



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

Friday 11th July 2025

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...I hope you've had a lovely week — it's hard to believe we're only a few short weeks away from the summer holidays! It's been a busy week here at school - thankfully we were able to hold Year 3 and 4 Sports Day! A huge thank you to Mr Grantham and the whole staff for making all the Sports Days fun for the children!

Staffing Updates – September 2025

As we begin to look ahead to the next academic year, I'd like to share some important staffing news.

First, we say a fond farewell to Mr Meleady, who will be leaving St Stephen's at the end of this term. Over the past two years, he has brought dedication, warmth and energy to our school. He will be greatly missed by staff, pupils, and parents alike, and we wish him every success in the future.

We will also be saying goodbye to Miss Abbey (Teaching Assistant). Her kindness, care, and commitment to our children have made a real impact, and she will be dearly missed by all.

It is with deep sadness that I share that Mrs Healey, our Assistant Headteacher, will also be leaving us at the end of the year. Over the past 22+ years, she has poured her heart and soul into St Stephen's. Her passion for teaching, unwavering faith, and dedication to every child and family have been an inspiration to us all. Mrs Healey has been more than a teacher — she has been a role model, mentor, and a constant source of support and wisdom within our community. Her legacy is one of compassion, strength, and excellence, and her presence will be felt for many years to come. On behalf of everyone at St Stephen's, we thank her from the bottom of our hearts and wish her all the very best for the future.

Welcoming New Staff

We're delighted to be welcoming several new faces to our team in September!

- Mr Brooks will be joining us in Reception
- Miss Dover will be teaching in Year 3
- Mr Pownall will be joining the Year 5 team

We're sure you'll give them all a warm St Stephen's welcome when you see them around school.

We're also excited to welcome Mrs Promfret, our new Pastoral Leader. She will be leading on attendance and punctuality, and will be available to support families in a variety of ways. We're very much looking forward to working with her.

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN CONTINUED...

Transition Morning

This morning, children had the opportunity to spend time in their new classrooms and meet their teachers for next year. The full staffing arrangements can be found on the next page of the newsletter.

The children were buzzing with excitement — and we're thrilled to see them looking ahead to September with such positivity.

We also welcomed our new Nursery and Reception children and their families for the first time. It was wonderful to see them exploring their new environment — we can't wait to welcome them properly in September!

Building Works

Exciting changes are coming to the school site! Significant building work will begin over the summer. This includes:

- Relocating the school offices closer to the car park by remodelling the current Year 6 classrooms
- Constructing a brand-new classroom behind the current Year 6 block

This project will take several months, and during this time the current Year 6 classrooms will be out of use.

One of the new Year 6 classrooms should be ready for September therefore we will be receiving a temporary classroom to accommodate the other Year 6 class. I will confirm these arrangements with Year 6 parents as soon as they're finalised.

Additionally, we're thrilled to announce that the Reception playground surface will be completely revamped over the summer break. I'm just awaiting the final design and will share it with you as soon as it's ready — it's shaping up to be a brilliant improvement for our youngest learners!

Thank you for your continued support — it's an exciting time for our school, and we look forward to keeping you updated as we head into the final weeks of term.

Have a wonderful weekend - make the most of the good weather!

Mr Lavin
Headteacher

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If your child is currently in this class	Your child will move to this class teacher in September 2025	New Class Names
-	Miss Taylor will be our new Nursery teacher	NST
Nursery	Your child will either be taught by Mrs Ellison or Mr Brooks	RNE or RAB
Reception Mrs Ellison (RNE)	You will receive a separate letter, either Mrs B or Miss Leigh	Y1LB or AL
Reception Miss Smith (RLS)		Y1LB or AL
Year 1 Mrs Healey (Y1SH)	Miss Leishman	Y2JL
Year 1 Mrs B (Y1LB)	Mrs Williams	Y2LW
Year 2 Miss Leigh (Y2AL)	Mrs Herbert	Y3LH
Year 2 Miss Leishman (Y2JL)	Miss Dover	Y3MD
Year 3 Mrs Bilić (Y3HB)	Mrs Gibson	Y4HG
Year 3 Mrs Herbert (Y3LH)	Mrs Bilić	Y4HB
Year 4 Mr Meleady (Y4SM)	Miss Seville	Y5LS
Year 4 Mrs Gibson (Y4HG)	Mr Pownall	Y5CP
Year 5 Mrs Williams (Y5LW)	Mr Fitch	Y6DF
Year 5 Miss Seville (Y5LS)	Miss Birtles	Y6GB

You will have the opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher and hear about all of the fantastic things they'll be getting up to at 'Meet the Teacher' early September.

