



**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 31st March 2023**

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## A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

I hope you are all well and have had a great week! Another busy week here at St Stephen's and a very successful one! Children have been taking their end of term assessments and I am so proud of their resilience! They are demonstrating great progress and I am proud everyone!

As we approach the Easter holidays (starting on Wednesday 4th April at 1:30pm) I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this term, including the overwhelming donations of Easter Eggs. It is so important to have strong relationships with our parents and for that I am very thankful. I would like to thank our amazing school staff who continually go above and beyond to provide the very best opportunities for our children. And a final thank you to our PTA who continue to come up with creative ways to raise extra funds for our children!

### Year 3 Reconciliation

Congratulations to our Year 3 children who last night received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is an important part of their Sacramental Journey and they are now preparing to receive their first Holy Communion later in the year. Well done children.

**Easter Bonnet Parade and Egg Competition** - Wow - what an incredible Easter event we had this morning. Children in our Early Years and Infants proudly showed off their amazing Easter Bonnets - we had some amazing creations! Thank you so much for the effort you put into them! In Key Stage Two, there were some equally amazing creations in their 'decorate an egg' competition! It certainly brought a smile to my face seeing me designed as an egg!! I am sure children thoroughly enjoyed creating them.

**Lenten Prayer Trail** - As we now move into Holy Week, children will reflect on the significant events that led up to Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday. All classes have been given a station of the cross to focus on and have created some amazing art work. These will be on display in the school hall on Tuesday 4th April 9am to 10:30am. Parents, grandparents and parishioners are all welcome to come and have a look, and take the opportunity for some prayerful reflection on what is an extremely important week in our faith.

A reminder that we break up for Easter on Wednesday 5th April at 1:30pm. As this will be the final newsletter, I wish you all a very Happy Easter. We look forward to welcome children back to school for the start of the Summer term on Monday 17th April.

Have a great weekend with your families.  
Take care, **Mr Lavin, Headteacher**

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

**Compassion**



**Ambition**



**Rejoice**



**Excellence**



**Service**



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## Spring 2

Date	Event
<b>05/04/23</b>	Year 4 Miss Scaife's Class Assembly - 9:05 am School Hall
	Holy Week Mass (Whole School) - 10:00 am in Church
	SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR EASTER AT 1:30pm

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**Summer One Dates - MORE DATES MAY BE ADDED SO KEEP CHECKING**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>17/04/23</b>	Return to school
<b>20/04/23</b>	Year 6 and Reception Class Mass - 10:00 am in Church
<b>26/04/23</b>	Year4HB Class Assembly - 9:05 am in the School Hall
<b>27/04/23</b>	Year 2 and Year 5 Class Mass - 10:00 am in Church
<b>01/05/23</b>	School closed BANK HOLIDAY
<b>03/05/23</b>	Year 3DM Class Assembly - 9:05 am in the School Hall
<b>04/05/23</b>	Year 1 and Year 3 Class Mass - 10:00 am in Church
<b>04/05/23</b>	Nursery CLOSED due to Polling Day
<b>05/05/23</b>	Whole School Celebration for King's Coronation
<b>08/05/23</b>	School closed BANK HOLIDAY
<b>09/05/23</b>	Year 6 SAT - Grammar, Punctuation Spelling
<b>10/05/23</b>	Year 6 SAT - Reading
<b>11/05/23</b>	Year 6 SAT - Maths 1 and 2
<b>12/05/23</b>	Year 6 SAT - Maths 3
<b>17/05/23</b>	Year 6 Robinwood Residential
<b>17/05/23</b>	Y3LH/CS Class Assembly 9:05 am in the School Hall
<b>18/05/23</b>	Year 3 and Year 5 Class Mass - 10:00 am in Church
<b>19/05/23</b>	Year 6 Return from Robinwood
<b>19/05/23</b>	Half term begins at 3:15 pm



## Hot Chocolate Friday Winners



Nursery	Betti-Rae / Sienna
RKF	Sienna
RNE	Nathaniel
YISH	Grace
YILB	Freddie
Y2LS	Pippa
Y2AL	Riley
Y3DM	Tarandeep
Y3CSLH	Layla B
Y4DS	Anabelle
Y4HB	Seth
Y5LW	Lacey
Y5DW	Hollie
Y6HG	Charlotte
Y6DF	Bonnie

