



St Stephen's RCP Weekly Newsletter
'Every child, every chance, every day!'

Friday 16th May 2025

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

Happy Friday! I hope you have had a wonderful week and have managed to enjoy the great weather! A personal highlight was being invited over to Year 1 to look at their writing! I am honestly amazed at the progress the children have made this year! A huge well done to all of Year 1!

Year 6 - A huge congratulations to all of our Year 6 children who completed their SATs assessments this week. Children have been working really hard in preparation and took the week in their stride. Parents will receive their marks alongside their end of year report in July. A massive thank you to the Year 6 team, and all the school staff, for working so hard to make sure children were prepared for this week and to help keep children relaxed and well fed each morning.

Year 3 - Congratulations to our Year 3 children who today travelled to the Lowry theatre to sing alongside other schools in the Diocese of Salford to make the Jubilee Year - A pilgrim of Hope. They represented our school so beautifully and we are all so proud of the children.

We are going to have a special assembly on **Friday 23rd May** for parents of Year 3 and 4 children so they can showcase the songs they have been learning from their singing lessons this term. This will be in the school hall starting at 9:05am. Please do attend if you can.

CARITAS Award - My special CARITAS award this week goes to three girls in Key Stage 2, who have been making and selling bracelets for charity. They are Ivy Leckey, Jemima Nathaniel and Eliza-Rose Bloom. A huge well done girls, you've raised over £50 and this will really help others in need.

You will find the remaining dates for the term on the next page, and the dates for Summer 2 on the following pages.

A reminder that it is 'Break the Rules Day' on Friday 23rd May. Details on the next page. Also a reminder that school closes for our mid-term break on Friday 23rd May 2025 at 3:15pm and school reopens on Monday 9th June 2025.

Have a fantastic weekend! *Mr Lavin, Headteacher*

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Compassion



Ambition



Rejoice



Excellence



Service



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BREAK the RULES DAY



Rules to be broken include:

1. Wear school uniform
2. Bring a healthy lunch or snack
3. Have neat hair
4. No temporary tattoos
5. No nail varnish
6. No make-up
7. Wear school shoes only
8. Fill your water bottle with water only
9. Teachers! You can join in too! You must wear smart clothes.

Here's how it works:

When?
Friday
23rd May



Parentkind
Member Association

It's back!

Mr Lavin knows how much the children love break the rules day and how much fun they have, so let's break some rules!

50p a rule break

Maximum 4 rules can be broken

Bring your 'fines' in an envelope and give it to your class teacher.

Enjoy choosing which rules to break!



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Dates for your calendar - Summer 1

Week Beginning 19th May 2025

Date	Event
19.05.25	Y1SH Stay and Pray 9:05am
20.05.25	Y1LB Stay and Pray 9:05am
23.05.25	Y3/Y4 Singing Assembly 9:05am
23.05.25	Reception and Y6 Mass at 10am
23.05.25	Break the Rules Day
23.05.25	School closes for half term at 3:15pm



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Dates for your calendar - Summer 2

Week Beginning 9th June 2025

Date	Event
09.06.25	Y1 Phonics Screening Check Y4 Multiplication Check Mass for Pentecost 10am
11.06.25	Nursery to Year 4 Class Photos Y6 depart to PGL
13.06.25	Y3 and Y4 Mass at 10am Y6 return from PGL

Week Beginning 16th June 2025

Date	Event
16.06.25	Reception trip
18.06.25	Year 5 and Year 6 Class Photos
20.06.25	Year 1 and 2 Mass at 10am
21.06.25	First Holy Communion at 10am

Week Beginning 23rd June 2025

Date	Event
23.06.25	RNE Stay and Pray 9am
24.06.25	RLS Stay and Pray at 9am
25.06.25	Nursery Stay and Pray at 9am
27.06.25	Y6 and Reception Mass at 10am
27.06.25	Y2 Trip to the farm

Week Beginning 30th June 2025

Date	Event
30.06.25	Y1 and Y2 Sports Day 9:30am
30.06.25	Y3 and Y4 Sports Day 1:30pm
01.07.25	Y5 and Y6 Sports Day 1:30pm
02.07.25	Nursery and Reception Sports Day 9:30am
04.07.25	INSET Day - School Closed



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Dates for your calendar - Summer 2

Week Beginning 7th July 2025

Date	Event
08.0625	Nursery and Reception RE retreat in School Year 1 Beach Trip
11.07.25	Nursery and Year 5 Mass at 10am Summer Fair 3:30-5pm

