



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

Friday 18th July 2025

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### A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

It's been a fantastic week here at St Stephen's, filled with energy, creativity, and a real sense of pride in all that's being achieved. I've had the pleasure of seeing some excellent examples of work across the school – from thoughtful writing and impressive maths to imaginative art and enthusiastic performances. It's always inspiring to see our children putting in such effort and showing real curiosity in their learning. A big well done to everyone for their hard work and positive attitude!

Last night, I had the pleasure of sharing highlights from our academic year with the Local Governing Body. They were encouraged by the progress we are making towards our school goals and asked me to pass on their sincere thanks to all staff for their continued hard work, dedication, and commitment to our school community.

### Summer Fair Success!

What a fantastic day we had at the St Stephen's Summer Fair! The sun was shining, the atmosphere was buzzing, and it was wonderful to see our school community come together to celebrate the end of another brilliant year.

From the exciting games and delicious food stalls to the raffles, music, and smiling faces everywhere, the fair was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all. A huge thank you goes to our amazing PTA, whose dedication, creativity, and hard work made the day so special.

We also want to thank the PTA for all they've done throughout the year – from organising events and fundraising to supporting school life in so many ways. Your time and effort make a real difference, and we are so grateful.

### Congratulations to Mrs Sutcliffe!

We are absolutely delighted to share the wonderful news that Mrs Sutcliffe has welcomed a beautiful baby girl into the world! Congratulations on the birth of your daughter, Melody.

We send our love and best wishes to Mrs Sutcliffe and her family at this special time. May Melody bring endless joy, love, and laughter into your lives.

Welcome to the St Stephen's family, baby Melody!

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### Our Values: St Stephen's CARES

#### Compassion



#### Ambition



#### Rejoice



#### Excellence



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#### **Year 6 Production of The Greatest Showman**

What an unforgettable performance from our Year 6 children! Their production of The Greatest Showman was a true celebration of talent, teamwork, and creativity. From the dazzling costumes and toe-tapping musical numbers to the confident acting and powerful singing, the show was nothing short of spectacular. The energy and enthusiasm on stage captured the spirit of the original film while adding a unique and heartfelt charm that only Year 6 could bring. A huge thank you goes to the dedicated staff who made this production possible. Your time, guidance, and tireless support behind the scenes allowed every child to shine. Your commitment ensured the performance was polished, professional, and deeply memorable.

#### **St Stephen's Got Talent**

What an incredible showcase of talent we witnessed today at St Stephen's Got Talent! A huge round of applause goes to everyone who took part – from those who had the courage to audition to the finalists who performed on stage. Your creativity, confidence, and passion were truly inspiring.

Whether you danced, sang, played an instrument, told jokes, or amazed us with unique skills, every act brought something special to the show. It takes bravery to share your talents with others, and we are so proud of each and every one of you. Thank you to the staff who organised and supported the event, helped with auditions, and ensured everything ran smoothly. Today reminded us all of the incredible talent and spirit within our school community.

Well done, everyone – you really are stars!

#### **Mrs Khan - School Business Manager**

At the end of the academic year, we say a very heartfelt goodbye to our wonderful School Business Manager, Mrs Khan. After years of dedicated service to St Stephen's, Mrs Khan is moving on to new adventures, and while we are incredibly sad to see her go, we are so grateful for everything she has done for our school. Thank you, Mrs Khan, for everything. We wish you nothing but happiness, health, and success in your next chapter. You'll always have a place in the St Stephen's story.

I will write to you again on Tuesday with my final end of year message!