## Readers of the Week



Nursery	Tommy
RKF	Felicity
RNE	Luke
YISH	Bruke
YILB	Bella
Y2LS	Thomas
Y2AL	Jacob
Y3DM	Cleo
Y3CSLH	Laicee
Y4DS	James
Y4HB	Declan
Y5LW	Jersey
Y5DW	Mabel
Y6HG	Lilia
Y6DF	Heidi

## Handwriters of the week



Nursery	Darcie
RKF	Odin
RNE	Thomas
YISH	Milliane
YILB	Arabella
Y2LS	Kacper
Y2AL	Roman
Y3DM	Joshua
Y3CSLH	Isaac
Y4DS	Scarlett
Y4HB	Finley
Y5LW	Callen
Y5DW	Leah
Y6HG	Alfie
Y6DF	Louis





## Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	William
RKF	Valentina
RNE	Gabriella-Rose
Y1SH	Pati
Y1LB	Lexie
Y2LS	Samuel
Y2AL	Poppy
Y3DM	Donaeo
Y3CS/LH	Yasmin
Y4DS	Lexi
Y4HB	Tejiri
Y5LW	Poppy
Y5DW	Teddy
Y6HG	Riley
Y6DF	Ruby

## Sports Superstars

Nursery	Noah
RKF	Declan
RNE	Gabriella-Rose
Y1SH	Harrison
Y1LB	Henry
Y2LS	Grace
Y2AL	Leila
Y3DM	Joshua
Y3CS/LH	Luca
Y4DS	Bobby
Y4HB	Macy
Y5LW	John-Paul
Y5DW	Tan
Y6HG	Charlie
Y6DF	Orla

## House Points

Blue  
8252



Red  
13, 275

Yellow  
8965



Green  
9118

### Totals So Far!

Blue 120, 051  
 Green 113, 803  
 Red 106, 955  
 Yellow 136, 252



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## Attendance

Whole School	93.4%
Nursery AM	97.5%
Nursery Full Day	95%
RKF	92.2%
RNE	83.7%
Y1SH	97%
Y1LB	91.9%
Y2LS	98.3%
Y2AL	85.7%
Y3DM	92.9%
Y3CS/LH	96%
Y4DS	97.5%
Y4HB	92.8%
Y5LW	93.8%
Y5DW	96%
Y6HG	98.8%
Y6DF	89%



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	41	7th: RKF	6
3rd: 2LS	37	8th: RNE	4
4th: 1SH	18		
5th: NurAM	16		

### St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y4DS	40	5th: Y6DF	15
2nd: Y6HG	27	5th: Y3LH/cs	15
3rd: Y4HB	25	6th: Y5DW	7
4th: 5LW	19		
5th: Y3DM	17		

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## Religious Education

### St Joseph's Penny Boxes

Thank you to all the families who have been collecting spare change for the St Joseph's Penny Boxes.

The generosity shown by our school community is overwhelming.

Please could we kindly ask that all boxes are returned to school by Wednesday 5th April so that the money can be counted and sent to Caritas.



### Lent- Stations of the Cross

As part of our RE work in school, all of the classes have produced a piece of artwork to represent one of the stations of the cross. We will then be displaying these in the school hall as part of a prayerful 'Lent Trail'.

We would like to invite parents, guardians and parishioners to participate in the Lenten Prayer Trail on

**Tuesday 4th April between  
9am-10.30am.**

Please enter via the school hall entrance.

### Mass Times

Saturday Vigil  
5.30pm  
Sunday  
10.30am

Our Parish Priest is  
Father B. Wilson.



### Prayer of the Week

This week the children on the Sacramental Programme received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Our prayer of the week reflects that God loves us and that he always forgives us,

Dear God,

Thank you for loving me and for forgiving me.  
Help us to love and forgive people in the same way that you show us.

Amen



## Nursery

What a busy week in Nursery! We have been learning all about the number 6. Counting to 6 and looking at how many different ways to make 6.

We read the storybook, *Six-Dinner Sid*. It is about a sleek black cat called Sid who manages to reside at six homes at the same time, receiving all the benefits, including six daily meals!!

We've also been down to the allotment planting onions and feeding the chickens. We even found some frog spawn.

Question: What are the ways to make six?

## Reception

A wonderful week in Reception. We have been reading a story called "Zeraffa Giraffa" about a giraffe who travelled from Africa to Paris. The children loved the beautiful illustrations and completed some lovely writing in response to the story. In maths we have been learning about 3D shapes and their names. What names can you remember? In RE we have been focusing on The Easter Story and how we prepare during this time of year. We are looking forward to the final 3 days of the Spring term.