Week Beginning 14th July 2025

Date	Event
14.07.25	Reports go home
15.07.25	Nursery Trip AM Opportunity to discuss your child's report if you wish 3:30pm
16.07.25	Y6 Production 1:30pm Y6 Production 5:00pm

Week Beginning 21st July 2025

Date	Event
21.07.25	Nursery Graduation at 9am Y6 Leavers Mass at 1:30pm Church Y6 Leavers Prom at 6-8pm
22.07.25	End of Year Mass at 10am School closes for Summer at 1:30pm

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Hot Chocolate Friday Winner



Nursery	Elsie
RLS	Lua
RNE	Lucius
Y1SH	William
Y1LB	Betti
Y2JL	Odin
Y2AL	Alise
Y3HB	Valerie
Y3LH	Hudson
Y4DS	Jeremiah Mensah
Y4SM	Jeremiah Derby
Y5LW	Oscar
Y5LS	Daisy
Y6GB	Everyone
Y6DF	Everyone

Readers of the Week

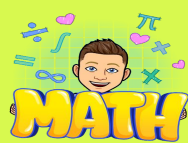


Nursery	Callie & Aryan
RLS	Lily-Mae
RNE	Lily-Jean
Y1SH	Noah
Y1LB	James
Y2JL	Frankie
Y2AL	Ivy
Y3HB	Freddie
Y3LH	Patrycja
Y4DS	Boma
Y4SM	Hollie
Y5LW	Harrison
Y5LS	Charlotte
Y6GB	Everyone
Y6DF	Everyone





Maths Star



Nursery	Olivia
RLS	Adrian
RNE	William
Y1SH	Brume
Y1LB	Bella
Y2JL	River
Y2AL	Armaan
Y3HB	Deanah
Y3LH	Elijah
Y4DS	Jeremiah Derby
Y4SM	Lani
Y5LW	Vanellope
Y5LS	Layla W
Y6GB	Everyone
Y6DF	Everyone

Writing Star



Nursery	Aria
RLS	Ayrah
RNE	Philippa
Y1SH	Oreofeluwa
Y1LB	Vinnie
Y2JL	Rose
Y2AL	Jessica
Y3HB	Kalani
Y3LH	Milliane
Y4DS	Ivy
Y4SM	Klayson
Y5LW	Amelia
Y5LS	Jacob
Y6GB	Everyone
Y6DF	Everyone

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BETTER





Dear Parents and Carers,

Love is life's greatest blessing. St Teresa of Calcutta once said, "Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do that matters ... but how much love we put into it."

In Sunday's Gospel, we listen to the words of Jesus at the Last Supper. Jesus gives his friends, the disciples, a new commandment - they must love one another as Jesus loves them, with whole-hearted and unlimited generosity.

Wednesday 14th May 2025

The new commandment which Jesus gave to his friends is for us too - today! Everyone likes to be loved and family and school life become more joyful when we follow Jesus' command to love one another.

Enjoy a special time together, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **LOVE**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



A Word from the Saints

"It is not enough to say 'I love.' We must put that love into a living action." St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 18th May 2025



When Judas had gone Jesus said: "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples."

Adapted from John 13:31-35
The 5th Sunday of Easter, Year C

Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful.
Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.

2025: The Jubilee Year of Hope!

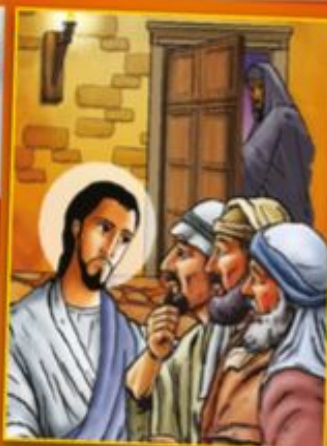
Having Hope
in our Families

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus talks about love. The Gospel reminds us that Jesus wants us to share his love in the world. Jesus' life is a lesson in how we are to love others. He wants each one of us to experience the life-giving happiness which comes from following his new commandment - to love one another as he loves us.



Good News for Families

TOGETHER TIME



1 READ & REFLECT! Listen & Learn with Jesus, the Word!

Jesus had gathered his friends, the disciples, together for the Last Supper. After Judas left the room Jesus said, "I shall not be with you much longer. But now I am giving you a new commandment: you must love one another in the same way as I have loved you. If you do this, everyone will know that you are my friends."