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Dates for your calendar - Summer 2

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	Elsa & Aria
RLS	Phoebe
RNE	Romie
Y1SH	Myles
Y1LB	Bella
Y2JL	Zainab
Y2AL	Hazel
Y3HB	Parker
Y3LH	Thomas F
Y4HG	Bruce
Y4SM	Adora
Y5LW	Leah
Y5LS	Layla W
Y6GB	Ralph
Y6DF	Jaime

Readers of the Week

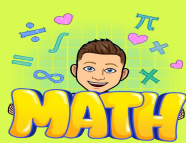


Nursery	Skye
RLS	Elliott
RNE	Ocean
Y1SH	Oreofeoluwa
Y1LB	Leo
Y2JL	Berrie-Mae
Y2AL	Maisie
Y3HB	Kingsley
Y3LH	Emmanuel
Y4HG	Eva
Y4SM	Keane
Y5LW	Daisy
Y5LS	Frances
Y6GB	Freddie
Y6DF	Rosie





Maths Star



Nursery	Bobby
RLS	Theodore
RNE	Afia
Y1SH	Harriet
Y1LB	Iremide
Y2JL	Jessica
Y2AL	Jessica
Y3HB	Annie
Y3LH	Leo
Y4HG	Pippa
Y4SM	Noah
Y5LW	Dolly
Y5LS	Caelan
Y6GB	Cory
Y6DF	Abigail

Writing Star



Nursery	Lily
RLS	Coby-Ray
RNE	Axel-James
Y1SH	Tommy
Y1LB	Peyton
Y2JL	Declan
Y2AL	Keoni
Y3HB	Anastazja
Y3LH	Coby
Y4HG	Jensen
Y4SM	Bella
Y5LW	Noah V
Y5LS	Riley-James
Y6GB	Lacey
Y6DF	Aoife

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Loving God and our neighbours is the foundation of a good life. But it is only through loving God first, that we are really able to love our neighbours as God intends.

Who is our neighbour? In this Sunday's Gospel we read about the Good Samaritan. Through this parable, Jesus answers a question from a lawyer and tells us that our neighbour is any person who needs our help, regardless of who they are or where they come from.

Wednesday 9th July 2025

At the end of the Gospel, Jesus then tells the lawyer to go and act as the Good Samaritan did. It's a message for us today. Who will I be a good neighbour to this week?

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

Dom Henry Wansbrough



**A Word from
the Saints**

"We must not fail to help our neighbours, because in them we are serving Jesus." Saint Rose of Lima

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 13th July 2025



There was a lawyer who, to unsettle Jesus, stood up and said, "Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" The lawyer replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself." "You have answered right," said Jesus. "Do this and life is yours." But the man then said, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was robbed on his way down from Jerusalem. He was badly beaten and left for dead. Two people passed by without helping him. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He bandaged his wounds and took him to the inn and looked after him and paid for him to stay there. Which person proved himself a neighbour to this man who fell into the robbers' hands?" "The one, who took pity on him," the lawyer replied. Jesus said to him, "Go, and do the same yourself."

*Adapted from Luke 10: 25-37
The 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time, 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!

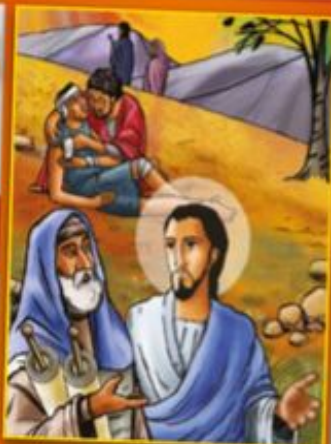
**Having Hope
in our Families**

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that every person, without exception, is our neighbour – particularly anyone in need. Through the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus is showing us how to be truly human and so change the world through loving and serving our neighbour.



Good News for Families

TOGETHER TIME



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

Jesus agreed with a teacher of the law that, to live with God forever, we must love God and love our neighbour as ourselves. Then the teacher asked, "Who is my neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was robbed and badly beaten. Two people passed by and left him for dead. But a Samaritan traveller stopped, felt sorry for him and bandaged his wounds. He then paid for him to stay at an inn and looked after him. Who then was a 'neighbour' to this poor man?" "The one who took pity on him," the teacher replied.

What did the teacher ask Jesus?

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...

