



**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 5th May 2023**

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## A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

I hope you have had a lovely week and enjoyed the bank holiday weekend - just in time for another one! A reminder that school is closed on Monday 8th May 2023 for the additional bank holiday for the King's Coronation. Today, children took part in a celebration day for the Coronation - lots of pictures are on our facebook page - children had a great time!

### Deputy Headteacher

On behalf of the school governors, I am delighted to share the news that Miss Dempsey has been appointed as St Stephen's Deputy Headteacher. I am sure you will join me in wishing her the very best for her new role.

### Crowning of Our Lady

This week we crowned our Our Lady. Children took part in a beautiful assembly and had the opportunity to place their flowers on the altar. Our Early Years children crowned the statue outside Church. Both were beautiful events and thank you very much for the flower donations.

### Summer Uniform

As we are now in the Summer Term, children are able to wear our summer uniform - white polo shirts/ blue checked summer dresses. This will be applicable until September, when we return to shirt and tie.

### SATs Assessments

Next week is an important week for our Year 6 children. They will complete their end of Key Stage 2 assessments (SATs). Children have been prepared so well by the Year 6 team. Please keep the children in your prayers. It is vital that all Year 6 children are in school by 8:40 am each day next week.

Our Year 2 children will also begin their SATs assessments next week - these are quite different to the Y6 ones. They are completed in much smaller groups and can be taken over the month of May.

Similar to Year 6, It is so important that children are in school on time, every day, so please do make us aware if children are going to be absent as soon as possible.

Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend!

**Mr Lavin, Headteacher**

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

**Compassion**



**Ambition**



**Rejoice**



**Excellence**



**Service**



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

| <b>Date</b>     | <b>Event</b>                                      |
|-----------------|---|
| <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                       |

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## Hot Chocolate Friday Winners



|         |                 |
|---------|-----------------|
| Nursery | Tommy & Harriet |
| RKF     | Poppy D         |
| RNE     | Mary            |
| YISH    | Elijah          |
| YILB    | Arabella        |
| Y2LS    | Eliza           |
| Y2AL    | Klayson         |
| Y3DM    | Cleo            |
| Y3CSLH  | Alisha Hamilton |
| Y4GB    | Harlow          |
| Y4HB    | Declan          |
| Y5LW    | Isobella        |
| Y5DW    | Amelia          |
| Y6HG    | Eddie           |
| Y6DF    | Jake            |

## Readers of the Week



|         |           |
|---------|-----------|
| Nursery | Ava       |
| RKF     | Octavia   |
| RNE     | Jessica E |
| YISH    | Thomas    |
| YILB    | Kingsley  |
| Y2LS    | Daley     |
| Y2AL    | Jeremiah  |
| Y3DM    | Isla      |
| Y3CSLH  | Estee     |
| Y4GB    | Lily      |
| Y4HB    | Orla      |
| Y5LW    | Jensen    |
| Y5DW    | Reggie    |
| Y6HG    | Alex      |
| Y6DF    | Roman     |

## Handwriters of the week



|         |          |
|---------|----------|
| Nursery | Michael  |
| RKF     | River    |
| RNE     | Aaliyah  |
| YISH    | Ava      |
| YILB    | Jake     |
| Y2LS    | Ruby     |
| Y2AL    | Poppy    |
| Y3DM    | Lotsie   |
| Y3CSLH  | Luca     |
| Y4GB    | Chen     |
| Y4HB    | Travis   |
| Y5LW    | Yong     |
| Y5DW    | Carter   |
| Y6HG    | Ollie    |
| Y6DF    | Beatrice |





## Mathematicians of the Week

|         |          |
|---------|----------|
| Nursery | Noah B   |
| RKF     | India    |
| RNE     | Henry    |
| Y1SH    | Milliane |
| Y1LB    | Bella    |
| Y2LS    | Millie   |
| Y2AL    | Hollie   |
| Y3DM    | Daniel   |
| Y3CS/LH | Layla W  |
| Y4GB    | Anabelle |
| Y4HB    | Eva      |
| Y5LW    | Harvey   |
| Y5DW    | Payton   |
| Y6HG    | Daisy    |
| Y6DF    | Ashley   |

## Sports Superstars

|         |           |
|---------|-----------|
| Nursery | Michael S |
| RKF     | Harper    |
| RNE     | Evie-Rose |
| Y1SH    | Gabrielle |
| Y1LB    | Jake      |
| Y2LS    | Brooke    |
| Y2AL    | Freya     |
| Y3DM    | Dolly-Rae |
| Y3CS/LH | Hamilton  |
| Y4GB    | Macy      |
| Y4HB    | Beau      |
| Y5LW    | Poppy     |
| Y5DW    | Payton    |
| Y6HG    | Charlie   |
| Y6DF    | Alfie     |