**A reminder that school closes on Tuesday 22nd July at 1:30pm for our Summer Holidays.**

Have a great weekend,  
Mr Lavin, Headteacher

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## Dates for your calendar - Summer 2

### 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>	Roman & Noah
<b>RLS</b>	Ayrah
<b>RNE</b>	James
<b>Y1SH</b>	Nancy
<b>Y1LB</b>	Ivy
<b>Y2JL</b>	Sienna
<b>Y2AL</b>	Ivy
<b>Y3HB</b>	Kaiden
<b>Y3LH</b>	Esme
<b>Y4HG</b>	Grace
<b>Y4SM</b>	Adora
<b>Y5LW</b>	Angel
<b>Y5LS</b>	Tallulah
<b>Y6GB</b>	Everyone!
<b>Y6DF</b>	Everyone!

## Readers of the Week

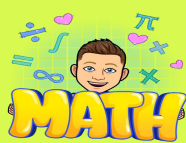


<b>Nursery</b>	Caleb
<b>RLS</b>	Chester
<b>RNE</b>	Pippa
<b>Y1SH</b>	William
<b>Y1LB</b>	Phoebe
<b>Y2JL</b>	Felicity
<b>Y2AL</b>	Keoni
<b>Y3HB</b>	Bella
<b>Y3LH</b>	James
<b>Y4HG</b>	Evelyn
<b>Y4SM</b>	Caoimhe
<b>Y5LW</b>	Freya
<b>Y5LS</b>	Estee
<b>Y6GB</b>	Everyone!
<b>Y6DF</b>	Everyone!





## Maths Star



<b>Nursery</b>	Caitlyn
<b>RLS</b>	Lena
<b>RNE</b>	Christoforos
<b>Y1SH</b>	Chester
<b>Y1LB</b>	Lula
<b>Y2JL</b>	Zainab
<b>Y2AL</b>	Myla
<b>Y3HB</b>	Panagiotis
<b>Y3LH</b>	Thomas H
<b>Y4HG</b>	Kiana
<b>Y4SM</b>	Elliott
<b>Y5LW</b>	Donaao
<b>Y5LS</b>	Evianna
<b>Y6GB</b>	Everyone!
<b>Y6DF</b>	Everyone!

## Writing Star



<b>Nursery</b>	Maddox
<b>RLS</b>	Eddison
<b>RNE</b>	William
<b>Y1SH</b>	Ava
<b>Y1LB</b>	Jaxon
<b>Y2JL</b>	Octavia
<b>Y2AL</b>	Armaan
<b>Y3HB</b>	Jessica
<b>Y3LH</b>	Hudson
<b>Y4HG</b>	Eliza-Rose
<b>Y4SM</b>	Jacob
<b>Y5LW</b>	Bobby
<b>Y5LS</b>	Charlie
<b>Y6GB</b>	Everyone!
<b>Y6DF</b>	Everyone!

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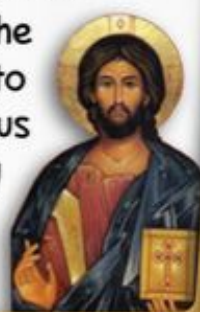
**Wednesday**  
16<sup>th</sup> July 2025



**Good News  
for Families**

# 1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who chose to sit down in front of Jesus to listen to him. Now Martha, who was busy preparing the meal said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me." But Jesus answered, "Martha, Martha, you worry and fret about so many things, but only one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen what is good; this will not be taken away from her."



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025. Luke 10:38-42 (the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Now explore this Wednesday's word, which is **LISTENING**.







**"Open up your heart and listen to what God is saying to you."** Pope Francis

What did Mary do that was good? In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus knows that household jobs are important, but he reminds us how important it is to take time to listen to God. Jesus does not force us to listen to him, but he knows what's best for us. Listening is a sign of real love - it's a powerful way of showing that we care. Ask your child if they know someone who is a really good listener. Who does your child like to listen to? Do they know people who speak with kindness and love, and want good things for them and others? It may help your child if you give them an example of your own.