"Anyone who needs me, and whom I can help, is my neighbour." Pope Benedict XVI

NEIGHBOUR



The Good Samaritan teaches us how to be a good neighbour. Ask your child what the word 'neighbour' means to them. What makes a good neighbour? Do you ever find it difficult to 'love your neighbour as yourself'? Can you remember a time when someone was a good neighbour to you? Who are the 'Good Samaritans' in your community?

Good neighbours are caring, generous, kind and compassionate. How can we show these qualities and be 'Good Samaritans' to those around us in this coming week? Perhaps we can: visit an elderly or sick person together as a family; be welcoming to new people in our community; try to include someone at school who may be feeling lonely or left out; learn about and help our neighbours abroad: cafod.org.uk/Education/Kidz-Zone

3 Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for teaching us how to be good neighbours. Help us to show our love through our actions and so to be respectful and caring to all we meet. Amen.

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LDSPMANBRME
EAVAETLOVED
PASSPSAUHAS
DEPPOTS RNDN

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

☒ MAN
☒ BEATEN
☐ PEOPLE
☐ PASS
☐ SAMARITAN
☐ STOPPED
☐ LOVED
☐ NEIGHBOUR

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

Cross out the letters **a c l** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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A Samaritan traveller _____, felt _____
for _____ and bandaged his _____.

DID YOU KNOW? This Friday, 11th July, is St Benedict's Feast Day. St Benedict founded the Benedictine religious order. For centuries the Benedictines have demonstrated their love for God and neighbour by setting up hospitals, schools, monasteries and churches throughout the world.



This week I will try my best to...

Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley





Nursery

We have had a fabulous couple of weeks in Nursery.

Last week we enjoyed a lovely Stay and Pray in which we got to showcase our wonderful work from our Celebration of the Word sessions.

We have been very busy honouring our Jubilee Pledges which is to look after our Nursery environment. Some of our Nursery children made an excellent start to looking after our environment by taking part in a litter pick around our nursery area. They did an amazing job! On Monday, we enjoyed a lovely RE Retreat with Mrs Farmer, we listened to stories about Jesus and his love for us and sang some lovely songs.

We were very thoughtful and respectful.

We have enjoyed our outdoor play this week, especially the water area.

We have also been very creative and made some wonderful marks with the chunky chalks outside.

Next week we have a very busy week as we continue our rehearsals for our Nursery Graduation.

We are also very excited for our Nursery Trip to Medlock Soft Play.

(For more details on this please see our class dojo page)

Have a lovely weekend in the sun!

Miss Taylor, Miss Whittaker and Mrs Parkinson.

Question- If today is Friday, what day will it be tomorrow? What day was it yesterday?

Reception

We've had a great couple of weeks and are still over the moon with the arrival of our five beautiful butterflies! The children were thrilled to welcome Megan, Rizzy, Kerry, Gwen, and John into the world. During our Forest School session, we had a special moment releasing them into nature as we celebrated God's Wonderful World with Mrs Artingstall — a joyful reminder of the beauty all around us.

In Literacy, we've begun our final class text of the year: Commotion in the Ocean. The children are already hooked, and we're looking forward to diving deeper into this exciting underwater adventure next week.

In Maths, our focus has been on patterns, and we've been so impressed with the children's ability to identify and understand the unit of repeat. Their pattern-spotting skills are really shining through!

We had a very special experiences in RE. Our own Mrs Nourine gave a wonderful talk about Islamic prayer traditions. She brought in beautifully decorated prayer mats and other traditional objects, which the children explored with curiosity and respect. It was a lovely opportunity to deepen our understanding of different faiths. We also enjoyed an RE retreat with Mrs Farmer where we learned all about Jesus as our friend.

Wishing you all a restful weekend!

Question: What is a prayer mat used for?



Year 1

This week has been absolutely jam-packed with fun and learning for Year One! A major highlight was our delightful trip to the beach, where the children had the chance to explore and discover both the human and physical features that make the seaside so special. They enthusiastically built their own mini beaches in the sand, fostering their creativity and collaboration skills. We were incredibly proud of how well they behaved; they truly were a credit to our school. In Maths, we delved into the concepts of 'before and after' as well as the days of the week. In RE, we completed our unit on being sorry, encouraging children to reflect on their actions and the importance of apologies. Our Science lessons this week involved an exciting exploration of the features associated with summer, from the weather to the local wildlife. In PSHE, we took the time to discuss the various communities we belong to, helping children understand their place in the wider world. To top it all off, children enjoyed a visit to their new Year Two class, allowing the children to familiarise themselves with their new environment and meet their new teacher.

