



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 24th November 2023

Be Ready. Be Respectful. Be Safe

## A Message from Mr Lavin...

I hope you have had a great week and are looking forward to the weekend! Just a reminder that this Sunday 26th November 11-3pm is the Christmas Fair. Please do come along!

**School Performance** - This week I received a letter from the Local Authority regarding our school performance. We have been placed in category 1, which is the top category and is great news! It indicates that we are in a strong position across a range of data, including the improvements in phonics. A huge well done to all staff who work so hard for our children.

**Mrs Bacigalupo** - Mrs B begins her maternity leave today. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the very best for when her new baby arrives. We welcome Miss Leishman to St Stephen's - she will be covering Mrs B's maternity leave.

**Year 3HB** - Thank you so much to Year 3HB for an incredible class assembly all about talents. As I said on Wednesday, it was like one big audition for St Stephen's Got Talent! Thank you for attending and supporting your child. It is always so lovely to be able to celebrate their learning with you. Next up is Mr Meleady's class on Wednesday 29th November at 9:05am in the School Hall.

**Year 5 Retreats** - Both Year 5 classes took part in a spiritual retreat where they focused on the theme of Friendship. Both classes showed great maturity and produced some lovely artwork.

**Football** - Well done to our Girl's Football team, who took place in a competition last night - they won one, drew one and lost one. They showed fantastic team spirit and represented our school greatly!

**EYFS Open Evening** - Just a reminder that on Monday 27th November 3:30-5:30pm our Early Years Team (Nursery and Reception) will be holding an open evening so you can have a look at what we have to offer. Please spread the word to your friends if they are looking for Nursery places or Reception places for next academic year. The Senior Leadership Team will also be around to answer any questions you may have. If you are unable to attend but will still like a tour, please contact the school office and we can arrange this. You have until 15th January 2024 to apply for Reception places and this is to be completed by clicking on the following link:

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

For Nursery places for 2024/25, contact the school office directly.

Have a wonderful weekend!

**Mr Lavin, Headteacher**

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

**Compassion**



**Ambition**



**Rejoice**



**Excellence**



**Service**



'It's the right thing to do...'

# ST STEPHEN'S RC PRIMARY

A **World Class School** for children that  
want to make the world a better place as  
God intended.



**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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
26/11/23	PTA Christmas Fair 11-3PM
29/11/23	Y4SM Class Assembly
30/11/23	Nasal Flu
01/12/23	Y1, Y2, Y3 Mass @10am

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
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



<b>Nursery</b>	Alyssa & Lily-Mae
<b>RLS</b>	Ivy
<b>RNE</b>	William
<b>Y1SH</b>	Sofia
<b>Y1LB</b>	Louie
<b>Y2LS</b>	Felix
<b>Y2AL</b>	Milliane
<b>Y3HB</b>	Ruby
<b>Y3LH</b>	Poppy
<b>Y4DM</b>	Mila
<b>Y4SM</b>	Evianna
<b>Y5LW</b>	Orla
<b>Y5GB</b>	Aoife
<b>Y6HG</b>	Leah
<b>Y6DF</b>	Dexter

## Readers of the Week



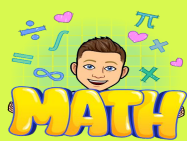
<b>Nursery</b>	Chester
<b>RLS</b>	Leighlah
<b>RNE</b>	Kayson
<b>Y1SH</b>	Hazel
<b>Y1LB</b>	Valentina
<b>Y2LS</b>	Henry
<b>Y2AL</b>	Ava
<b>Y3HB</b>	Adam
<b>Y3LH</b>	Bella
<b>Y4DM</b>	Hanna
<b>Y4SM</b>	Yannis
<b>Y5LW</b>	Lily-Mai
<b>Y5GB</b>	Sara
<b>Y6HG</b>	Ava
<b>Y6DF</b>	Toby HH

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## Maths Star



<b>Nursery</b>	Adrian
<b>RLS</b>	Michael
<b>RNE</b>	Michael S
<b>Y1SH</b>	Denis
<b>Y1LB</b>	Harper
<b>Y2LS</b>	Lexie
<b>Y2AL</b>	Bruke
<b>Y3HB</b>	Olivia
<b>Y3LH</b>	Klayson
<b>Y4DM</b>	Isla
<b>Y4SM</b>	Layla B
<b>Y5LW</b>	Lacey
<b>Y5GB</b>	Ted
<b>Y6HG</b>	Mabel
<b>Y6DF</b>	Poppy

## Writing Star



<b>Nursery</b>	Annie
<b>RLS</b>	Jamil
<b>RNE</b>	Nancy
<b>Y1SH</b>	Luke
<b>Y1LB</b>	River
<b>Y2LS</b>	Myley-Dean
<b>Y2AL</b>	Esme
<b>Y3HB</b>	Ivy
<b>Y3LH</b>	Jacob
<b>Y4DM</b>	Noah V
<b>Y4SM</b>	Hamilton
<b>Y5LW</b>	Beau
<b>Y5GB</b>	Sam
<b>Y6HG</b>	Teddy
<b>Y6DF</b>	Olivia