**"Before we speak, it is necessary for us to listen. God speaks in the silence of the heart."** St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

This Gospel reminds us that rushing frantically around can stop us hearing the wisdom of Jesus. We need first to listen to Jesus, to be reminded of what's really important in life; then it's time to swing into action. As the summer holidays approach, explore ways that can help you to listen to Jesus in these coming weeks. Perhaps you can: remember to have quiet times in prayer when you wake up, at bedtime or some other time - just for listening to God as he speaks to your heart; go to Church together; regularly read the gospels in this Wednesday Word Summer Special together. What other ways can you think of?

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for always being ready to **listen** to us. Please help us to **listen** and understand your words and to be good **listeners** to each other too. Amen.



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



**MARTHA  
BUSY**

**MARY  
SITTING**

**LISTENING  
GOD**

**MOST  
IMPORTANT**



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

G	I	B	A	H	T	R	A	M	G	A
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T	O	D	O	G	Y	T	P	I	A	A
P	R	L	I	S	T	E	N	I	N	G
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A	N	D	B	U	S	Y	M	O	S	T
R	T	N	A	T	R	O	P	M	I	D
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\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to him.

Cross out the letters **m d o** in the 4 jumbled words to find 4 real words.

Jesus wants us to spend time listening to him and so allowing him to guide our lives. What are the best times for you to quietly pray and listen throughout the holidays? When you wake up, throughout the day or at bedtime?

**Write** a promise and then **draw** a big smile on Smiley

**This week I will try my best to ...**

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## Nursery

It's been such a busy last full week at Nursery!

We enjoyed a fabulous trip to Medlock Soft Play, we had so much fun and our behaviour was wonderful! We enjoyed the slides, climbing and making lots of memories with our nursery friends and teachers.

We have been busy practising our Nursery Graduation with the children who are joining Reception classes in September and we can't wait for you to join in this celebration with us on Monday 21st July in the School Hall at 9.05am.

Today we loved watching St Stephen's Got Talent- we were very excited to support our own act from Nursery 'The Hula Girls'. They showed so much confidence and we are so proud of them for performing in front of the whole school. And they were awarded the Gold Award! Well Done Girls!

We can't believe how fast this year has gone, we have made lots of memories together as a class and have learnt so much as the year has progressed.

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday for our last couple of days!

Miss Taylor, Miss Whittaker and Mrs Parkinson

## Reception

What a fantastic final full week we've had here in Reception!

The children have completed their final piece of writing in Literacy and have thoroughly enjoyed describing sea creatures, using our class text as a rich source of inspiration. It's been wonderful to see their imaginations come to life through their words.

In Maths, we've been consolidating our understanding of patterns, focusing on identifying and creating repeating patterns with confidence.

In RE, we brought our unit on *"God's Wonderful World"* to a close. The children reflected beautifully on their favourite parts of God's creation and shared thoughtful reasons for their choices—it was a truly lovely way to end the topic.

We just want to take this opportunity to thank you all for the most amazing year. It has been an absolute privilege to teach your children and watch them grow. We will miss them all so very much, but we know they are more than ready for the exciting challenges that Year 1 will bring.

Have a wonderful summer break!





## Year 1

We've had a very busy final full week!

In English, the children wrote letters inspired by *The Day the Crayons Quit*. They were incredibly persuasive and showed fantastic creativity as they imagined what their own crayons might say. In Maths, we completed our unit on measure by learning to tell the time to the hour and half past. The children did brilliantly! We've now begun exploring our next topic: money — recognising coins and beginning to understand their values. In Geography, we shared our knowledge about the seaside — discussing what we already know and building on it together. In Science, we finished our work on seasonal changes, reflecting on how the world around us transforms throughout the year. In RE, we continued learning about world faiths. This week, we heard the story of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and learned about key moments in his life.

