



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

Friday 27th June 2025

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### A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

This week, our school had the great privilege of welcoming the Diocese of Salford Anchor, which arrived on Wednesday as part of the diocesan-wide celebrations for the Year of Hope. The Anchor is a powerful symbol of faith, strength, and hope, reminding us that even in uncertain times, we are held steady by God's love. As part of its journey around schools in the Diocese, the Anchor spent time with us, helping to inspire reflection and prayer within our community.

Over the course of two days, the Anchor travelled from classroom to classroom, with each class taking time to host their own Celebration of the Word. These quiet, prayerful moments allowed our children to think about what hope means to them and how they can share hope with others through kindness, courage, and compassion. As part of this spiritual journey, every child made a personal pledge of hope—a promise to be a light for others in some small but meaningful way. To mark this special moment, each child was gifted a mini anchor to take home, encouraging them to continue these conversations of faith and hope during prayer time with their families.

Today, we took the Anchor to St Anne's in Audenshaw, where it continues its journey to other schools across the Diocese. We feel truly blessed to have played a part in this shared experience of unity and hope.

**Sports Day(s)** - Please take note of your child's sports day on the calendar. If you are coming to watch, please enter the school via the gate on Chappell Road and walk around to the field. Our PTA will be selling refreshments. Please remember not to take pictures of other children and no smoking/vaping on the school site! Let's hope for great weather!

**Mrs Sutcliffe** - On Thursday 3rd July our office manager Mrs Sutcliffe will begin her maternity leave. I am sure you will join me in wishing her the very best and we cannot wait to meet her baby girl soon!

A reminder that school is closed on Friday 4th July for an INSET Day.

Have a great weekend, *Mr Lavin, Headteacher*

#### Sports Day - Parking Reminder

We are asking all parents and carers to help us to keep traffic moving around the school site by parking safely away from the school roads for Sports Day.

Please do not obstruct our neighbours drives or the school gates as we will require access for emergency vehicles at all times through out the day.

Thank you for your support in this matter.



### Our Values: St Stephen's CARES

#### Compassion



#### Ambition



#### Rejoice



#### Excellence



#### Service



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## WELCOMING THE DIOCESAN ANCHOR TO SCHOOL



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## Dates for your calendar - Summer 2

### 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

### Week Beginning 7th July 2025

Date	Event
08.06.25	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





## Hot Chocolate Friday Winner



<b>Nursery</b>	Ellis & Yousuf
<b>RLS</b>	Nellie
<b>RNE</b>	Lincoln
<b>Y1SH</b>	Bill
<b>Y1LB</b>	Michael
<b>Y2JL</b>	Ronnie
<b>Y2AL</b>	Kendrick
<b>Y3HB</b>	Lexie
<b>Y3LH</b>	Harrison
<b>Y4HG</b>	Thomas
<b>Y4SM</b>	Oscar
<b>Y5LW</b>	Moise
<b>Y5LS</b>	Layla
<b>Y6GB</b>	Matilda
<b>Y6DF</b>	Rocco

## Readers of the Week

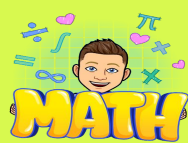


<b>Nursery</b>	Olivia
<b>RLS</b>	Lily-Mae
<b>RNE</b>	Alfie
<b>Y1SH</b>	Noah
<b>Y1LB</b>	Faaizah
<b>Y2JL</b>	Sienna
<b>Y2AL</b>	Thomas
<b>Y3HB</b>	Jacob
<b>Y3LH</b>	Coby
<b>Y4HG</b>	Oscar
<b>Y4SM</b>	Hollie
<b>Y5LW</b>	Isla
<b>Y5LS</b>	Estee
<b>Y6GB</b>	Beau
<b>Y6DF</b>	Harrison H





## Maths Star



<b>Nursery</b>	Bessie
<b>RLS</b>	Aryel
<b>RNE</b>	Nehneh
<b>Y1SH</b>	Aurora
<b>Y1LB</b>	Nicholas
<b>Y2JL</b>	Abigail
<b>Y2AL</b>	Leon
<b>Y3HB</b>	Kaiden
<b>Y3LH</b>	Raya-Mae
<b>Y4HG</b>	Adam
<b>Y4SM</b>	Adora
<b>Y5LW</b>	Serenity
<b>Y5LS</b>	Joseph
<b>Y6GB</b>	Orla
<b>Y6DF</b>	Chen