What new commandment has Jesus given to us?

Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why? Spend a few relaxing moments pondering the picture together. Share any thoughts before moving on.

Sunday Gospel Gallery

Look at this Sunday's Gospel picture. What can you see? How do you feel? What does it make you think about?

2 SHARE & CARE! Growing in Goodness & Love: This Wednesday's Word...

"Love is the only language everyone understands."

St Joseph Fienademetz

LOVE



God is love and all love comes from God. Whenever we love and care for one another we can be sure that God is with us. Ask your child who they love. What does your child think it means to 'love one another'. Who makes your child feel especially loved: a) at home? b) at school? c) at church or in the community? Ask your child when they recently felt especially loved. When did your child last show love towards someone? How did they show their love?

Each of you decide on something you can do in the coming days to share your love - to love as Jesus loves. Perhaps you can: as a family, visit someone who may be sick or lonely; be extra helpful by putting others' needs first; show and tell family members how much you love them through unexpected acts of kindness; include someone in your games who may be feeling left out.

3 Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for being our loving friend. Please help us always to love you and to keep growing in love for one another. Amen.

FINDING THREE

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER **ACROSS** OR **DOWN**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JESUS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	DISCIPLES	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	LAST SUPPER	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	NEW COMMAND	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	LOVE	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	SAME	<input type="checkbox"/>

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS **BACKWARDS** OR **DIAGONALLY**

Cross out the letters **ck i** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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_____ said, "You must _____ one another
in the _____ way as I _____ loved you."



Jesus went back to his Father but he gave us a special job to do. Jesus wants us to love each other. When we care for and look after each other, through our words and through our actions, we are following Jesus' new commandment.



This week I will try my best to...



Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley



Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have loved being outside! We have especially loved the mud kitchen, sand area and water area.

This week we have started our new topic book 'Walter's Wonderful Web'. We have listened intently to the story and were excited to see what shaped webs Walter made.

We were able to recognise these shapes and recognise how many sides each of these shapes have. We have been inspired by Walter the Spider and have created some amazing Spider pictures to display in our Writing Area, we have also painted some of our own amazing Spider webs.

In Phonics we have focused on the initial sound 'l' and can name some things that start with this sound such as 'log' 'lips' 'lemon' 'lid' 'leaf'.

We have also been able to notice from a selection of pictures which picture is the odd one out because of the sound it begins with.

Next Thursday 22nd May 2025 from 3.20-4pm we will be hosting a stay and play based on 'Walter's Wonderful Web' we would love to see you at this event.

Please confirm with Miss Taylor if you are able to attend.

Thank you for your support as always.

Question- Which word is the odd one out- Spider, Spout or Wellies?

Reception

WOW! The weather this week has really sparked some fabulous curiosity in our outdoor areas.

We've seen more minibeasts than ever, and we're very excited to announce that a few tadpoles have finally hatched from our frogspawn! It's been wonderful to observe the changes happening in the world around us, and we're thoroughly enjoying asking questions and exploring our environment.

In Literacy, we have been imitating our class text. Since our book is non-fiction, we don't "retell" it using a story map. Instead, we're doing something called boxing up. This means we recall important information, write a fact, and draw a picture to go with it. We also come up with an action to support our learning. We've done so well with this!

In Maths, we've been thinking about adding more as well as taking away. We've been exploring the question: "How many now?" It's been great fun using practical activities to help us understand these concepts.

In RE, we've been learning about our new Pope. We discovered how a new Pope is elected and learned the name of our new Pope—Pope Leo XIV. As a class, we created a special prayer to welcome him into his new role.

We hope this lovely weather continues into the weekend and that you all have a fantastic time outdoors!

Question: What colour is the smoke that signifies a new Pope has been chosen?



Year 1

Year 1 continue to work hard and show greater independence in their learning. We had a special visit from Sunny the Meerkat this week. He spent a day with Year 1 learning and having fun. The children produced some excellent writing about his visit - Mr Lavin was so proud of their hard work.

In maths we continued to focus on counting in 2's, 5's and 10's by making and sharing equal groups. We also notice how our count of 2 was our doubles!

In history we were surprised to find out that children used to have jobs, some of them were very difficult for a child to do. We combined our science with Forest school this week as we use leaves to identify deciduous trees in our environment. We also took part in a fun Hobby horse race.

