



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

Friday 13th June 2025

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

Happy Friday! I hope everyone had an enjoyable half term break with your families. It was wonderful to welcome everyone back to school on Monday, ready for a very busy Summer 2 term! Please take note of all the dates for the term on the next few pages. This will be constantly updated and these will be highlighted in yellow for ease.

Girls Football - Our Year 5 and 6 girls football team represented Manchester City in the nationwide finals on Wednesday. They played at the Wolves Stadium and whilst they did not win, they played with great enthusiasm and determination and were a credit to the school. Such a great achievement for them!

Year 6 PGL - Year 6 have spent three days at their residential this week. It was a great time and the children really pushed themselves to conquer their fears. As always, they represented our school wonderfully. Thank you to the staff for giving up their time to make the experience so special for the children.

Class Photographs - Apologies that the class photographs scheduled for Wednesday did not go ahead. These will now take place on Wednesday 18th June 2025 for the whole school.

CARITAS Award - This week's award goes to the wonderful **Brooke Sutcliffe** in Year 4! Brooke is a shining example of someone who consistently lives out our school values and follows our school rules — all without ever needing a reminder from an adult. Her quiet determination, kindness, and positive attitude make her a role model for others, and we're so proud to celebrate her this week. Well done, Brooke!

Maternity Leave — Miss Scaife begins her maternity leave today. We wish her the very best in the coming weeks as she prepares for the birth of her new baby. We welcomed Mrs Gibson back from maternity leave this week. She will take charge of Year 4DS from Monday until the end of the year.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Mr Lavin, Headteacher



Our Values:
St Stephen's
CARES

Compassion



Ambition



Rejoice



Excellence



Service



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All monies raised from the Bounce-a-thon will go towards our on-going commitment to improving the children's outdoor areas and adding to our past fundraising successes such as the Peace garden, large playframe, playground games floor markings, forest school equipment, PE lessons equipment and much more making sure that children have every opportunity to be active, stimulated and most importantly have fun outside of the classroom.

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Dates for your calendar - Summer 2

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	Bounce-a-thon all day (separate letter sent out)
21.06.25	First Holy Communion at 10am

Week Beginning 23rd June 2025

Date	Event
23.06.25	Own clothes day in return for a bottle for the Bottle Tombola Summer Fair
24.06.25	Reception 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	Holly & Neil
RLS	Flora
RNE	Isobel
Y1SH	Brume
Y1LB	Louie
Y2JL	Abigail
Y2AL	Huckleberry
Y3HB	Jake
Y3LH	Coby
Y4DS	Ruby
Y4SM	Keane
Y5LW	Daisy
Y5LS	Caelan
Y6GB	
Y6DF	

Readers of the Week

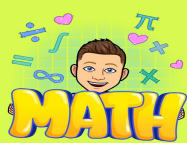


Nursery	Penelope & Esme
RLS	Darcy
RNE	Natalia
Y1SH	Ava
Y1LB	Raya
Y2JL	Scarlett
Y2AL	Armaan
Y3HB	Lexie
Y3LH	Esme
Y4DS	Luna
Y4SM	Emily
Y5LW	George
Y5LS	FiyinfoLuwa
Y6GB	
Y6DF	





Maths Star



Nursery	Pixie & Aryan
RLS	Lua
RNE	Lincoln
Y1SH	Myles
Y1LB	Noah
Y2JL	Noah
Y2AL	Kendrick
Y3HB	Panagiotis
Y3LH	Isabelle
Y4DS	Evelyn
Y4SM	Klayson
Y5LW	Angel
Y5LS	Amella
Y6GB	
Y6DF	

Writing Star



Nursery	Lennie
RLS	Nellie
RNE	Olivia
Y1SH	Tilly
Y1LB	Gadiel
Y2JL	Odin
Y2AL	Poppy-Kay
Y3HB	Anastazja
Y3LH	Lyne
Y4DS	Jeremiah
Y4SM	Anopa
Y5LW	Jacob
Y5LS	Alisha
Y6GB	
Y6DF	

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BETTER





Dear Parents and Carers,

This coming Sunday, the Church celebrates the great feast of The Most Holy Trinity. This Feast gives us further insight into God's true nature, which is one of love.

Human language can never fully explain the mystery of God which is beyond our total understanding. However, Jesus teaches us that, although there is only one God, there are three Persons in God – the Father, the

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Son and the Holy Spirit. So we speak of God as the Trinity of three Persons. The Father loves the Son and the Son loves the Father, and the Spirit is the love between them.

This love is one of the mysteries of faith and it prompts us to think more deeply about the Holy Trinity. Enjoy your week and help share God's love.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



A Word from the Saints

"May God the Father bless us, may Christ take care of us and the Holy Spirit enlighten us all the days of our life." St Ethelwold

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 15th June 2025



Jesus said to his disciples, "I still have many things to say to you, but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes, he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself, but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I have said: All the Spirit tells you will be taken from what is mine."