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## Sports Star



<b>Nursery</b>	Darcy
<b>RLS</b>	Bobby
<b>RNE</b>	Nancy
<b>Y1SH</b>	Poppy
<b>Y1LB</b>	Ronnie
<b>Y2LS</b>	Lexi
<b>Y2AL</b>	Ava
<b>Y3HB</b>	Kacper
<b>Y3LH</b>	Payton
<b>Y4DM</b>	Charles
<b>Y4SM</b>	Saul
<b>Y5LW</b>	Layla
<b>Y5GB</b>	Abigail
<b>Y6HG</b>	Hannah
<b>Y6DF</b>	Louie

## Class Dojo Points



<b>Nursery</b>	181
<b>RLS</b>	539
<b>RNE</b>	325
<b>Y1SH</b>	840
<b>Y1LB</b>	538
<b>Y2LS</b>	370
<b>Y2AL</b>	572
<b>Y3HB</b>	484
<b>Y3LH</b>	634
<b>Y4DM</b>	1103
<b>Y4SM</b>	411
<b>Y5LW</b>	1372
<b>Y5GB</b>	1575
<b>Y6HG</b>	512
<b>Y6DF</b>	827

Winners!

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## Attendance

**Whole School: 92.4%**

<b>Nursery AM</b>	<b>96.3%</b>	<b>3HB</b>	<b>93.8%</b>
<b>Nursery Full Day</b>	<b>94.7%</b>	<b>3LH</b>	<b>91.7%</b>
<b>RLS</b>	<b>89.4%</b>	<b>4DM</b>	<b>92.1%</b>
<b>RNE</b>	<b>82.8%</b>	<b>4SM</b>	<b>95.8%</b>
<b>Y1SH</b>	<b>90.3%</b>	<b>5LW</b>	<b>97.5%</b>
<b>Y1LB</b>	<b>94.2%</b>	<b>5GB</b>	<b>96.1%</b>
<b>Y2LS</b>	<b>93.5%</b>	<b>6HG</b>	<b>89.1%</b>
<b>Y2AL</b>	<b>89.1%</b>	<b>6DF</b>	<b>93.8%</b>

## St Stephen's Attendance League EYFS & KS1

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
<b>1st: 2LS</b>	15	<b>6th: RLS</b>	3
<b>2nd: NurFD</b>	14	<b>7th: RNE</b>	2
<b>3rd: NurAM</b>	10	<b>8th: 2AL</b>	1
<b>4th: 1LB</b>	9		
<b>5th: 1SH</b>	3		

## St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
<b>1st: 5LW</b>	20	<b>6th: Y3LH</b>	3
<b>2nd: Y5GB</b>	14	<b>7th: Y6HG</b>	2
<b>3rd: Y3HB</b>	8	<b>7th: Y6DF</b>	2
<b>4th: Y4SM</b>	7		
<b>5th: Y4DM</b>	4		



## 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**

### Ten Ten Meeting

Ten Ten is our PSHE and RSHE scheme in school.

Mrs Gibson is holding a zoom meeting on Monday 27th November at 9.10am. This is aimed at new Nursery and Reception parents however, anyone can attend if they would like a refresher.

An email will be sent today with the link to the meeting.

All information will be sent via email to all families on Monday evening.

### 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

Dear Jesus, receive me also on this day and hear my morning prayer.

Bless my parents, teachers, and all those who love and care for me.

Bless me, also, and protect me from danger and evil.

Give me strength to be truthful, honest, kind, and helpful to others.

Amen



## Nursery

This week we have had lots more owl fun. We started our new book, 'WOW!' said the Owl. The children have made lots of amazing owls in the playdough, fed the owls acorns and matched the water to the colours in the story. They have begun doing lots of junk modelling. They have continued to learn about the number 2 and particularly counting objects. We took part in forest school where the children walked to the allotment and planted broad beans. The children then found sticks in the forest which they went for a ride on their 'unicorns, motorbikes, brooms and horses'.

Question - What colours did the owl see?

## Reception

Another amazing week in Reception! Our nativity rehearsals are well underway and the children are doing so well! Keep practising those songs and actions (and your lines if you have a speaking part!)

In maths we have been thinking about what makes 4 and 5. We have been practising our subitising skills and showing different amounts on our fingers. In Literacy, we have continued with "Room on the Broom." We can now retell the story using a map and actions. We are excited to innovate our story next week.

In RE we have furthered our knowledge on Baptism. We are preparing for our own Baptism service in the next week.

Well done, Reception. You are working so hard!

Question: How many ways can you make 5?