Question- What day comes after Wednesday?

Year 2

It's been another busy week in Year 2! We have now finished our text, The Twits, and the children wrote a fantastic diary entry from the perspective of Muggle-Wump. We have also been reading some Revolting Rhymes in Guided Reading.

In Maths, we have been telling the time to 5 minute intervals and learning how many minutes are in an hour.

In R.E, we have been completing our Islam unit which the children have been extremely interested in. We learnt about how Muslims prepare for prayer, and Mrs Nourine kindly shared some prayer mats and tasbeih beads with us to look at too.

We have been completing our final D&T unit - moving vehicles. The children have analysed existing products and they have designed their own car. After practising cutting and assembling axels and wheels, they have now started to make their own.

We ended the week by meeting our new Year 3 teachers. The children had a wonderful morning and they are now excited for their new year group.

Have a wonderful time at the summer fair and enjoy the sunshine!

Question: How many minutes are in an hour?



Year 3

The end of another busy week in Year 3.

In Maths we have been working hard on our new unit, 'Time.' The children have learnt to tell the time on analogue clocks and have practised working out time differences. In English we have continued with our unit on 'Stuart Little' by reading about when Stuart became a supply teacher. The children had to think about how brave Stuart has been throughout the book and rank his courageous acts. In Religion lessons as part of our Islam unit, we have looked at mosques, learning what they are used for and their important features. On Thursday Years 3 and 4 enjoyed their sportsday. It was a great afternoon. The children all tried their best in all events. The children had their last singing session with Miss Bradley on Wednesday. She allowed them to choose all their favourite songs from the year and the children sang their hearts out.

Question: In which direction do Muslims face when they pray?

Year 4

What another amazing week in Year 4!

We finished off our unit on time by looking at converting between 12 and 24 hour clocks in Maths. We then began our final unit on shape where we have looked at angles- the children have really enjoyed this!

In English, we have continued reading 'The Day I was Erased'. The children have been revising how apostrophes are used for omission and possession and have been apply this into sentences of their own about the text. We can't wait to finish the book next week!

Our RE lessons have focused upon reconciliation. We have thought about times we have broken bridges of love with our friends, family and with God. We considered how we can repair these bridges with one another.

Science has been extremely exciting this week! The children have loved learning about layers of the teeth and have planned their own experiment exploring the effects of sugar on teeth. We will update you with the results next week!

Today, the children enjoyed meeting their new teachers for Year 5! We are going to miss the children greatly however, we know they are ready for their new adventure in UKS2!

Question: Keep practising telling the time using an analogue clock at home :)



Year 5

As we approach the end of year 5, the children are all busily preparing for the challenge of Year 6. All of the children enjoyed a wonderful morning in Year 6 in preparation for this important transition.

This week we have concluded our unit on Wonder in English. We began by reading and analysing the chapter 'The Bleeding Scream', comparing the text to the film version and identifying similarities and differences. Following this, we discussed the events within the chapter from the viewpoint of Jack Will. We hotseated how Jack Will would be feeling at this point and used advanced question stems to write questions and answer for Jack.

Having understood Jack's perspective, we were then able to plan and write the chapter from an alternative viewpoint. The children worked incredibly hard to incorporate varied sentence types, advanced punctuation, emotive language and speech into their written work.

In Maths this week, we have concluded our work on units of measurement by converting units of mass, length, capacity and time. We also used appropriate formulae to convert between imperial and metric units of measurement.

Year 6

As we get closer to the summer holidays, it feels busier than ever in Year 6! The children (and our choreographer, Mrs. Devine) have worked incredibly hard to learn all the dances required for our production of The Greatest Showman. With the weather being so good, we have been able to practise out on the field and playground, which has made a lovely experience and a nice change from the hall. All of the children have learned their lines and the production is looking like it will be a great success! Thank you for all those who have bought tickets and will be coming along to support the children next week.

In PSHE, we have been concentrating on Catholic Social Teaching. This has centred around the way that we should live our lives, supporting those most in need and ensuring that our world is cared for. The children have also been chronologically ordering the events in which God showed his love and care for us.

Finally, we have been working diligently and demonstrating our creative sides by producing books for our Special Friends. Yesterday, we went down to Reception to read to them and give them as gifts to our friends. There are some fabulous photos of them on the next page.

Question: What was the first occasion when God showed his love for us?



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NEWSLETTER

"Special Friends" Book Exchange



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