



Friday 17th November 2023

Be Ready. Be Respectful. Be Safe

A Message from Mr Lavin...

Happy Friday! I hope this week has been a great one!

We've celebrated Anti-Bullying Week this week and children have taken part in a variety of activities around the theme, 'Make a noise about bullying!'

Myself and Mrs Gibson have spent the week visiting English lessons too and we have been really impressed by the standard of work going on around the school - keep it up children!

Class Assembly - Thank you for Mrs Herbert's class for a wonderful class assembly on Wednesday, and thank you for those able to attend. Next week is the turn of Mrs Bilic's class (Y3HB) 9:05am, Wednesday morning in the hall.

Uniform - We have noticed a dip in school uniform recently so I would like to share a few polite reminders:

- Hair below shoulder length must be tied back
- As we are in Autumn, school shirts and ties are to be worn for Y1 to 6. School ties are part of the school uniform - these can be purchased via the school office.
- Nail Polish/Make up is not permitted.
- Bracelets, rings, hoop earrings should not be worn.
- A watch can be worn but this should not be a smart watch.
- Footwear - should be black shoes.
- As the weather is changing, please ensure your child comes into school with a waterproof coat - they can also bring in a pair of spare trainers to change into for lunch and playtimes if they wish.
- PE kits should be royal blue polo shirt, navy pants if you have not purchased the school branded kit.

Christmas Fair - Thank you for supporting the Christmas Fair by sending in bottles for the Tombola - it really is appreciated!

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CARES

Compassion



Ambition



Rejoice



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A Message from MR LAVIN Continued...

Mr Grantham Sports News - Successful week of sport and achievement which we are continuing to strive. I couldn't be happier with our school athletes.

Tuesday 14th November saw our girls team enter Tameside Catholic School Sport Association Indoor football competition. The girls played their socks off and did not concede a goal through the whole tournament, but unfortunately struggled in the scoring department and ended up with a lot of 0-0 draws. The girls finished second bringing home the silver medal. A big well done girls!

Thursday 16th November saw our Yr 5 Boys travel to United to play in their Power Play tournament. The Power Play is where music played and if any team scores within the music, goals would count as two. The boys showed a great attitude and played some outstanding football! This enabled us to cruise to victory having not lost a game in the tournament. The boys are now through to the Finals June at the United's 1st Team Training ground.

****Reception Places 2024/25****

Come and join St Stephen's in September 2024. Applications for Reception places can be made through the Local Authority via:

<https://www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions/psa>

You have until 15th January 2024 to apply! Don't miss out on joining our fantastic school!

If you'd like to find out more about our school, please contact the school office to book in a tour with one of our Senior Leadership Team.

We will be holding an open evening on Monday 27th November 2023 3:30pm to 5:30pm - please pass this on to any of your friends!

Enjoy your weekend!

Mr Lavin, Headteacher

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**OPEN
EVENING**

Come and explore our Early Years

**Monday 27th November 2023
3:30pm to 5:30pm**

We would be delighted to welcome you and
your family to St Stephen's and show you
round our great school.

for more information

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Dates for YOUR calendar

Date	Event
22/11/23	Y3HB Class Assembly
24/11/23	Y6/Reception Mass @10am
26/11/23	PTA Christmas Fair
29/11/23	Y4SM Class Assembly
30/11/23	Nasal Flu
01/12/23	Y1, Y2, Y3 Mass @10am

Date	Event
08/12/23	Christmas Jumper Day £1.00 donation
08/12/23	Y4/Y5 Mass @10am
12/12/23	Nursery Nativity - School Hall at 9:30am
13/12/23	Reception Nativity - School Hall at 9:30am (RNE)
14/12/23	Reception Nativity - School Hall at 9:30am (RLS)
14/12/23	Year 1 Carol Concert - School Hall at 2:30pm
15/12/23	Year 2 Play - School Hall at 9:30am
15/12/23	Reception / Y6 Mass @10am
19/12/23	KS2 Carol Service 2pm in Church
20/12/23	Christmas Dinner Day
21/12/23	Christmas Party Day
22/12/23	Whole School Mass @10am
22/12/23	School closes @ 1:30pm
08/01/24	School Reopens