We followed the story of Eastertide by thinking about the Ascension and we started to learn about the Holy Spirit, who Jesus promised to send to help the disciples.

TASK : Complete the Phonics Homework and read your take home book

Year 2

This week in Year 2 the children have continued to work hard across the subject areas.

In English, we wrote our fantastic letters from the Junkyard Man to Arfy the dog, using apostrophes as our grammar focus.

In Maths, we have begun our unit on fractions. The children have retained lots from Year 1 and have been able to recognise and find half of shapes and objects.

In Science, we explored food chains and why they are necessary.

In History, we completed a timeline of events of the Titanic maiden voyage - the children are really enjoying this unit!

In RE this week, we have thought deeply about Jesus' Promise of the Holy Spirit, and what this message is conveying to us. We concluded the week with a peaceful Celebration of the Word celebrating Pope Leo.

Task - Can you write a half as a fraction?



Year 3

Year 3 had a special week this week as we performed at the Lowry Theatre at Salford Quays. There were lots of other schools there and we enjoyed singing all the songs we have learnt and practised with Miss Bradley in our Wednesday sessions.

This week in English, we worked hard on writing an extra part for our text, 'Escape to Pompeii.' The children had to write a piece of narrative and integrate some direct speech into it. They did a great job of quite a difficult task. Later in the week, the children wrote a poem entitled 'I am a volcano.' In Maths we have been looking at capacity: comparing different volumes of liquid and looking again at scales; this time on jugs and bottles. They had to learn the difference between the terms 'capacity' and 'volume.' In our religious lessons, we read the story of 'Our Lord's Ascension into Heaven.' The children had to write from the viewpoint of one of the disciples who were present at the time.

Question: How is a shadow made?

Year 4

Another week completed in Year Four, and one more to go before the half-term break!

Well done to the children for another productive and busy week, they are working so hard.

In English the children are working towards completing their non-chronological reports on their own dragons. There have been some excellent ideas and imaginative work shared in class and the children have included different features such as expanded noun phrases and subheadings in their work.

In Science, we have been learning about different habitats and what the difference is between rural and urban, which living things you might find where, and how humans could have impacted Droylsden over the years and what Droylsden might have looked like in the past.

In RE, the children have been looking at Pentecost and analysing different pictures of the Ascension and creating their own interpretation based on different paintings - there has been some wonderful work!

In geography, we are currently researching the Alps and the different activities that you can take part in there as well as revising the features of a mountain.

Finally, as always, can I please ask that you continue to encourage your child to practise their times tables on TTRs every day ahead of the MTC in the coming weeks. The children will be brilliant!

Question: would you find a fox in an urban or rural habitat? Explain your answer.



Year 5

What a week it has been for our Year 5 students!

We've had a whirlwind of creativity and learning as the children dive into their new English unit, centred around the inspiring play *Chak De! India* by Jaideep Sahni, which highlights the resilience of the Indian Women's Hockey Team.

Our journey began with a thoughtful exploration of the historical tensions between India and Pakistan, whilst the children did a splendid job summarising the film's opening events—complete with hashtag creations!

Next, we delved into the character of Kabir Khan. Through an interactive 'role on the wall' activity, students crafted detailed character descriptions using a variety of sentence structures. The children are eager to dig even deeper into this fascinating narrative next week!

In Maths, our budding mathematicians tackled the multiplication of unit and non-unit fractions by integers and are now preparing to explore fractions of an amount.

Meanwhile, after the election of Pope Leo XIV, our young historians investigated his life and achievements. They compiled impressive fact files brimming with interesting details!

Lastly, in Science, we've taken a closer look at the changes that occur during different life stages—childhood, adolescence, adulthood, and old age. The children compared and contrasted these stages, showcasing their insightful observations on human development.

Question: What physical changes occur in older adults?

Year 6

We have been so very impressed with all of the children this week. Despite what could have been an incredibly stressful and anxious week for them, the children have taken everything in their stride and have been fantastic all week. They have worked through a number of tests and have done their absolute best in all of them. The children should be very proud of their achievements and how they have conducted themselves throughout the week.

We also had the exciting news that our end of year performance will be "The Greatest Showman". This is almost certainly our most ambitious production in recent memory, however we are sure the children will rise to the challenge. Information regarding the audition process has been sent out through Dojo - please contact one of us if you have any questions about this. We look forward to seeing the auditions next Thursday and hope that all of the children are excited to be a part of it.

Question: Who is the main character in *The Greatest Showman*?