## Writing Star



<b>Nursery</b>	Neil
<b>RLS</b>	Theodore
<b>RNE</b>	Wyatt
<b>Y1SH</b>	Harriet
<b>Y1LB</b>	Fabian
<b>Y2JL</b>	Jessica
<b>Y2AL</b>	Hazel
<b>Y3HB</b>	Felix
<b>Y3LH</b>	Thomas H
<b>Y4HG</b>	Pippa
<b>Y4SM</b>	Alex
<b>Y5LW</b>	Noah V
<b>Y5LS</b>	Layla B
<b>Y6GB</b>	Lily-Grace
<b>Y6DF</b>	Naomi

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**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025****Dear Parents and Carers,**

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul who did great work for the Church.

Both of these men were Apostles who met with Jesus and were given authority to build Jesus' Church on earth. Jesus established his Church as a reminder of God's love for all people – that includes you and me too.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples, "Who do you say I am?"

Peter realises the truth about Jesus and professes his faith in Jesus as the Christ – the Son of the living God. Jesus then gives Peter the important task of leading the Church.

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

*Dom Henry Wansbrough***A Word from  
the Saints**

*"The Church is called Catholic or universal because it has spread throughout the entire world, from one end of the earth to the other." St. Cyril of Jerusalem*

**THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH**  
**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Then Simon Peter spoke up, "You are the Christ," he said, "the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven."

*Adapted from Matthew 16:13-19  
The Feast of Ss Peter and Paul, 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**

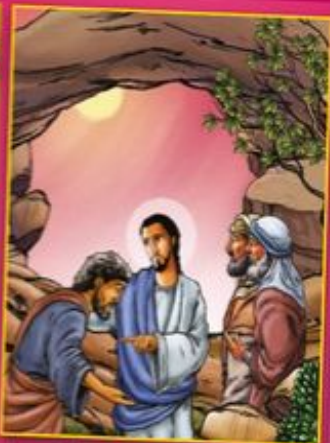
If you feel that you have lost contact with the Church (or with God) or would like to find out more, then there's no better time than now to explore or refresh your faith – a warm welcome awaits you. Find out more about the Catholic Church at: [cbcew.org.uk](http://cbcew.org.uk)





# Good News for Families

## TOGETHER TIME



1

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

Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter spoke up and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Simon, you are a happy man! Because this was made known to you by my Father in heaven. So from now on you will be called Peter, which means 'rock', and on this rock I will build my Church. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven."

**What did Jesus say he would build?**

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...

"Dear brothers and sisters, the Church is a family where we love and are loved." *Pope Francis*

## CHURCH



Ask your child what the word 'church' means to them. The word 'Church' is the name given to the community of Christian believers. The word 'Catholic' means 'universal' - the Church is for everyone. 'Church' can also be used to name the building where we meet to worship God together. Each of you share a memorable experience that you have had of Church (perhaps attending: a Wedding, a Baptism, Holy Communion or something else).

A church building is a holy place, where many people can meet and experience the peace within. Each of you say what you think attracts people to Church. Perhaps it is: the community; worshipping and hearing God's Word; the stillness and silence; being strengthened spiritually; Holy Communion; something else? Come along together to meet and greet your church family this Sunday and celebrate this great feast together. All are warmly invited.

3

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for establishing the Church to support, strengthen and guide us as we journey through life together. Amen.

### FINDING THREE

P E T E P S Y E B N O S  
H E A V N C H U R C H Y  
W S T P E T R E S M V E  
V O M E B C O N A W T F  
S N N T R P T H T V J K  
H S T E B M K E Y S E Y  
K H C R U H C J A W S N  
W E B U I L O M O U M  
H A Y M L W R Y S B S R  
T V J S D H U E C H V O  
N E V A R M J B R O C K  
S N O D L D L I U B J C

### WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

☒ JESUS  
☐ SON  
☐ PETER  
☐ ROCK  
☐ BUILD  
☐ CHURCH  
☐ KEYS  
☐ HEAVEN

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

Cross out the letters **a m s** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

**busilmad Cahurmchs Paseterm sromcak**

You will be called \_\_\_\_\_, which means 'rock', and  
on this \_\_\_\_\_ I will \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_.