**TASK: Practice telling the time to o'clock and half past**

## Year 2

What a busy final week in Year 2! In RE this week, the children have been thinking about how we can treasure God's world. We thought about things in our lives that we treasure, and the steps we can take to look after God's planet. In Geography, we completed our unit all about Nigeria. We explored the natural climates and habitats of Nigeria, landmarks of the capital city Abuja, and created amazing posters all about Nigeria's culture. In Science, we learned about the life cycles of butterflies and frogs, we learnt some amazing facts! We have been very reflective in our Celebration of the Word sessions this week and the children are leading these very well. We concluded the week with a very exciting time at St Stephen's Got Talent! A big well done Sienna, Evie-Rose, Hazel and Jess!

**Question - can you recall the life cycle of a frog?**



## Year 3

**What an exciting week in Year 3! Today some of the children performed in our Year 1 outdoor theatre for a Year 1 audience. They recited a selection of Michael Rosen's poems before we all sang six songs from The Salford Songbook. Today was also the St Stephen's Has Got Talent show where the Year 3's gave fantastic performances. They should be very proud of themselves.**

**In English we planned and wrote a letter from Stuart Little to a tiny girl called Harriet Ames who Stuart meets on his travels. The children did a great job of describing Stuart and inviting Harriet to join him on a canoe ride. In RE, we recapped on the Seven Gifts of The Holy Spirit, focusing on the gift of Fortitude. We thought about how Mary showed fortitude throughout her life, exploring the challenges she faced being the mother of Jesus. In Science, we continued with our study of plants, looking at reproduction, pollination and seed dispersal.**

**Question: How would half past 3 look on a digital clock?**

## Year 4

Well done to all of the children for getting to the end of the year so successfully. We are really proud of the children and all their hard work and determination this year; they have really stepped up to the challenge of year four and should be feeling good about heading into year five and upper key stage two.

In class this week, we have been rounding off our English unit and consolidating our maths works on shape and angles. We have explored the effects of the Industrial Revolution on cities and how the invention of the steam engine helped shape this period of time. We have learnt more about the digestive system, specifically what causes tooth decay and how to look after our teeth. In RE, we have reflected on reconciliation and the importance of confession and reflecting on our daily choices.

Well done to everyone who took part and represented our year group in St. Stephen's Got Talent this week, you are all brilliant and should be so proud of yourselves.

Thank you for continued support this year and we hope you all have a restful and enjoyable summer!

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## Year 5

We've had a fantastic penultimate week in Year 5, filled with exciting activities and meaningful learning. The children thoroughly enjoyed watching the Year 6 performance—it gave them a wonderful insight into what's to come next year! In our Religious Education lessons, we explored Islamt, focusing on Ramadan and Eid ul Fitr. The children created some beautiful designs for donation boxes and celebration cards. In PSHE, we continued our work on Catholic Social Teaching and deepened our understanding of the Holy Trinity. A highlight of the week was the thoughtful and prayerful Celebration of the Word, which the children planned and led themselves. They invited their peers to reflect on the gospel message and write their reflections on postcards. We rounded off the week with the much-anticipated St Stephen's Got Talent—what a show! A huge well done to Lola, Layla B, Estee, Layla W, Cleo, Dolly-Rae, and Daisy, who represented Year 5 brilliantly. We're looking forward to a brilliant end to our academic year next week!

**Question: What is Eid ul Fitr?**

## Year 6

We cannot believe we are coming to the end of our final full week here at St Stephen's! What a memorable final week it has been!

As we prepare to say goodbye, the children have truly ended their primary school journey on a high. This week has been filled with dedication, emotion, and pride as they poured their hearts into rehearsals and dress rehearsals for our production of *The Greatest Showman*. Their performance was nothing short of spectacular, leaving not a dry eye in the room. The children shone on stage, showing confidence, teamwork, and talent—making their teachers, families, and friends incredibly proud. We're so grateful to all the loved ones who came to support and celebrate these wonderful young people. Your presence made this week even more special.

As we look ahead to Leavers' Mass on Monday, we kindly remind all children to arrive in full school uniform. It will be another important moment to reflect, give thanks, and mark the end of an unforgettable journey.

**Question: What will you miss the most about St Stephen's?**

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