## Year 1

This week in English, children have invented their own stories based on 'Supertato'. We used different characters and wrote the story opening, middle and end. In maths, we focused on subtraction using counters and subtraction on a number line. Children are applying their knowledge of addition and subtraction to their weekly mental maths activity. In science this week, children sorted objects based on their materials. In R.E, we recapped what happens during the Baptism sacrament and how we become part of the Church family. During our 'My Happy Mind' session, we talked about what happens to our brain when we feel sad or happy. We then practiced colourful breathing. Children have worked hard on their rainbow challenges this week and really enjoyed making their very own Supertato.

**Question: How does colourful breathing make you feel?**

## Year 2

We have enjoyed another week in year 2 this week.

In English we have completed our study of the book, 'The Disgusting Sandwich'. We have looked closely at the story from the badger's perspective and written some amazing diary entries.

In Maths we have continued to work on our addition and subtraction skills. This week, we have worked hard to use an efficient method to add two numbers together. We have been adding to the nearest 10 to help us.

In Religion, we have started to consider signs and symbols that we see in our everyday lives in order to introduce our new topic..

Finally, on Friday, we went into the forest and collected our own natural resources to create outdoor artwork.

**Question: How did the badger feel at the end of the story?**



## Year 3

We have had a really exciting week in Year 3.

On Wednesday, it was 3HB's turn to do their assembly. The children read prayers, readings, poems as well as sections of their work. Some children showed off the hobbies they pursue outside of school. Mr Roast helped to guide the children in their singing and ukulele playing.

In RE we have begun to learn about the significance of Baptism, looking in detail at different parts of the service. We discussed how important promises are in this sacrament. In Maths we have begun to look at more formal methods of addition and subtraction, still using base ten to help the children understand.

On Thursday, both classes enjoyed a drama workshop which was based on the Stone Age. They explored how life evolved from people leading nomadic lives as hunter gatherers to then settling down on farms. All this was explored through freeze frames, mime and acting. It was a great way of finishing off our history unit.

**Question: Where did Stone Age people get the colour to paint in caves?**

## Year 4

It has been another very busy week in year 4.

This week in English we have looked at using a range of fronted adverbials in our writing. We have researched the life of Amanda Gorman and planned our biographies ready for our big writing on Monday.

In math we have been working on our times table and division facts, alongside practising our times table knowledge on TT-rockstars ready for our MTC test.

In Geography we have begun our new unit on rivers. We have researched some of the most historic and important rivers around the world and where these can be found on a world map. We have also looked at what countries these rivers pass through.

In Science we have looked at the temperatures needed to create freezing and boiling points. We conducted an experiment using hot water, cold water and thermometers. We recorded our results in the form of a line graph.

In RE we have researched the life of the inspiring Mr Sean Devereux and wrote poems about him.

**Question- at what temperature does water boil?**



## Year 5

This week, children in both classes had their RE Retreat with Mrs Farmer. We have looked at the importance of friendships, how to be a good friend and linked this to how Jesus was a good friend to others. We were so proud of the children for being very inquisitive and respectful throughout. Their fantastic contributions, as well as thoughtful ideas and discussions, allowed for the children to compose some lovely prayers which were shared during our collective worship.

In English, we have continued to unpick language features in 'Room 13' by Robert Swindells, analysing the effect these have on the reader. As we learn and understand more about the characters, we have taken on the role of Mr Hepworth, composing school reports for the children in the story, Fliss and Gary. The children have utilised and applied their pre-existing knowledge and understanding of formal language to recount their experiences on the trip to Whitby. Following this, we compared 'Room 13' to another suspense novel: 'Haunters'. Using this, the children developed an understanding of similes, metaphors and personification before describing a setting, using these features to add suspense to our writing.

Concluding our unit of 'Multiplication and Division' in Maths, the children have worked hard to understand prime, square and cube numbers. We have used arrays to support our understanding and been able to apply this to problem solving questions. Next week, we look forward to starting our new unit on 'Fractions'.

**Question: can you list the prime numbers from 1 to 20?**

## Year 6

We've had some amazing learning taking place in Year 6 this week. We've enjoyed welcoming Mr Lavin into our English lessons this week and sharing our writing. We wrote letters from the viewpoint of Olive about her initial evacuation experiences. The children applied their new understanding of semi colons to vary their sentence types.

In Maths, we have been working on adding and subtracting mixed numbers, as well as multiplying fractions by integers and other fractions. It has also been fantastic to see so many children attending the Maths booster sessions! In RE, we learnt about the Jewish celebration, 'Rosh Hashanah'. Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year celebration and we were fascinated to learn about the traditions and celebrations that mark the beginning of the new year.

We completed our history topic on World War 2 this week and the children showcased their learning through their check out task. All the Year 6 staff were extremely impressed with the level of detail that the children included in their writing.

**Question: How is Rosh Hashanah celebrated?**