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Hot Chocolate Friday Winner



Nursery	Elliott & Darcy
RLS	Jaxon
RNE	Maverick
Y1SH	Evie-Rose
Y1LB	India
Y2LS	Panagiotis
Y2AL	James
Y3HB	Eva
Y3LH	Ethan
Y4DM	Amelia W
Y4SM	Frances
Y5LW	Ralph
Y5GB	Harlow
Y6HG	Freshta
Y6DF	Alfie B

Readers of the Week



Nursery	Alyssa
RLS	Raya
RNE	Chester
Y1SH	Ivy
Y1LB	Felicity
Y2LS	Evelyn
Y2AL	Esme
Y3HB	Bruce
Y3LH	Keane
Y4DM	Hannah
Y4SM	Saul
Y5LW	Sienna
Y5GB	Lily
Y6HG	Tan
Y6DF	Ethan

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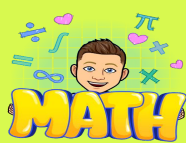




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NEWSLETTER

Maths Star



Nursery	Isobel
RLS	James
RNE	Levi
Y1SH	Gabriella-Rose
Y1LB	Ylan
Y2LS	Anastazja
Y2AL	Pati
Y3HB	Pippa
Y3LH	Emmanuella
Y4DM	Oscar
Y4SM	Isaac
Y5LW	Charlie
Y5GB	Chen
Y6HG	Benjamin
Y6DF	Callen

Writing Star



Nursery	Flora
RLS	Noah T
RNE	Harper
Y1SH	Henry
Y1LB	Abigail
Y2LS	Runo
Y2AL	Isabelle
Y3HB	Elvis
Y3LH	Freya
Y4DM	Dolly
Y4SM	Joseph
Y5LW	Matilda
Y5GB	Deborah
Y6HG	Payton
Y6DF	Lacey

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Sports Star



Nursery	Eddison
RLS	Jaxon
RNE	Michael
Y1SH	Bailey
Y1LB	Ylan
Y2LS	Deanah
Y2AL	Isabelle
Y3HB	Oscar
Y3LH	Charlie
Y4DM	George
Y4SM	Hamilton
Y5LW	Charlie
Y5GB	LLeyton
Y6HG	Leah
Y6DF	India

Class Dojo Points



Nursery	138
RLS	539
RNE	274
Y1SH	559
Y1LB	427
Y2LS	208
Y2AL	439
Y3HB	429
Y3LH	607
Y4DM	1088
Y4SM	145
Y5LW	1239
Y5GB	1113
Y6HG	425
Y6DF	594

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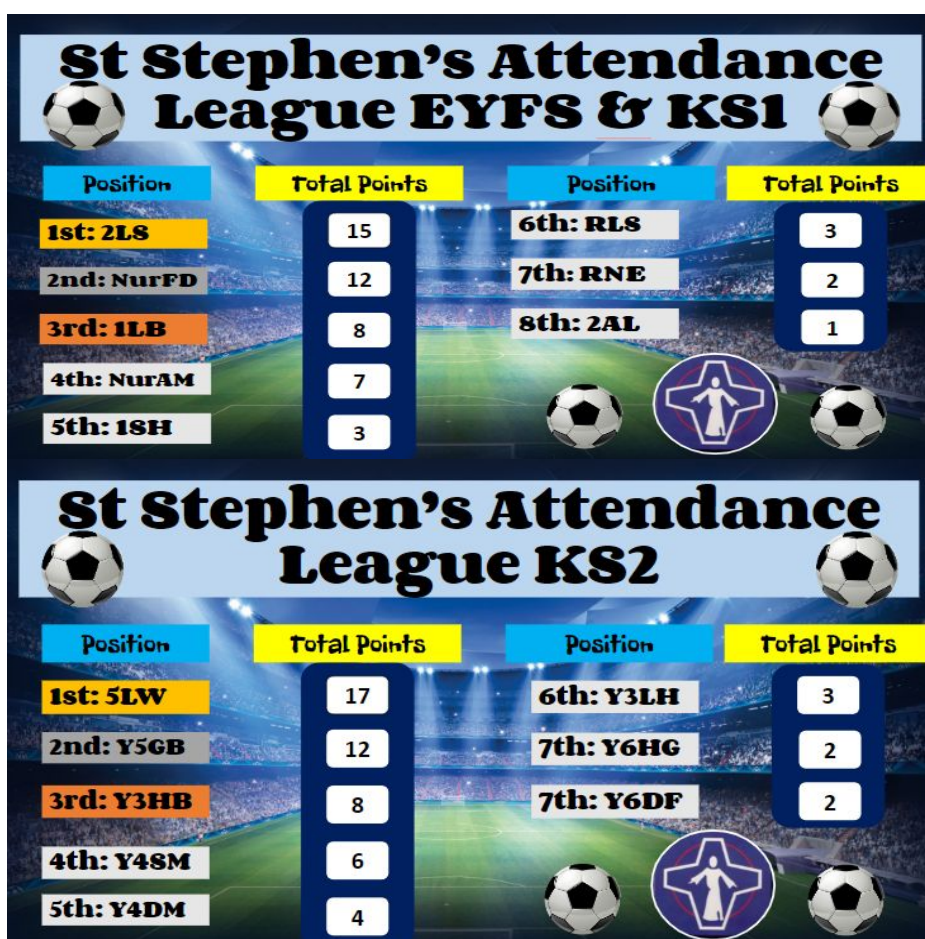




