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y4DS	35	5th: Y6DF	15
2nd: Y4HB	25	6th: Y3LH/cs	12
3rd: Y6HG	24	7th: Y5DW	7
4th: 5LW	18		
5th: Y3DM	17		



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

Dearest Lord, I hope to be
more observant of your grace.
May you look upon my soul
and may my sins erase.

May I know of sacrifice
and cherish all you bless
and act with courage to assist
others who have less.

Prepare my soul for joy to come,
and cleanse me of all sin.
I'll wear my faith and do my best
to nurture it within.

With a humble heart,
I hope to be
your faithful servant
for all to see.
Amen



Nursery

What another fabulous week we have had! We have continued to look at our story Jaspers Beanstalk. We have learnt a song, drawn pictures and painted our very own Beanstalks. In maths we have looked at the number 5 again and this week how it is made up in different ways.

On Tuesday as part of our RE unit about gathering, Father Wilson spoke to us about the importance of gathering and about Jesus and his 12 special friends.

Thank you for having us, Father Wilson.

We have been talking about the special people in our lives - especially mums and how they looked after us.

We also celebrated the feast of St Patrick.

Question: Can you show your adults how you represent the number 5?

Reception

Wow! What a busy week we have had in Reception! It has been so much fun. We have enjoyed building upon our knowledge of the numbers 9 and 10. We have been representing them, sorting them and making them. We know quick facts about the numbers so we can identify them on a ten frame.

In Literacy we have continued reading our class text "Bloom." We have created a display in our classroom that shows all the things the flower in the story needed to grow. We have all been working hard to label special parts of a flower too.

In RE we enjoyed our Special Friends Mass on Thursday, in addition to this we visited church on Tuesday as part of our RE unit about gathering. Father Wilson spoke to us about the importance of gathering and about Jesus and his 12 special friends. Thank you for having us, Father Wilson.

Question: Using the idea of 1 more and 1 less - can you describe the numbers 9 and 10?



Year 1

This week the children worked hard in English to produce a set of instructions for looking after an unusual pet. They based their writing on our core text-"How to look after your dinosaur ". It was great to see them using their learning from last week on verbs and adjectives.

In maths we are continuing to focus on place value to 50. We are learning to count in tens and recognise place value of 2 digit numbers to 10. In science we began our new topic on plants by drawing and labelling the main parts of a plant.

In geography we continue to learn about the United Kingdom and this week we concentrated on England. We learned that London was our capital city, and about some famous landmarks.

We had a fabulous Forest School session today where the children created the face of Puck from a Midsummer Night's Dream.. These lead us nicely into our work next week celebrating Shakespeare.

Question: Can you count forwards and backwards to fifty? Look for 2 digit numbers and discuss tens and ones.

Year 2

We've reached the end of another busy week of learning in Year 2! In English, we have completed our narrative in the style of 'Pretty' and the effort that the children have put into their work is fantastic. We have started to look at our new text, 'Pandora', and the children have made inferences based on pictures in the story. In Maths, we have been using arrays as a method to help us solve multiplication calculations, and we have started to look at grouping as a method for division. In R.E, we have finished our 'Thanksgiving' unit and next week, we will be starting our new topic about 'Opportunities' during Lent.

On Wednesday, the children participated in a Forest School session about The Tempest by William Shakespeare. They made their own wands and played games in role of characters in the play. The children had a fantastic time and it was a brilliant hook before we study the play in more detail next week during Shakespeare Week.

Question: What division fact can we learn from $3 \times 5 = 15$?



Year 5

This week, in Year 5, the children enjoyed a fantastic Forest School session with Mrs Artingstall. Linked to a Midsummer Night's Dream, the children rehearsed and performed a monologue from the character Puck. Following this, the children created clay masks of forest creatures directly on to the trees. The results are 'tree-mendous!'

In English, the children have planned and begun to write a newspaper article reporting on the final game of Chak De India. As part of our Fraction's unit in Maths, the children have calculated fractions of an amount, as well as identifying missing numbers in calculations.

In Science this week, the children looked at evidence both a flat and spherical Earth. They scrutinised the evidence and performed investigations into shadows on both flat and curved surfaces to prove the Earth is spherical.

Which piece of evidence to support a spherical Earth was the strongest and why?

Year 6

This week in Year 6, the children have been completing their Mock SATs. All of the children have worked incredibly hard and have demonstrated their learning to this point - well done, Year 6!

In English, we have worked our way towards the end of Wonder, with the children completing end of year reports for two of the characters from the book. The children used their knowledge of modal verbs and formal language to produce excellent pieces of writing.

In Maths, we have come to the end of our unit on fractions, decimals and percentages. The children have worked through one-step and multi-step percentage questions, demonstrating their ability to convert between the representations at the same time.

What happened to August during their residential trip?

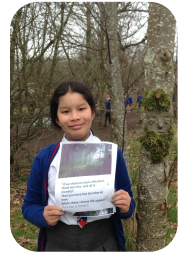
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THIS WEEK IN PICTURES



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



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