Adapted from John 16:12-15
Trinity Sunday, Year C

Come and learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church and say a prayer for your family & friends: all are very warmly invited.

2025: The Jubilee Year of Hope!

Having Hope
in our Families

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that in the one God there are three persons. The Father creates us, the Son saves us and the Spirit gives us life. Each of them aims to give us perfect happiness, working in unity. Out of his great love for us, God created all people to enjoy the life and loving relationship of the Holy Trinity – forever.



Good News for Families

TOGETHER TIME



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

Jesus said, "I still have many things to say to you, but at this time they would be too much for you to understand. But when the Holy Spirit comes, he is the Spirit of truth and will guide you into the full truth. The Spirit will speak only of what he hears and he will tell you of the things that are to come. The Spirit will make my glory known, by receiving my message and telling it to you. Everything the Father has is mine; what the Spirit receives from me, he will tell it to you."

Who did Jesus say would come to guide the disciples into truth?

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 Words...

"Every time that we make the sign of the cross, we draw closer to the great mystery of the Holy Trinity." *Pope Francis*

This coming Sunday, the Church celebrates the great feast of The Most Holy Trinity. Ask your child what the words 'Holy Trinity' mean to them. What have they learnt at school about the Holy Trinity? It may help your child if you tell them something that you know about the Holy Trinity (Parent tip - see the front page for helpful guidance).

HOLY TRINITY



The word Trinity means 'Tri-unity', three in one. We remember the Trinity each time we bless ourselves with the sign of the cross - a reminder that God is always with us, wherever we are. Ask your child if they know the words that complete this blessing: "In the name of the Father, and of the"? Come and learn more about the Most Holy Trinity, and grow closer to God at church this Sunday.

3 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FINDING THREE

T H T U R T L A F P H
H O P S U S E J A S R
R L H G P H U H T P T
E Y Z G U I D E H I E
H R G H Y I R J E R L
T H P U E H L I R I L
A E G U I A L E T T S
F A L P H D R A R H T
H R S L R J E S U S H
U S J E S S T O T G E
Z X L L S Y L O H T R

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN



HOLY SPIRIT



HEARS TELLS



GUIDE TRUTH



JESUS FATHER

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

Cross out the letters **u c h** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

meusscaghe tucelhling macukeh gulhoryc

"The Spirit will _____ my _____ known, by receiving
my _____ and _____ it to you."

Saint Patrick used a three-leaved clover (a shamrock) to illustrate the mystery of the Trinity: it has three leaves but is just one plant. St Patrick did this to explain that in the one God, there are three divine persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.



Find and draw 3 differences, then colour the picture

This week I will try my best to...



Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley



Nursery

We have had a great week getting back into our Nursery Routine.

We have such a busy term ahead of us as we prepare ourselves for our next Chapter whether that be moving onto Reception or continuing in Nursery in September.

This week in Phonics we have been recapping our work on 'Miss Polly had a Dolly', we have focused on the 'V' sound and know that 'Vegetable' 'Van' and 'Volcano' all begin with this sound. We have also been blending the letters V-A-N to say the word VAN.

We have listened to our new class story 'The Flying Bath' and enjoyed the repeated phrases in this book.

A focus for us this term is writing our names and I have been very impressed with the children's efforts this week in class. They have enjoyed this focused work, showing their amazing pencil control skills and letter and sound knowledge in their own names.

Next week we are looking forward to our Class Photo on Wednesday 18th June (am) and the PTA Bounce-a-thon on Friday 20th June.

Please continue to check our Class dojo daily as we have lots of events happening over the next few weeks.

Thank you for your support as always.

Miss Taylor, Miss Whittaker and Mrs Parkinson

Please focus on supporting your child with their own name recognition at home as well as giving your child opportunities to write their own names.

Reception

What a lovely first week back we've had! It has been such a joy catching up with the children — they've been so enthusiastic to share their holiday news.

Whatever you got up to, we hope it was fabulous!

We've launched our new topic and have begun exploring our big question: "What is under the sea?" This ties in perfectly with our upcoming trip to the aquarium on Monday. Please check Class Dojo for all the details you need about the visit.

In maths, we've been focusing on shape and have thoroughly enjoyed working on tangram puzzles. These have been a fantastic way to help us spot shapes within shapes and develop our problem-solving skills.

In RE, we've been reflecting on God's wonderful world. On Monday, we went on a senses walk to explore the amazing things God has made — what we could see, hear, taste, smell, and touch.

We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable weekend. See you promptly on Monday!

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Year 1

We have had a busy and productive start to our last half term. We started the week celebrating Pentecost at a whole school Mass. The children were very respectful and knew lots about the Holy Spirit. In our new RE topic we considered what it means to be sorry.

