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Issue 5

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## A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN

Happy Friday! I hope you have all had a lovely week. This week has been jam packed with great learning and fun! Unfortunately, the weather seems to have taken a turn for the worst but that does not stop us from getting outside - please ensure your child has a coat with them each day, and if they would like to change into trainers to go outside in that is fine too.

**Fantastic Walking** - next week, all classes are having a real focus on 'Fantastic Walking' around our school. It will be their target on the class Recognition Board for the next few days! I can see a big improvement already.

**October** - October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Children will spend some time over the month learning about each decade of the Rosary.

**Year 3 Mass** - our Year 3 children had their class mass on Thursday. It was so lovely to see them together in Church and their behaviour and singing were incredible as always. Next week, it is our Year 2 children's turn.

### School Uniform

It has been great to see the children so smart in their new school uniforms and school PE kit. A polite reminder the PE hoodies should not be worn on school uniform days in place of a school jumper. This hoodie is just for PE days and does not replace our traditional V Neck school jumper. Also, a reminder that black trainers are not to be worn in place of school shoes on uniform days.

### Communication

We try our very best to ensure communication between school staff and parents is as good as it can be. Emails and Class Dojo are our main method of communication. We understand that everyone's working hours can be different and replies to messages may not be instant, especially in the evenings and at weekends.

### Dinner Ordering

If your child is on school dinners, it is important that you pre order your meals in advance. We are seeing a rise in the number of children not having a meal ordered and this is causing some disruption to the day. Also, please do have a chat with your child about what the menu is and what they would like. We are seeing some children saying that do not like what has been ordered for them.

On Thursday 7th October it is Space Day in our kitchen. There is a special menu that you have been emailed this week. If your child is not usually on dinners, you can book them a meal for this special day on your school grid account. Enjoy!!

Have a brilliant weekend. *Mr Lavin Deputy Headteacher*

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## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

1/10/21

The Month of the Holy Rosary Begins

1/10/21

Black History Month Begins

7/10/21

Year 2 Mass

7/10/21

National Poetry Day

8/10/21

Hello Yellow Day

### Parking

We have received a number of complaints about parking. Please be respectful of the neighbours when parking.

Also, please do not pull up outside of school to drop off/pick up - it is only a matter of time before someone is seriously hurt. Thank you.

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## Hot Chocolate Friday Winners



Nursery	Hazel
Nursery	Mary
RKF	Sam
RCL	Kingsley
Y1LD	Noah
Y1J'OD	Lydia
Y2SH	Isla
Y2AL	Jacob
Y3LW	Evie
Y3CS/DH	Beau
Y4DS	Vincent
Y4HB	Poppy
Y5LS	Beatrice
Y5DM	Riley
Y6HG	Ava
Y6DF	Damiete
Mrs Johnson	Kasper

## House Points

Blue  
3944



Red  
3413

Yellow  
3228



Green  
3575

### Totals So Far!

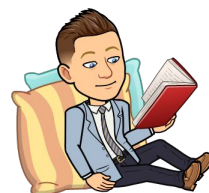
Blue 22,530  
Green 18,525  
Red 15,121  
Yellow 14,779

## Readers of the Week

In Nursery, Reception and Year 1 the class teachers chose one child who they thought had been making a fantastic effort with their reading.

In Years 2 -6, our readers of the week are the children who have spent the most time engaged reading on Accelerated Reader. Congratulations to all!

Nursery: Deedee  
RKF: Isabelle  
RCL: Arabella  
Y1J'OD: Bruce A  
Y1LD: Leila  
Y2SH: Elise D  
Y2AL: Daisy A  
Y3CS/DH: Ellenore  
Y3LW: Jemima  
Y4DS: Mason  
Y4HB: Lacey  
Y5LS: Heidi  
Y6DF: Jake  
Y6HG: Ted



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## Attendance

Whole School	94.5%
Nursery AM	71.4%
Nursery Full Day	93.7%
RKF	96.6%
RCL	94.4%
Y1LD	88.2%
Y1J'OD	91.2%
Y2AL	96.8%
Y2SH	95.4%
Y3LW	94.6%
Y3CS/DH	93.8%
Y4DS	95.7%
Y4HB	94.9%
Y5DM	92.9%
Y5LS	97.5%
Y6HG	95.8%
Y6DF	99.6%



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

## Attendance Challenge!

If your child is in everyday for the whole half term, they will be entered into a draw for a special prize. Everyday in school counts so let's see how many of us can make it to 100%!

