



Friday 19th January 2024

Be Ready. Be Respectful. Be Safe

A Message from Mr Lavin...

I hope you are well and you have had a great week - albeit a cold one!! We've had a great week, full of great learning!

Year 6

Both Year 6 classes have taken part in a spiritual retreat looking at faithfulness. It was my pleasure to take part with Year 6DF yesterday. Children were so reflective and created some wonderful artwork.

Congratulations

A huge congratulations to Mrs B who welcomed a baby boy called William. Mr Fitch also welcomed twin girls last Thursday called Ophelia and Orlagh.

We are sending them both our best wishes and love and I am sure you will join me in congratulating them.

Football

Well done to our Boys' Football team who travelled to the former United training ground 'The Cliff' to take part in a football competition. They represented the school so well, and even though they did not win, they did themselves proud.

Assemblies

We are going back to our old way of delivering assemblies - Monday's will be our Gospel Assembly and on a Friday children will have a 'Good News' Assembly, where they will receive certificates, celebrate their birthdays and can bring in items / certificates they have been rewarded with outside of school. Hot Chocolate will be given to Stars of the Week on a Friday too (last weeks winners will have received it today too!)

Have a great 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 RCP Weekly Newsletter
'A world class school for children that want to make the world a better place as God intended.'

BE READY | BE RESPECTFUL | BE SAFE |

Dates for your calendar - Spring 1

Date	Event
22/01/24	World of Work Week
24/01/24	Y1JL Class Assembly 9:05am
26/01/24	Reception/ Y6 Mass @ 10am
31/01/24	Reception Classes Assembly 9:05am (Both together)
02/02/24	Y6 Safety Squad (in school)
02/02/24	Y4 / Y5 Mass @ 10am
06/02/24	Safer Internet Day
07/02/24	Y5GB Class Assembly 9:05am
09/02/24	Y1, Y2, Y3 Mass @ 10am

Date	Event
12/02/24	Children's Mental Health Week
14/02/24	Nursery Class Assembly 9:05am
14/02/24	Y5 Trip to Jodrell Bank
16/02/24	Reception/ Y6 Mass @ 10am
16/02/24	Water Safety Day
16/02/24	Half term begins 3:30pm

Please note two changes of dates from the previous newsletter.

Both Reception classes will join together to deliver an assembly on 31st January 2024 and Year 5GB will have a class assembly on 7th February 2024.

Be Ready. Be Respectful. Be Safe



Hot Chocolate Friday Winner



Nursery	Arthur & Chester
RLS	James
RNE	Chester
Y1SH	Bobby
Y1JL	Scarlett
Y2LS	Arabella
Y2AL	Grace
Y3HB	Willow
Y3LH	Bella
Y4LM	Leraya
Y4SM	Joe
Y5LW	Alexis
Y5GB	Lottie
Y6HG	Mabel
Y6DF	Callen

Readers of the Week



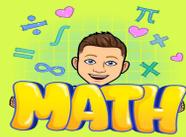
Nursery	Annie
RLS	Jaxon
RNE	William
Y1SH	Muzaffar
Y1JL	Finley
Y2LS	Myley-Dean
Y2AL	Isabelle
Y3HB	Kacper
Y3LH	Jeremiah
Y4LM	Lotsie-Lou
Y4SM	Jacob
Y5LW	Eva
Y5GB	Leyton
Y6HG	Zach
Y6DF	India

**1%
BETTER**





Maths Star



Nursery	Emily
RLS	Isabella W
RNE	Evie N
Y1SH	Nathaniel
Y1JL	Declan
Y2LS	Bella
Y2AL	Isla
Y3HB	Ivy
Y3LH	Roman
Y4LM	Amelia W
Y4SM	Isaac
Y5LW	Lucie
Y5GB	Evie
Y6HG	Kyrah
Y6DF	Daisy

Writing Star



Nursery	Wyatt
RLS	Raya
RNE	Sienna-Rose
Y1SH	Denis
Y1JL	Poppy
Y2LS	Parker
Y2AL	Bruke
Y3HB	Hudson
Y3LH	Rocco
Y4LM	Isla
Y4SM	Luca
Y5LW	Cory
Y5GB	Jamie-Leigh
Y6HG	Archer
Y6DF	Eddie T

