



St Stephen's RCP Weekly Newsletter
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Friday 8th March 2024

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A Message from Mr Lavin...

I hope everyone is well and you have had a good week! The light mornings and longer evenings are certainly making a difference! It has been great to be able to get the field back open this week for the children to play out on. Children can bring in a pair of trainers to change into at free time if they wish.

Thoughts and Prayers

You may be aware that our school community suffered a tragic loss this week. One of our fathers, Dave Ravenscroft, sadly passed away yesterday. I am sure you will join me and the staff in sending your thoughts and prayers to his wife, Sarah, their beautiful children and his wider family and friends at this difficult time.

Parents Evening

Thank you for attending Parents Evening in such great numbers. I hope you found the meetings useful and you have a good understanding of your child's strengths and areas for development. If you were unable to attend, please contact your child's class teacher via class dojo to arrange a suitable time.

World Book Day

It was great to see children so enthusiastic about World Book Day yesterday. Everyone looked amazing in their costumes. Children really enjoyed the book swap, and I hope you had a great time listening to their new stories. Thank you for your support with this event.

Easter Events

On the next few pages you'll find details about our Easter Bonnet Parade/Egg decorating competition. As always, your generosity in egg donations for prizes is always appreciated and thank you if you have already donated. A huge thank you to Tesco Droylsden who have donated lots of eggs - children are going to be so happy!

Phonics Meeting

On 14th March, at 9:00am in the School Hall, there will be a Phonics Parents Meeting for Year 1 parents. Please do try and attend if you can. You will receive lots of information regarding the Phonics Screening Check that your child will take in June.

Have a lovely weekend - see you on Monday!

Mr Lavin, Headteacher

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

Compassion



Ambition



Rejoice



Excellence



Service



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



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Dates for your calendar - Spring 2

Week Beginning 11th March 2024

Date	Event
11/03/24	British Science Week
13/03/24	Y3 Reconciliation 5pm in Church
14/03/24	Y1 Phonics Parent Meeting 9am School Hall
15/03/24	Year 4 and 5 Mass

Week Beginning 18th March 2024

Date	Event
20/03/24	Y4LM Class Assembly 9:05am School Hall
22/03/24	Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Easter Bonnet Parade on the playground after drop off
22/03/24	KS2 Decorate an Egg competition

New dates will be added as the term continues, I will highlight these in a different colour.

Week Beginning 25th March 2024

Date	Event
27/03/24	Year 5 Passion Play (times and venue to be confirmed)
28/03/24	Whole School Mass at 10am
28/03/24	School closes for Easter Break at 1:30pm

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EYFS/ Key Stage One

I am thrilled to confirm that our Annual Easter Bonnet Parade for Children in **Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** is back this year! We invite all children to create an Easter Bonnet at home and bring it in for a Parade on **Friday 22nd March**. It is a wonderful event and has been supported so well in past years. Parents are invited to attend.

Plan 1 will be for parents from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to gather on the playground after drop off. Children will then parade their bonnets on the playground for all to see - if the weather is bad, we will go to plan 2. We will inform you the day before when we know more about the weather!

Plan 2 will be in the school hall at the following times to watch your child walk down the catwalk. Please only attend during your allocated time, we will clear the hall before the next set of parents are allowed to enter so please wait outside until a member of staff signals for your time to come in:

Nursery and Reception: 9:00-9:15 am
Year 1: 9:20 am - 9:30 am
Year 2: 9:35 am - 9:40 am

We will allow you to take individual photographs of your child but you will not be allowed to photograph or film the parade for Safeguarding reasons.

Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6)

For children in Key Stage 2, **Years 3 to 6**, we invite children to decorate an egg - we have had some incredible creations over the years and I cannot wait to see what comes in this year. We display the eggs in the school hall on the day for all classes to come and look at the creations.

****Please can we ask for donations of Easter Eggs to help us with the prizes for the Bonnet and decorated eggs - these can be sent in with your child or left at the office.**

THANK YOU!!*





Hot Chocolate Friday Winner



Nursery	Adrian & Layla
RLS	Leon
RNE	Tommy
Y1SH	Henry
Y1JL	Lin Xi
Y2LS	Linen
Y2AL	Sophie
Y3HB	Brooke
Y3LH	Keane
Y4LM	Elijah
Y4SM	Luca
Y5LW	Freddie
Y5GB	Ted
Y6HG	Payton
Y6DF	India

Readers of the Week

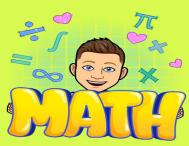


Nursery	Lena
RLS	Nicholas
RNE	Maverick
Y1SH	Deedee
Y1JL	Ronnie
Y2LS	Lyna
Y2AL	Hudson
Y3HB	Elvis
Y3LH	Noah
Y4LM	Noah R
Y4SM	Esme
Y5LW	Seth
Y5GB	Harrison R
Y6HG	Kyrah
Y6DF	Annalise