Attendance

Whole School: 94.7%

Nursery AM	96.4%	3HB	97.1%
Nursery Full Day	98.7%	3LH	91.7%
RLS	93.5%	4DM	95%
RNE	91.7%	4SM	94%
Y1SH	89.8%	5LW	98.3%
Y1LB	98.2%	5GB	95.3%
Y2LS	99.5%	6HG	92.6%
Y2AL	93.2%	6DF	93.3%





Religious Education

November

A Month of Remembrance

The month of November is traditionally a time in which the Catholic community remembers those who have died.

In this month, we remember all those who have died and have entered Heaven.

During Liturgies and Prayer time in class, the children will be praying for their family and members who have joined God for everlasting life in Heaven.

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon them.**

May they rest in peace.

Amen

CAFOD Workshops

We have welcomed CAFOD into school this week to begin our Catholic Social Teaching workshops.

We are extremely grateful to CAFOD for providing our children with this experience.

This term, our KS2 children will have their workshops in class. Please ask your child about what they have learnt in class!

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Mass Times

Mass Times:
Saturday Vigil : 5.30pm
Sunday: 10.30am

Our Parish Priest is Father B. Wilson.

We keep Father Wilson in our prayers as he recovers from illness.

We welcome Father Callistus Orjika to St Stephen's as our assistant priest as Father Wilson recovers.

Class Masses will continue weekly on a Friday at 10am Mass.

Prayer of the Week

**Shelter your children and
protect us.**

**Guide us and keep us from
harm,**

**So we can build a world of
love and live our lives in
peace.**

Amen.

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Nursery

This week in literacy we have finished Owl Babies. The children really enjoyed learning about owls and we can't wait to invite the owls into school. They have learnt lots of new big words including Nocturnal and thought. In Maths we have been learning all about the number two and went on an outdoor hunt to find two of each object. This week in Forest School we had hot chocolate by the 'fire' in class. We also took part in anti-bullying week, talking about our trusted friends, kind hands and feet. We are looking forward to start our new book 'WOW said the owl.'

Question - "What does Nocturnal mean?"

Reception

We have had another great week this week! In Literacy, we started our new story "Room on the Broom" that links with our "Where is the magic?" topic.

We retold the story in our own words using character puppets, we have sequenced the story and we have thought about how the characters feel in the story using emojis! Next week we will retell using a story map and actions.

In maths, we have continued to think about the numbers 1, 2 and 3.

We have enjoyed making magic wands, making repeating patterns and making witch and wizard dens.

We are loving spending time in our new outdoor areas. We are learning so much about the natural world around us.

In RE we have made Baptism cards and shared our own Baptism experiences.

Question: How did the frog feel when he found the wand in the pond?



Year 1

Year 1 have had great fun with their "Supertato" work this week. They have innovated the story and allowed Evil Pea to create more chaos in the supermarket. They worked hard writing their version of events. In maths we continue to focus on addition and subtraction. We have been learning about fact families.

In RE we looked at the symbolism of the baptismal candle and how it represents the light of Christ in our lives.