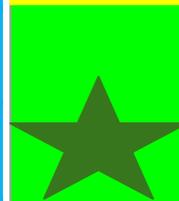
## House Points

Blue  
10,122



Red  
7427

Yellow  
5791



Green  
3567

### Totals So Far!

Blue 136, 117  
 Green 123, 888  
 Red 120, 760  
 Yellow 150, 708



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## Attendance

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Whole School     | 93.2% |
| Nursery AM       | 90%   |
| Nursery Full Day | 95%   |
| RKF              | 89.3% |
| RNE              | 93.6% |
| Y1SH             | 92.9% |
| Y1LB             | 95%   |
| Y2LS             | 96%   |
| Y2AL             | 93.8% |
| Y3DM             | 92.9% |
| Y3CSLH           | 88.1% |
| Y4GB             | 96.1% |
| Y4HB             | 90.1% |
| Y5LW             | 94.8% |
| Y5DW             | 94.8% |
| Y6HG             | 89.3% |
| Y6DF             | 93.2% |



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   | 47           | 6th: 2AL | 15           |
| 2nd: 2LS   | 45           | 7th: RKF | 9            |
| 3rd: NurFD | 43           | 8th: RNE | 5            |
| 4th: 1SH   | 18           |          |              |
| 5th: NurAM | 16           |          |              |

### St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

| Position     | Total Points | Position  | Total Points |
|--------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| 1st: Y4GB    | 46           | 5th: Y3DM | 17           |
| 2nd: Y6HG    | 31           | 6th: Y6DF | 16           |
| 3rd: Y4HB    | 25           | 7th: Y5DW | 10           |
| 4th: 5LW     | 21           |           |              |
| 4th: Y3LH/cs | 19           |           |              |

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## Religious Education

### May is the Month of Mary

This week we have a beautiful service in which we crowned Our Lady.

May is a special month dedicated to Mary, Our Mother and during this month we show our love to her.

In our assembly this week, we thought about how Mary said 'yes' to God with no hesitation. Mary trusted in God's plans for her and had a deep faith. We thought about how we could be like Mary and trust in the plans that God has for us.

During the month of May, why not honour Mary in your homes by planting flowers or creating a special prayer area. .

### Beautiful Work

After learning about how May is a special month for Mary, some of our amazing Reception children created an image of Mary in their outdoor provision using natural resources.

Beautiful work children!



### Mass Times

Saturday Vigil  
5.30pm  
Sunday  
10.30am

Our Parish Priest is  
Father B. Wilson.



### Prayer of the Week

*Hail Mary.*

FULL OF GRACE,  
THE LORD IS WITH THEE.  
BLESSED ART THOU  
AMONGST WOMEN  
AND BLESSED IS THE FRUIT  
OF THY WOMB, JESUS.  
HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD,  
PRAY FOR US SINNERS,  
NOW AND AT THE  
HOUR OF OUR DEATH.

*Amen.*

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## Nursery

We have had a short but very busy week!

We came in on Tuesday and our caterpillar's had gone in to their chrysalis

- We are not waiting patiently to see what had happened.

We crowned Mary this week in the Church gardens.

Maths we have been looking at positional language, where we put things things.

We had a lovely PE session with Mr Grantham and went down to the allotments.

We have learnt all about King Charles III and his special Coronation.  
We enjoyed celebrating

## Reception

We have had an amazing week this week continuing our learning about minibeasts. In Literacy, we have been writing life cycle facts about frogs and butterflies. Now that our real caterpillars have arrived, we can watch the process happen before our eyes! In maths we have continued to learn more about the numbers 11-20. We have been thinking about missing numbers and ordering numerals to 20, too.

We had a lovely service crowning Our Lady on Wednesday. We laid our flowers and spoke about why Mary is so special to us. We also really enjoyed our celebration day on Friday and learning all about King Charles III.

*Question: How many days will our caterpillars be inside their cocoons for?*



## Year 1

This week we have completed our narratives based on "Meerkat Mail". The children have worked hard to apply all their knowledge of sentence structure and punctuation. We are also working hard on our phonics in preparation for our screening check. In maths we completed our learning in measure with work on capacity and volume. We started our work on counting in 2's and 10's. We have been keeping our skills sharp with our daily fluency activities. In RE we have been discussing the difference between holidays and Holy days. On Thursday we took part in our whole school celebration when we crowned Mary. We are learning to sign the Hail Mary too. In geography we consolidated our knowledge of the United Kingdom by label key information on a map. We finished our week celebrating and commemorating the coronation of King Charles III. We spent time learning about King Charles' life and what type of King he may be and we buried time capsules in our Year 1 garden and completed activities based around the story of "The King's Pants" by Nicholas Allan.