Maths Star



Nursery	Fifi
RLS	Leighlah
RNE	William
Y1SH	Kendrick
Y1JL	Noah
Y2LS	Freddie
Y2AL	Ava
Y3HB	Millie
Y3LH	Emily
Y4LM	Hanna
Y4SM	Isla
Y5LW	Finley
Y5GB	Lexi
Y6HG	Xhaceriah
Y6DF	Oscar

Writing Star



Nursery	Erin
RLS	Betti
RNE	Kayson
Y1SH	Myla
Y1JL	Felicity
Y2LS	Kalani
Y2AL	James
Y3HB	Olivia
Y3LH	Poppy
Y4LM	Noah V
Y4SM	Mia Bella
Y5LW	Leila
Y5GB	Minhat
Y6HG	Freshta
Y6DF	Dolton

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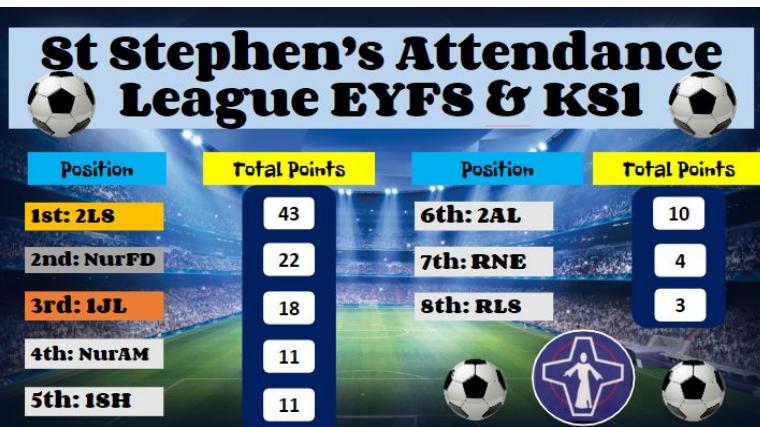




Attendance

Whole School: 94.5%

Nursery AM	88.4%	3HB	95.4%
Nursery Full Day	100%	3LH	95.5%
RLS	83%	4LM	90.5%
RNE	94%	4SM	94.6%
Y1SH	95.8%	5LW	98.3%
Y1JL	93.3%	5GB	99.2%
Y2LS	97.9%	6HG	89.5%
Y2AL	96.7%	6DF	95.8%





Religious Education

Sacramental Programme- Reconciliation

On Wednesday 13th March, the children participating in the Sacramental Programme will come together to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **This will take place in Church at 5pm.**

All children on the Sacramental Programme need to attend wearing their full school uniform.

Please check your emails for further details regarding the service on Wednesday.

Please keep all our Sacramental Programme children in your prayers.

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 God,
Thank You that You provide for all our needs.
Thank You that we can trust You to turn the small things we give You into something big that can make a huge difference.

Help us to be generous with everything we have, just as You are so generous in giving us these things.

Amen

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Nursery

Thank You to everyone who came to parents evening. We had 100% attendance and it was lovely to speak to you all regarding your amazing child.

This week we have learnt all about the number 6. The children loved reading Six Dinner Sid to further their understanding. We have finished Jaspers Beanstalk; the children really enjoyed learning the Jaspers Beanstalk song, painting beanstalks, planting beans and talking about what they would like to find at the top of their beanstalk.

For world book day we teamed up with year 5 to complete the book swap and then sit and read a story with them. The children loved being with another year group in school.

In forest school we looked at weather. The children lay down and looked at the cloud conditions- it was cumulus, large white clouds. It was a sunny day, no chance of rain. Using a large flag, we looked at the wind condition-there was a gentle breeze. Finally, we looked at a thermometer and read the temperature it was 14C.

Question - How many dinners did Sid have?

Reception

What a fantastic week we have had in Reception! We are delighted that our broad beans have started to grow. We have placed them by the window so they get plenty of sunlight and we make sure we water them each day. We definitely give them lots of love and attention!

In maths we have completed our unit on measures. We know the difference between long and tall. We also started to think about the numbers 9 and 10. We will be getting ready to automatically recall number bonds from 0-10 soon.

In Literacy, we imitated and innovated our story "Bloom." We retold using actions and a story map and we added adjectives to allow us to understand our characters more. We also changed the flower to our favourite animal.

We really enjoyed World Book Day on Thursday. We had some shared reading time with our special friends and were really excited to take part in the school's book swap.

We ended the week today with a lovely special friends mass.

Thank you to all the families who came for parents evening - it was lovely to chat with you all and celebrate your children's amazing learning!

Question: If the red flower is 6 cubes tall and the pink flower is 8 cubes tall, which is the tallest flower and why?