We had a great Happy Mind session and the children remembered lots about their brains. In our Ten Ten session we thought about what the Kingdom of God means. As part of Anti-Bullying week we have also been thinking about who can help us when we need support when we need to speak up.

In Science we have been learning about the properties of rock. We discuss why some materials are better suited to make objects because of their properties.

Task: Ask your child to tell you their Supertato story , using first, next and after that sentence starters.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a very exciting week! In English, the children have still been enjoying The Disgusting Sandwich. On Monday, the children made their own disgusting sandwiches and they wrote instructions about how to make one. The children have been looking at the characters' emotions in more detail and they used hashtags to summarise events, which they had lots of fun with! They have started to learn about subordinating conjunctions before they apply them into their writing next week.

In Maths, the children have been looking at related facts and number bonds to 100.

They have completed their Science unit about humans and they have shared ways about how we can keep ourselves healthy.

Question: If we know $8+1 = 9$, then $80 + 10 =$



Year 3

Another very busy week in Year 3.

In English we finished reading 'Stone Age Boy' and wrote a diary entry from the boy's perspective. The children did a great job of using descriptive verbs and expanded noun phrases to paint a picture of life in Stone Age times.

In Maths we have gone onto subtracting one digit numbers from two and three digit numbers using base ten or a numberline.

The children enjoyed learning about animal skeletons in Science, comparing them to human skeletons.

In RE we have started a new unit called 'Promises.' We discussed the importance of keeping promises and how breaking a promise can harm a relationship.

Mrs Herbert's class did an amazing assembly on Wednesday, showcasing their writing and art work. We also enjoyed their thoughtful prayers for peace.

Question: $124 - 7 =$

Year 4

In Year 4 this week we have been very busy.

In English, we have started our new topic, 'Little People, Big Dreams: Amanda Gorman', by reading the text and looking at the different features of a biography and how powerful poetry can be. We ordered the events of Amanda Gorman's life into a timeline and we also learnt a brand new word: inauguration!

In RE, we have continued with our new topic of Confirmation, discussing how this is a very special sacrament after First Holy Communion, and why we choose a Saint's name when being confirmed.

In Science, we have been learning about changing states and the definitions of key vocabulary such as 'boiling', 'condensation', 'freezing', 'melting', and 'solidifying'.

We have started our new Geography topic all about rivers and their different features, learning all about river journeys.

We have also continued with My Happy Mind, re-introducing ourselves to the key parts of our brain and discussing when the hippocampus, amygdala and prefrontal cortex help us in our daily lives.



Year 5

Another busy week here in Year 5! This week, in English, we began by analysing the character of Mrs Evans in Room 13. We have been revisiting and refining our use of simple, compound and complex sentences; utilising the 'I SAW A WABUB' acronym to carefully select subordinating conjunctions to enhance and extend our writing. As we progress through the chapters of the story, the children are eager to understand and learn more about the plot and have enjoyed unpicking the features of writing which add suspense. Particularly, we have analysed the authors' use of speech and highlighted the impact this has on the reader. Keep it up!

Maths this week introduced the children to our new unit on 'Multiplication and Division' whereby we have developed our understanding of multiples and factors. The children have worked systematically to find the common factors and have organised these into venn diagrams. Next week we will begin to look at prime, square and cube numbers.

On Thursday, we took part in a CAFOD workshop to introduce the children to the Catholic Social Teaching principles. We worked in teams to analyse scenarios and decipher which of the principles they related to. We had some really interesting discussions and the children offered fantastic reasoning and explanations for their answers. We were very proud of the children's contributions and look forward to welcoming the CAFOD team back again soon.

Question: What are the rules for punctuating direct speech?

Year 6

This week in English, we have learnt about the purpose of semicolons and practised applying this understanding by creating, and writing, a missing poster for Sukie. We then read about Olive's evacuation journey and mapped out her emotions using emojis.

In Maths, we have been continuing to look at fractions. This has included solving problems where the denominators need to be changed first, as well as looking at how we can order fractions based on their numerators or denominators.

Our science lesson this week focused upon microorganisms. We learnt about what microorganisms are and how they can impact our daily lives as humans. We learn that microorganisms can be both useful and harmful.

In our 'My Happy Mind' session this week, we practised happy breathing and thought about how we could implement this in our lives outside of school.

Question: Name a type of fungi.