Question: How are 3D shapes different to 2D shapes?



## Year 1

Year 1 have had a busy week completing their spring assessments. We are very pleased with all their hard work and the great progress they have made in their Phonics.

The children have also been working on writing a narrative based on the story of Zeraffa Giraffa by Dianne Hofmeyr. The children have linked their stories to our Geography work and taken her on a journey around England.

The children thoroughly enjoyed a Now Press Play session that consolidated their geography learning about the UK. They had to travel by helicopter to all four nations and gather clues to rescue King Charles from the cellar!

In RE the children have been very creative in preparing a station of the cross for us to share in our whole school "Way of the Cross" reflections next week. In RSE this week we focussed on describing and expressing our emotions.

In computing we will continue to practise the skills of dragging and dropping using a trackpad.

The children looked wonderful in their Easter Bonnets - thank you for your continued support.  
Question: Can you name the four national flowers?

## Year 2

Year 2 have been completing their assessments this week and we are so proud of the children's perseverance and resilience.

In English, we have finished reading our book, 'Pandora', and the children have produced some beautiful pieces of writing this week! They wrote a persuasive letter begging the bird to come back and they wrote detailed setting descriptions explaining how the bird changed Pandora's world.

In Maths, we have been dividing by 2 and solving problems involving this concept.

In R.E, we have been explaining the significance of different signs and symbols during Lent. The children have also produced their artwork for the Stations of the Cross and they have been extremely reflective while doing this.

We ended the week with a fantastic celebration sharing our egg-cellent Easter Bonnets!

**Question: Name some different signs and symbols of Lent.**



## Year 3

This week has been assessment week in year 3 and the results have been very good. It is so nice to see that the hard work is being reflected in the scores of the children.

In English this week the children have used the book 'Zeraffa Giraffa' as a stimulus for their learning. Each class in the school has used the book to create their own version of the story. The conversations and ideas in Year 3 were brilliant and the stories that have been created are excellent!

In math, alongside our assessments/testing, we have continued to focus on mass. We have added and subtracted mass as well as reading scales to solve problems.

In RE we have completed our reconciliation part of the sacramental programme ready to begin our communion preparation after the break. In our RE lessons we have also worked on bible stories such as 'The Garden of Gethsemane' and the parable of 'The Prodigal Son'.

Question- How many KG is 3000g?

## Year 4

Year Four have worked really hard this week, completing a number of assessments and producing some lovely work about Lent.

As we approach Holy Week, the children have been reflecting on their Lenten promises and learning about Palm Sunday. We read the story, studied the scripture and considered the meaning behind the symbols of Palm Sunday. 4DS have also been preparing for their assembly next week in which they will focus on the Easter story.

In English, the whole school have been using the book 'Zeraffa Giraffa' to inspire their writing. The book is based on the true events of a journey to transport a giraffe from South Sudan to Paris. Year Four researched some of the places that the giraffe could have travelled through and wrote their own story about the things they saw and the experiences they had.

Question: What are the symbols of Palm Sunday?

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## Year 5

Year 5 deserve a lot of praise for all their hard work and determination this week. In maths, we have completed 3 assessments which have evidenced the amazing determination and progress across the last term.

Like much of the school, we have explored the book 'Zeraffa Giraffa' in English and have written imaginative and engaging pieces that recount the journey of an animal from Egypt to Europe.

Each class have used their artistic ability to create beautiful pieces that depict one of the stations of the cross. The children have really enjoyed making their pieces and are looking forward to viewing every classes' during our prayer trail on Monday.

It was so amazing to see 5DW's class assembly, it was clear to see the hard work that they had put into it.

**Questions: Which landmarks did Zeraffa see on his journey to France?**

## Year 6

We've been working extremely hard in Year 6 this week!

We started the week by completing and publishing our double page spreads on Len Johnson. The children have been thoroughly engaged whilst learning about the life of Len Johnson and have been inspired by the work he did with regards to equality. We spent the later half of the week focusing on our whole school text, 'Zeraffa Giraffa'. We explored how animals were often given as gifts through history and discussed if we thought this was right.

In Maths, we completed our unit of work on ratio. We explored how we can use multiplication and division knowledge to help us to scale recipes up or down. We have started our new unit of work on algebra this week and the children are enthused and excited to learn more!

Our RE focus has been regarding the season of Lent. We have explored and discussed images often associated with Lent and make links between them.

**Question: What animals did Queen Elizabeth II receive during her reign?**

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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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