Year 1

Another week comes to a close and we have been working very hard. During our assessment week the children have shown great confidence and taken the tests in their stride – well done! In our Happy Minds session this week we have been thinking about gratitude and appreciation. The children shared some lovely thoughts about their friends and families. In English we have been exploring about what makes a good set of instructions. The children enjoyed highlighting the key features on a text about Unicorns. In history we have continued to learn about why Amelia Earhart was a significant person in history. In our Lenten reflections we have been thinking about ways we can change and grow as we prepare for Easter. World Book Day saw our children enjoying lots of quality stories. They had a shared reading session with Y3 children – they had a great time. The children's costumes were a credit to you. It was lovely to share your child's progress and targets at the meetings this week; we look forward to continue working in partnership with you to promote the best outcomes for your children.

Question: What are you grateful for this week?

Year 2

This week has been yet another busy one and how it has flown by! In English we have been continuing our work about Mr Bunny and his chocolate family. This week, we have been discussing impressions we get from the text and finding evidence to support these ideas. We have also considered the present tense and how certain words can be used as either a main verb or an auxiliary verb in different sentences. On Friday we also took part in an excellent forest school session based around our text; enjoyed spending time in our allotment and visiting our school chickens.

In Maths we have continued to study shape. We have been looking closely at symmetry, both drawing vertical lines of symmetry and using them to complete the drawing of different shapes.

In Religion, we have looked closely at the signs and symbols of Lent and their significance.

In Science, we have been investigating what plants need to grow. We have set up and investigation and will observe and record our findings over the coming weeks. This week has also been assessment week. We are extremely proud of the children's hard work and resilience.

Finally towards the end of the week we celebrated 'World Book Day' where the children looked great in their different outfits.

Question- How did the chickens react to Mr Bunny's demands?

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Year 3

This week has been an eventful one in Year 3.

It has been assessment week. The children in Year 3 did a great job completing the English and Maths papers to the best of their ability.

On Thursday it was World Book Day. The children spent a lovely session reading their own favourite stories to the Year 1 children. They also chose a book to take home from the book swap.

In English, the children wrote a description of a tree within a forest. These setting descriptions were beautifully done as they included similes, well-chosen adjectives and thoughtful vocabulary.

To finish off our History unit on Ancient Greece, the children researched the athlete Jesse Owens and wrote his biography. They enjoyed learning about the challenges Jesse faced and how we always remember him in Olympic years.

In Maths, the children coped well with their first introduction to division with remainders.

Question: Why is Jesse Owens remembered and celebrated?

Year 4

Year 4 have had a very busy week!

Year 4 had a great time dressing up and celebrating world book day on Thursday, we even teamed partnered up with year 2 to share our new books together.

This week has been assessment week! Year 4 have worked really hard to complete their maths and reading tests and are eager to know how well they have done.

In English, the children have been reading Macbeth and started to write a diary entry, from Macbeth, about his interaction with the three witches. Children have been working hard using adjectives, similes and metaphors to describe them.

In History this week, we have been researching interesting facts about Alfred the Great and how he ruled Saxon england.

In Maths, we have been learning about perimeter and finding missing lengths of shapes, children have found this challenging but have worked incredibly hard to master this skill.

Question: Whats was so great and Alfred the Great?

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Year 5

Another fantastic week here in Year 5! This week has brought us assessment week and the children have worked extremely hard to complete Maths and Reading assessments - we are very proud of their efforts and resilience to these.

As we are nearing the end of our unit on 'Brightstorm' the children have enjoyed listening to the rest of the novel and consolidating their knowledge of the key points in preparation of writing and editing newspaper reports on the Brightstorm's expedition next week.

It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evening on Wednesday evening. We hope you found this useful and a positive insight to how well the children are getting on and progressing.

In Maths, the children have been applying their knowledge of division to effectively, and confidently, divide with remainders. Next week, we will be concluding our Multiplication and Division topic by problem solving worded, multi-step problems. We will then begin our next unit with focus on Fractions, whereby the children will be multiplying fractions by an integer and dividing to find fractions of amounts.

On Thursday, the children had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day! Thank you for your generous donations of books for the book swap. It was a pleasure to see the children so enthusiastic and engrossed in reading. To celebrate further, we paired up with Nursery and shared stories in small groups, the children really enjoyed this and proved fantastic role models to the younger children.

Question: When dividing by 9, what is the greatest remainder you can have?

Year 6

The children loved being involved in World Book Day this week- a highlight of the week was reading with our special friends from Reception. We have spoken about the joy that can be found within reading and all the children enjoyed choosing a new book from the book swap.

In English, we have focused upon uplevelling our writing by using a range fronted adverbials to vary our sentence openers. We are coming towards the end of 'The House with Chicken Legs'