Find and draw 3 differences, then colour the picture



This Sunday, we celebrate the feast of St Peter and St Paul. Each year, Missio, one of the Pope's official charities, helps us to celebrate this special feast day through their 'Day of Many Colours'. More at: [missiontogether.org.uk](http://missiontogether.org.uk)

This week I will try my best to...



More about the Catholic Faith: [wednesdayword.org](http://wednesdayword.org) & [ebcew.org.uk](http://ebcew.org.uk)

Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley





## Nursery

We have enjoyed recapping our phonics learning this week by revising the Nursery rhyme 'Pat a Cake, Pat a Cake.' we really loved copying the actions to this rhyme.

We have been learning the 'Y' sound and know that 'Yap', 'Yo-Yo' and 'Yellow' begin with this sound.

In Maths we have been learning all about 2D Shapes- we especially enjoyed learning about Triangles and learning facts about triangles.

In RE this week we continued learning about 'God's Wonderful World'.

We made our class pledge to look after our Nursery environment.

We discussed how we could do this and why it is important to look after our environment.

On Thursday the children enjoyed taking part in a Special celebration when the 'Pilgrim's of Hope' Anchor visited our class.

This was very exciting to see because we had been learning about all the different symbols of Hope throughout the week and know that an Anchor is a symbol of hope.

*Question- How many sides does a Triangle have?*

## Reception

The weeks in Reception are simply flying by! We began our week with a beautiful Stay and Pray session. A huge thank you to all who joined us — it was so special to come together in prayer. The children are becoming wonderful friends of Jesus and are beginning to understand more deeply the world God created and the lessons Jesus teaches us.

In Literacy, we wrapped up our work on "Somebody Swallowed Stanley." The children absolutely loved the story and had such fun imagining new main characters for their own versions. Please ask your child who or what they chose — their ideas were so creative!

In Maths, we completed our unit on grouping and sharing. We also explored odd and even numbers and how they connect — the children have been spotting patterns everywhere!

In RE, we continued learning about God's Wonderful World. We spoke about how we can protect and celebrate our world.

Next week, we're excited for Forest School and Sports Day — two days we're all very much looking forward to!

Wishing you all a great weekend!

*Question: What ways can we look after God's Wonderful World?*

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## Year 1

This week in Year 1 has been full of exciting learning! In English, the children started a new book, *The Day the Crayons Quit*, and thoroughly enjoyed listening to the crayons' worries and exploring their different personalities. In Phonics, they focused on growing the code and improving their fluency in reading. In Maths, the class worked with the greater than and less than symbols to compare numbers up to 100. Geography lessons took them to the seaside, where they explored weather patterns and located seaside towns on the map. In PSHE, they learned how to keep safe and began to understand some basics of First Aid. In RE, they listened to the story of Zacchaeus and reflected on what it means to have a change of heart. Finally, in PE, the children have been enthusiastically practising for Sports Day, showing great teamwork and determination!

**Task: Talk about the seaside and what you might see there**

## Year 2

What a busy yet exciting week we have had in Year 2! We began the week taking part in The Jubilee of Hope Art competition, and making pledges. We welcomed the Dioscean Anchor into our classrooms and the children led a beautiful Celebration of the Word. In Maths, we have completed our unit on fractions, and the children have been finding fractions equal to a whole. In English, we continue 'The Twits', and wrote some fantastic character descriptions using similes. In History, we thought about whether the Titanic tragedy could have been prevented, and came up with solutions for the problems. The children have been practicing their athletic skills in PE this week and are excited for Sports Day. We concluded the week with a fun and exciting trip to Smihills Farm, where the children learnt about a range of animals, their offspring and diets.