1%
BETTER





Attendance

Whole School: 92.7%

Nursery AM	75%	3HB	98.8%
Nursery Full Day	93.1%	3LH	91.7%
RLS	83.1%	4LM	92.7%
RNE	86%	4SM	89.5%
Y1SH	90%	5LW	92.7%
Y1JL	92.7%	5GB	97.7%
Y2LS	94.6%	6HG	91.5%
Y2AL	91.9%	6DF	95.8%

St Stephen's Attendance League EYFS & KS1

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 2LS	29	5th: 2AL	4
2nd: NurFD	17	6th: RLS	3
3rd: 1JL	16	7th: RNE	2
4th: NurAM	11		
5th: 1SH	4		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 5LW	29	5th: Y3LH	4
2nd: Y5GB	25	5th: Y6DF	4
3rd: Y3HB	13	6th: Y6HG	2
4th: Y4SM	7		
5th: Y4DM	5		



Religious Education

Our Come and See Topics

Nursery and Reception: What and why do people celebrate?

Year 1: What makes a person special?

Year 2: Why do we need books?

Year 3: Is life a journey?

Year 4: What makes a community?

Year 5: Do we all have a mission in life?

Year 6: What is commitment in life?

All our Come and See topics are about our local community this term.
Why not research how you can help and support your local
community at home?

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

God of creation,
Thank you for the beauty of winter-
for snow, icy window panes,
evergreen trees, warm coats,
sledding, and hot chocolate.
Let us enjoy Your creation in all its
glory, this winter and always.

Amen





Nursery

Nursery have worked really hard this week. We have learnt about the number 3. In Literacy we have read the Naughty Bus. The children created sentences about the story, talked about emotions we can see and sequenced the story pictures.

We braved the cold for Forest school. We walked to the forest and emptied and spread bags of dried leaves to improve our forest floor. Caring for our forest promotes stewardship amongst the children. Afterwards we gathered some of the fallen apples from the ground and put them on the branches and on the fence. This provides food for birds such as Bluetits. This idea was taken from Autumn Watch BBC.

In My Happy Mind we have moved on to the Celebrate topic. We have been celebrating our strengths.

We have had a huge focus this week on encouraging all children to pick up a pen and get busy with it. We have taken part in some calm drawing and colouring activities with relaxing music on in the background. The children have produced some amazing pieces of work.

Question - Where does the naughty bus live?

Reception

Another great week in Reception, the week's are flying by. The children are thoroughly enjoying retelling our class text, "The Train Ride" using talk for writing. The children are really getting used to the core actions that are used in most stories as well as coming up with new actions that are special to specific stories. Well done, Reception!

In maths we have been thinking about "how many altogether" and "how many are hiding?" The children have really been using their knowledge of subitising and composition to work out tricky problems.

We started work on our class assembly this week. We are now combining both classes for a joint assembly. This will be on Wednesday 31st January 2024 @ 9.00am in the school hall. All welcome - we can't wait to show you what we have been learning in school.

Question: If there are 2 people on the bus and 3 people waiting at the bus stop, how many people are there altogether?



Year 1

The children in Year 1 have had another fantastic week, and have worked hard despite the cold conditions! We have continued our work on our 'Unplugged' book focus in English, and have been writing sentences using the suffixes 'ing' and '-ed', showing real resilience while learning something new. In Maths, we have continued our counting to 20, and have begun to use previous knowledge to find out one more and one less with numbers to 20. The children have found our new Science topic really exciting, and have loved looking at mammals and drawing some pictures of mammals we keep as pets! In RE, we continue thinking about special people, and have discussed people special to us, as well as special people in the Church. We are really proud of the efforts children are putting in during their Phonics lessons, and the children are enjoying reading some new books. Please continue to read the book provided from their teacher at home.

Question: Can you name a mammal that lives in the wild?