**100%**



## St Stephen's Attendance League

St Stephen's Attendance League EYFS & KS1			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: NurAM	6	5th: NurFD	2
1st: 2AL	6	5th: 1JO'D	2
2nd: RKF	5	6th: 1LD	0
3rd: 2SH	4		
4th: RCL	3		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y6DF	10	5th: Y6HG	1
2nd : Y4DS	7	6th: Y3LW	0
3rd: Y3CS/DS	3	7th: Y5DM	0
4th: Y4HB	2		
4th: Y5LS	2		

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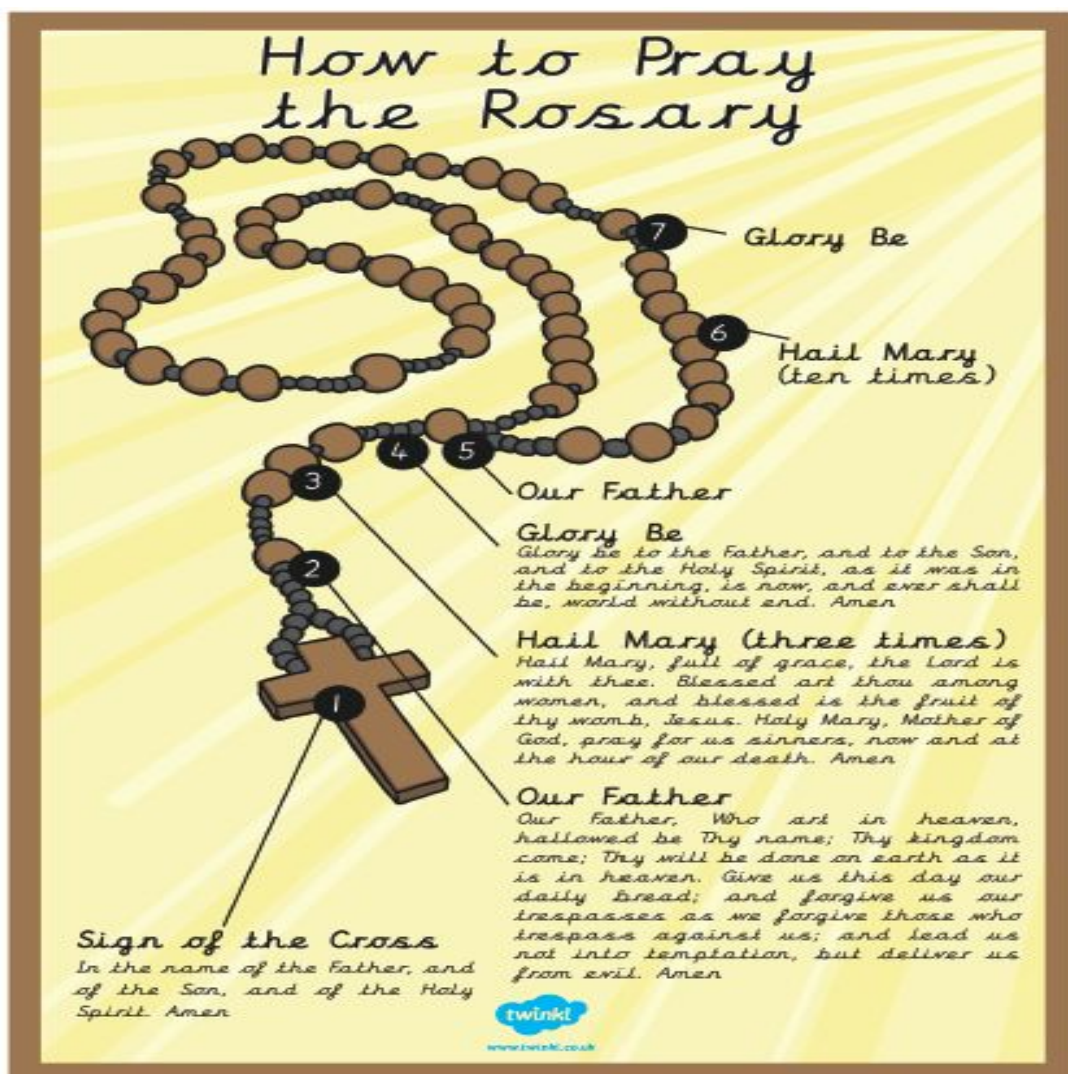
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## Religious Education

### October - The Month of the Holy Rosary



### Baptisms

If your child is not baptised and you would like them to be baptised at St Stephen's, you must speak to Father Wilson directly after Mass on a Saturday or Sunday. Similarly, Baptism certificates are not stored in school and can only be obtained by seeing Father Wilson after weekly Mass.

Thank you

Saturday Vigil : 5.30pm  
Sunday: 10.30am



## Our Fantastic Learning!

### Nursery

What a fabulous week in Nursery we have had. It has been a very wet week but that has not stopped our fun. We have had lots of learning fun indoors this week. We continued with our number song from last week - 5 currant buns in a baker's shop! We have enjoyed acting out being the customers buying our currant buns! We have been looking at using real money and counting backwards. We have been looking at our families this week and the children have drawn and discussed who lives in their house!