Question: Can you count in 2's to 50?

## Year 2

This week has been another great week in Year 2.

The children have been working extremely hard in all our subjects and we are proud of their resilience and work ethic.

In Maths this week, we have concluded our Multiplication and Division unit. We have now started to study fractions and have been looking carefully at parts and wholes. We have also started a unit about Mass and Capacity. Here the children have studied grams and read scales with intervals of 2, 5 and 10.

In English we have been continuing to study Mr Bunny's chocolate factory. The children have been identifying and writing exclamatory sentences. They have also adopted the role of Mr Bunny and written some emotive speeches to try and persuade the chickens to return to his chocolate factory.

On Thursday, the children took part in the crowning of Our Lady. They children presented their flowers to our statue during the service and showed great respect.

They created a prayerful atmosphere.

Finally, we completed our week by celebrating King Charles III's coronation. We took part in activities about his life and created our own artwork.

Question: How do we write and exclamatory sentence?



## Year 3

This week in Year 3 we have started our new focus text in English which is called 'Escape from Pompeii.' We have read through the book and analysed what life must have been like living in this period of time and in that city.

In maths our new focus for learning is 'money'. We have looked this week at converting between pounds and pence, solving problems involving money and also linking money to real life scenarios.

In History this week we have focused on a 'Royal Week' where we have researched the life of King Charles III and created biographies.

In Geography we have compared the Amazon Rainforest to our home city of Manchester, focusing on themes such as climate, population and size.

**Question- What happened to the city of Pompeii?**

## Year 4

Year 4 had a fantastic week! On Wednesday afternoon, Mrs Bilic's class enjoyed a trip to Droylsden library. The librarian talked to the class about how the library works and how the books are arranged. The children were given time to browse the shelves and those who had their own library cards chose a book to take home. On Thursday, both classes had a Forest School session. The children were put into groups and had to build their own dens. It was great to see the children working as part of a team to build the best den. Afterwards, there was a quiz on the kings and queens of England, followed by a game on the field.

The children are becoming confident at working with fractions. This week they have practised finding equivalent fractions. They also did a practice multiplication test which they all did well in. In English, we began to look at model texts which will help them to write their own non-chronological report next week.

On Friday we marked The Coronation of King Charles by looking at his life: his childhood years, his interest in environmental issues and the coronation event itself.

**Question:** How many fifths are there in 3 wholes?

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## Year 5

**It has been a short, yet busy, week in Year 5. The week culminated in a wonderful celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III. This included writing a biography of King Charles III, designing and painting a Coronation portrait, asking and answering questions about the role of a Monarch and exploring the Coronation ceremony. The children had a fantastic day and enjoyed greatly our afternoon tea.**

**In Maths this week, we concluded our unit of work on decimals and percentages with ordering and comparing decimals up to 3 decimal places and rounding decimals to the nearest whole number, tenth and hundredth.**

**As part of our work on Tudors, we analysed the reasons for the Reformation and categorised them as political, religious or economical. Armed with this information, we produced a persuasive argument in role as King Henry VIII, outlining the reasons for a break from Rome. Next week, we will produce a double-page spread showing the effects of the Reformation and Dissolution of the Monasteries on Tudor society, as well as society today.**

**Can you give three reasons why Henry VIII wanted to break from Rome?**

## Year 6

It has been an incredibly busy week in Year 6 this week as we have been preparing for the SATS exams next week. The children have put a great amount of effort into their learning and we can't wait for them to have the opportunity to showcase their English and Maths knowledge.

This week in Maths we have been looking at statistics with a focus on pie charts. The children have had to apply their knowledge of fractions and percentages to help them read, interpret and draw pie charts. In the afternoons we have enjoyed playing kahoot quizzes and marking completed SATS papers as revision.

In English, we have been playing a variety of games to help us revise and grammatical terms.

The children have particularly enjoyed being active in their English lessons. Our guided reading texts this week both had a science focus. Our first text was a short biography of Charles Darwin which linked perfectly with our Science unit: Evolution and Inheritance. The second text was about the human digestive system and we learnt how our body digests food and absorbs nutrients.

This week saw an end to our morning booster sessions. Please may we take this opportunity to say a huge well done to the children who committed to attending sessions to progress their learning.

Over the bank holiday weekend, we ask that your child gets plenty of rest and enjoys the celebrations taking place. If your child would like to complete any revision, we suggest that they do a small amount on Freckle however, we would love for the children to relax and enjoy time with families and friends.

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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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