Year 2

The children have been working hard throughout this cold and snowy week. In English, we have started studying our new text 'Lizzie and the Birds'. The children have enjoyed meeting the birds from the book and have worked hard to describe them using superlatives. They have also studied adverbs and worked hard to use them in their sentences, as well as spell them correctly. In Maths, we have been continuing our work on addition and subtraction. The children have concentrated on using their place value skills to add two 2 digit numbers together. In Religion, the children have been exploring different books and have considered the importance in their everyday lives. In Geography, the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the continents. We used Google Earth to explore the key characteristics of each continent and famous landmarks within them. During My Happy Mind, the children have started their new topic named 'Celebrate'. We have discussed character traits and skill sets, thinking carefully about what makes us unique.

Question: Which is the smallest continent?



Year 3

This week the Year 3 classes have been very busy.

In English, we have begun our new story, 'The Tin Forest.' At first, the children enjoyed using their detective skills to infer about the main character by looking carefully at an image of him in his house. In a subsequent lesson, they compared the world of his dreams to the world he actually lives in. The children also wrote some fantastic poems comparing the two worlds.

In Maths, we have continued our work on multiples and multiplication. The work involved showing different ways to represent a multiplication problem including a bar model, a word story, addition and through a picture.

In Guided Reading we looked at an interesting poem called, 'Night Comes too Soon' by James Berry. The children worked hard on interpreting the meaning of the poetic images. In RE, we have begun to look at the Liturgical Year and its meaning. We looked at some of the religious events that belonged to each period.

On Friday we attended a lovely mass in church. The children from Year 3 did a great job of reading loudly and clearly.

Question: What type of creature perches?

Year 4

Even with the Arctic conditions Year 4 have been working very hard this week!

In English, we have started a new text, '*The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*,' about a very sophisticated, china rabbit. The children have enjoyed discussing things that are precious to them and then sharing their ideas with each other.

In Maths, we are continuing with Multiplication and Division and really mastering multiplying and dividing by 10s and 100s.

In RE, we have just started our new topic of *Community*. Children have been exploring ideas, this week, on what they believe community to mean to them and to each other. We have had lots of interesting discussion and have worked well sharing our thoughts and ideas.

In Geography, we are continuing to look at rivers, this week we looked at the journey of a river from its start to the sea.

Last but not least, in My Happy Mind we discussed our different character strengths and looked at different ways of improving the ones we need to work on the most.

Question: What is Edward Tulane made of and what type of material is it?



Year 5

Despite the Baltic conditions this week, Year 5 have continued to work incredibly hard, especially in the foundation subjects. We have enjoyed developing our knowledge and understanding of Brazil in Geography. Initially, the children labelled maps of South America and Brazil, before exploring the physical geography of the Amazon Basin, Pantanal and Brazilian Highlands and producing fantastic double-page spreads on the Amazon Rainforest.

As well as Geography, a further focus for this week has been Earth and Space in Science. Using our own mnemonics, we learned the order of the planets in our Solar System. We also researched the planets, identifying information about the type of planet, their size, surface, the average temperature and the number of moons. We will continue our learning next week by examining the motion of the Earth and other planets around the Sun.

As part of our 'Celebrate' unit in My Happy Mind, we explored our virtues and character strengths further, analysing our stronger characteristics and considering how we can build on our weaker areas. We also used drama techniques to demonstrate our understanding of these virtues.

Question: What are the names of the terrestrial planets?

Year 6

It's certainly been a chilly week this week! The children loved playing in the snow on Tuesday!

Both classes enjoyed their retreats with Mrs Farmer this week. The children enjoyed following up this beautiful day by considering how people are called to religious vocations by God. 6HG welcomed Father C in who talked to them about his journey to becoming a priest. We can't wait to welcome Father back to speak with 6DF.

In English, the children have been analysing how they can extend simple sentences with a focus upon using semicolons to separate two related independent clauses. We are so proud with how the children have mastered this! We have planned, and started to draft, our information texts about Baba Yaga.

Once these are published, we will share them via class dojo!

In Maths, we started our new topic on ratio. This can be a challenging area of maths however, the children have shown great resilience.

Finally, in Science we revised our knowledge of simple circuits and learnt how to represent circuit components using scientific symbols. The children are loving our new Electricity topic- there has been a real 'buzz' in both rooms!

Question- What is the difference between current and voltage?