Our book this week has been Pete the Cat -I love my white shoes. See if you can find the video on YouTube to sing along to the story.

The children had PE on Wednesday with Mr Grantham and had lots of fun. Finally, we had our Forest school session with Mrs Artinngstall. Every week we feed the chickens and ducks, collect leaves, herbs and flowers for our mud kitchen. This week we planted some runner beans and collected seeds from our sunflower heads so we can replant them again! Emmeline wrote us a letter to say she had lost her hat, again, and could we help her find it! We are good at finding her hat! We had had a lovely wet walk in our woods on the hunt for sign of nature!

We can't wait for more learning next week.

### Reception

This week in Reception we have been reading 'The Gruffalo'.

We have been painting, drawing and making hats. We have been talking about what the Gruffalo looks like. If you ask us we will describe it to you!

Mr Grantham is very pleased with our developing skills in PE. We are listening really well to instructions.

We are learning how to walk around school beautifully.  
Well done Reception!

What colour are the Gruffalo's eyes?



## Year 1

Highlights of year 1's week

- Thinking and singing about how God loves us.
- Playing musical instruments to accompany a song.
- Learning about how people dug canals, and that the first canal boats were pulled by horses.
- Going on a senses walk, exploring all we could see, hear, smell and feel around our school grounds.
- Making predictions about our new book: Look Up by Nathan Bryon. What will happen?
- Learning to find 1 more and 1 less than a number, including with money.

We are very much looking forward to our trip to Portland Basin next week.

Question: What is the difference between a canal and a river?

## Year 2

Another busy week comes to a close in Year 2! We have been working hard in all our lessons.

In English we have been working on improving our sentence work when retelling the story of the Highway Rat. In maths we have been comparing numbers using  $<$  and  $>$  symbols.

We continue to look at suitability of materials and how certain materials can be changed. In RE we have been thinking about Collective worship and how we would prepare our prayer table. We are also preparing for our first Year group mass by learning some hymns.

Can your child retell the story of the Highway Rat?



## Year 3

This week we have continued to develop our place value skills in Maths, comparing, ordering and sequencing 3 digit numbers. We applied our understanding of ordering numbers to real life contexts, using tape measures to measure different parts of our body and ordering the measurements. In English, we have written diary entries as Stone Age Boy, applying our understanding of compound sentences, adverbials of time and emotive language. We have also learned the spelling rules for adding the suffixes -ful, -ness, -less and -ment. Our focus in computing this half term across school is digital skills. Therefore, in year 3, we have learned how to change the type and colour of the font, as well as the size of font in Microsoft Word. In Science, we tested the permeability of a variety of rocks, ensuring we conducted a fair test, making predictions and recording our observations in a table. Finally, in RE, we wrote a recipe for a happy family. The children created some beautiful work of which they should be extremely proud.

Question -What features are important in a diary entry?

## Year 4

This week in Year 4 we have enjoyed reflecting on our Roman trip, using what we learnt in Chester to take part in discussions and to enhance our written work. In Maths we are working hard on our times tables as it is so important for us to know them fluently. In Science we are lucky that we can make the most of our outside areas, including the allotments where we studied the different life forms as part of our topic on Living Things. In English we have been enjoying different poems and short stories which we have been reading aloud, practising intonation and expression.

Question: What are the names of the formations the Roman army used to form in battle?



## Year 5

This week we have looked at rounding in our maths and have found fun and interesting ways to test our understanding.

We have begun to watch the Extinction BBC documentary by David Attenborough in English and have worked on the dangers facing many animals.

In RE we have researched the life of Oscar Romero and wrote reports on the amazing life he led.

## Year 6

We've had another busy week in Year 6! In maths, we have been working with negative numbers. We have ordered, compared and even added and subtracted numbers below 0. We have been continuing our work on Romeo and Juliet focusing on using a range of fronted adverbials. The children are becoming fantastic at varying sentence lengths and types within their writing!

In RE, we read the story of the Prodigal Son and analysed how artists portrayed each character. We have continued our work on Ancient Greece in history. Both classes have looked at how primary sources help us understand the past, especially the early Greek olympics. bDF have learnt about democracy in Ancient Greece- bHG can't wait to complete this lesson next week! bDF have been practising their ukulele skills and are thoroughly enjoying their music lessons whilst bHG have been working towards creating their own game in computing!

**Question: Do you think that the Father should have welcomed the younger son back in the story of the Prodigal Son?**





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## THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

It's been another remarkable week!

Here's some photographs to show some of the wonderful learning experiences...



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