**Task: What do we call the offspring of cows, and what is their diet?**



## Year 3

**We have had an extremely busy week in Year 3. The highlight was when we welcomed the anchor into our classrooms and enjoyed a Celebration of The Word. As it has been Pilgrims of Hope week, the children have thought and discussed in class about how they can play their part to improve the world including acting as stewards of the earth. They made a pledge to play their part.**

**On Thursday, both classes had Forest School sessions where they made butterflies out of clay and enjoyed learning about herbs and trees whilst singing along to the beautiful songs and hymns they performed at The Lowry. In English, they have been writing an extra part of the book, narrating an incident where Stuart gets himself into a sticky situation at home. In Maths we have been working on Money, converting pounds to pence as well as adding and subtracting. In RE, we have looked carefully at The Gifts of the Holy Spirit and discussed their significance.**

**Questions: What are the seven gifts of The Holy Spirit?**

## Year 4

Well done to Year 4 for completing another week. The children have worked hard in class this week. In English, we have been continuing to use dialogue and punctuate speech correctly and also continue reading our class text and using our hashtag symbol to summary multiple key events and moments within the story. The children are really enjoying this book! In maths, we are still working on our topic of money, using a number line to estimate different amounts of money. In science, the children have learnt about the different types of teeth that animals and humans have and what they are used for. In history, we have been learning more about the Industrial Revolution and how it affected Manchester. In RE, we have revised our learning on CAFOD and how it supports people all over the world. We have also been looking at Pilgrims of Hope and how we can be part of this mission during this Jubilee year. The children were excited to have our anchor of hope in class this week and we marked the occasion with a Celebration of the Word session and renewed our pledges to be pilgrims of hope this year.

Question: how many teeth do adults have?





## Year 5

What a truly special week it has been for our Year 5 students! This week, we had the pleasure of welcoming the anchor to our school for Pilgrims of Hope Prayer Week. Together, we explored the meaning of hope, sharing personal reflections and celebrating our diverse perspectives. Based on this exploration, the children wrote pledges explaining how they could make meaningful changes to make the world a better place.

The excitement continued as our Year 5 students showcased their incredible talents during auditions for St Stephen's Got Talent. We were blown away by the performances and can't wait for the grand final on Friday, 18th July—it promises to be a vibrant celebration of our talented children!

In English, our focus has been on refining our skills with simple, compound, and complex sentences while diving into the heart of Wonder—describing the main events and crafting internal monologues for Auggie, inspired by 'The Little Freak' by Edwin Schaap. This has been an enriching way to deepen our understanding of character and narrative.

Meanwhile, in Maths, we've been hard at work calculating angles on a straight line and around a point, classifying polygons, and identifying the properties of 3D shapes. Next week, we will commence our unit of work on converting units of measurement.

Finally, in Geography, we produced a double-page spread explaining the consequences of deforestation on our rainforests and ways in which we can make sustainable choices to minimise the effects of deforestation on our planet.

**Question:** Can you write a definition for regular and irregular polygons?

## Year 6

This week has been extremely busy in Year 6. The children have worked extremely hard and we are very proud of them.

In our R.E. work we have completed our unit of Pentecost, carefully considering our key question: 'What do I want to witness in my life?'. Understanding what it meant to be a witness of Christ was crucial before learning of key modern witnesses including: Darwin Ramos, Sister Rani Maria Vatalil and Matteo Farina. This generated some fantastic discussions and opportunities of reflection on how we, ourselves, can be witnesses of Christ. Following this, we focused on the work of Caritas and their efforts to support people experiencing hardship, children, the homeless and refugees - linking this carefully to our lives and this Jubilee year 'Pilgrims of Hope'. To begin our unit on 'Healing', we focused on Bartimaeus - a blind man healed by Jesus through faith - using our creativity to illustrate how he viewed the world before and after Jesus gave him sight.

In PSHE, we have continued our learning and understanding of ourselves and our bodies with particular focus on our emotions. We have learnt about how our hormones during puberty can have an impact on our emotions and how we can best support ourselves to regulate and understand these. The children have approached this unit with maturity and we are really proud of their engagement.

In the afternoons, we have been rehearsing for our school play 'The Greatest Showman'. This is coming together nicely. Please can the children continue to practice their lines and songs so we can put on the greatest show!

**Question:** How will you be a modern witness of Christ?

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