Our main focus this week has been on our Phonics knowledge as the children completed their Phonic Screening Check. We are so proud of the progress the children have made and are grateful for the support you have given them.

In maths we completed our work on Fractions by learning about quarters of shapes and quantities. We also started a new topic on place value to 100. We have been counting forwards and backwards and filling in missing numbers from number tracks.

. In geography we discussed the types of things people would see and do at the seaside.

Task: Practise counting forwards and backwards within 100.

Year 2

We have had a lovely first week back to our final half term in Year 2! We started the week with a celebratory Mass about Pentecost Day, and the children proudly wore their fire headbands made before the holiday.

This week in Maths, we have been exploring unit and non-unit fractions, and are beginning to recognise fractions that are equivalent. In English, we have been reading the Little People, Big Dreams book based on the life of David Attenborough.

The children have found this really interesting and produced some excellent fact files. In RE, we have read the scripture of Pentecost Day and explored this in depth. We thought about the significance of the Holy Spirit guiding the Apostles and retold the story, producing beautiful work on fire templates. In History, we continue our Titanic unit and have explored the different classes aboard the Titanic, as well as remembering Captain Edward Smith as a significant individual. A big well done is also in order for our children who completed their Phonics screening check this week, we are so proud of how hard you have worked.

Question - what fraction is equal to $\frac{1}{2}$?



Year 3

The children in Year 3 have settled back into school, eager to learn and work hard this week. As the children prepare for their First Holy Communion, they have been talking about their thoughts and feelings as they look forward to this special day. This week we looked at the meaning of Faith. We read the story of The Centurion Soldier and compared his faith to that of the disciples. As a class we prayed for God to guide us in faith. In English this week, we began reading our new text, Stuart Little. The children had to think about the advantages and disadvantages of being as small as Stuart. They also practised writing a narrative with a dialogue between Stuart and Snowbell the cat. In Maths we continued with our unit on finding fractions of amounts including unit and non unit fractions. In Design and Technology, the children made models of monsters which they had designed before the holiday. Using pneumatics, they had to include a moving part using tubing and syringes. They did a great job. In PE, the children have been playing rounders.

Give some examples of things which use pneumatics (air) to work

Year 4

Welcome back, we hope you all had a restful half-term break and are feeling refreshed for the final weeks of the year! Well done to the children for settling back into their routines this week.

This week in Year 4, we've had a fantastic time diving into a variety of subjects. In English, we focused on improving our writing skills, especially around descriptive language and sentence structure when summarising our new text and starting to plan a diary entry. In maths, we tackled new concepts that helped challenge our problem-solving abilities and the children have really impressed us with their hard work during the MTC!

In RE, we reflected on important values and faith practices, and our trip to Mass was a lovely opportunity to reflect on friendship. To top it off, we began our exciting new history topic on the Industrial Revolution, exploring how this pivotal period changed the world. We also want to take a moment to wish Miss Scaife all the best as she heads off on maternity leave. We are all excited for her and her family during this period as they prepare for their new arrival.

Question: What was the main invention of the Industrial Revolution?



Year 5

Year 5 have returned this week enthused and ready to embrace their learning.

In English, we have embarked on our final unit, diving deep into 'Wonder' by R.J. Palacio. The children began by analysing the front cover and blurb to unearth potential themes. They made captivating connections between the book and the song 'Wonder' by Natalie Merchant, which beautifully celebrates the uniqueness of every individual.

Focusing on character analysis, they explored the complex characters of Auggie, Jack Will, Julian, and Charlotte. Their insightful observations, supported by quotations from the text, were truly impressive! Using evidence gleaned from the first chapters, they crafted comprehensive character descriptions of Auggie, incorporating parenthesis, relative clauses and prepositional phrases.

In RE, our discussions revolved around transformation. The children retold the Bible story of 'The Road to Emmaus' and created thoughtful letters about the transformative power of Baptism, particularly in relation to Pentecost.

This week was capped off with an exciting Forest School session led by Mrs Artingstall. Our Year 5s reflected on their responsibilities as global citizens, while enjoying the great outdoors. A massive thank you to Mrs Artingstall for planning such engaging and enlightening outdoor experiences!

Question: Can you write a definition for acute, obtuse, reflex and right angles?

Year 6

The Year 6 residential visit to PGL this week was an unforgettable experience filled with excitement, adventure, and laughter.

From the moment they arrived, the children threw themselves into every activity with enthusiasm, whether it was zip-lining through the trees, tackling the high ladder, or working together during team challenges. The atmosphere was buzzing with energy and joy as the pupils made new memories, conquered fears, and strengthened friendships.

Staff were incredibly proud of how well everyone supported each other and embraced every opportunity. It truly was an amazing week that the children will remember for years to come!

Now time for a weekend of rest.