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Friday 3rd December 2021  
 Issue 13

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## A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN

It has been a great week in school.



Children have been working hard in preparation for their various Christmas performances. I am sure they are very excited to show them to you.

Sunday is the 2nd Sunday of Advent and this week we light the second purple candle on our advent wreath.

We still intend to go ahead with live audiences for our Early Years and KS1 performances.. Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents will have received two tickets for their allocated show by now. Please do confirm your attendance to your child's class teacher so we can prepare a seating plan.

I must remind you of some precautions we are taking:

- All adults, unless medically except, are required to wear a face covering for the duration of the show.
- Only sit in your designated seat - this will help us with any contact tracing if needed.
- Please complete a lateral flow test at home before coming to the show.

By doing all of the above will help us to keep each other safe and make sure all shows are able to have a live audience. Your support with this is great appreciated.

I hope you have a great weekend - remember it is the PTA Maker's Markets here at school on Sunday 11-3pm! It is going to be a great day! I hope to see you there!

Best wishes, **MR LAVIN, DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER**

## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

05/12/21	PTA Christmas Makers Markets
07/12/21	Y6 Safety Squad in School
10/12/21	Christmas Jumper Day
15/11/21	Party Day (own clothes)
17/12/21	Christmas Holidays at 1:30pm - Own clothes day

## **\*\*PTA Christmas Raffle\*\***

On the final day of term, Friday 17th December, we will be having an own clothes day. We ask for a £1.00 donation and in return all children will receive a raffle ticket to be entered into a special prize draw! There will be 12 names drawn and there are some great toys and teddies to be won! See some examples below:



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## Hot Chocolate Friday Winners



Nursery	Odin & Gabriella-Rose
RKF	Grace
RCL	Evelyn
Y1LD	Keane
Y1JOD	Pippa
Y2SH	Hamilton
Y2AL	Isla
Y3LW	Chen
Y3CS/DH	Lucie
Y4DS	Desta
Y4HB	Reggie
Y5LS	Layla
Y5DM	Kate
Y6HG	Grace
Y6DF	Daniel

## Readers of the Week



Nursery	Jessica E
RKF	Niall
RCL	Henry
Y1LD	Jacob
Y1JOD	Hudson
Y2SH	Lola
Y2AL	Patrick
Y3LW	Deborah
Y3CS/DH	Ralph
Y4DS	Hanna
Y4HB	Daisy
Y5LS	Isla
Y5DM	Fletcher
Y6HG	Callum
Y6DF	Alfie

## Handwriters of the week



Nursery	Evie
RKF	Sophie
RCL	Lexie
Y1LD	Alex
Y1JOD	Lydia
Y2SH	Saul
Y2AL	Noah
Y3LW	Anabelle
Y3CS/DH	Emelia-Rose
Y4DS	Teddy
Y4HB	Lacey
Y5LS	Racheal
Y5DM	Grace
Y6HG	Archie
Y6DF	Joshua



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## Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	Valentina
RKF	Leo
RCL	Rahim
Y1LD	Lillie
Y1JOD	Ebony
Y2SH	Laicee
Y2AL	Bobby
Y3LW	James
Y3CS/DH	Reece
Y4DS	Hollie
Y4HB	Annalise
Y5LS	Louis
Y5DM	Carlos
Y6HG	Johnny
Y6DF	David

## Sports Stars of the Week

Nursery	Evie
RKF	Isla
RCL	Annie
Y1LD	Jacob
Y1JOD	Sahichpreet
Y2SH	Avaya
Y2AL	Daisy
Y3LW	Theodore
Y3CS/DH	Emelia-Rose
Y4DS	Megan
Y4HB	Louie
Y5LS	Thomas
Y5DM	Leni-Rey
Y6HG	Isaac
Y6DF	Ksenia

## House Points

Blue  
3754



Red  
4924



Yellow  
4159



Green  
6149



### Totals So Far!

Blue 55, 142  
 Green 61, 442  
 Red 53, 896  
 Yellow 52, 416



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## Attendance

Whole School	91%
Nursery AM	90%
Nursery Full Day	89.4%
RKF	84.7%
RCL	97.4%
Y1LD	88.8%
Y1J'OD	95.4%
Y2AL	86.4%
Y2SH	97.2%
Y3LW	86.6%
Y3CS/DH	97.5%
Y4DS	91.8%
Y4HB	87.5%
Y5DM	89.3%
Y5LS	85.3%
Y6HG	92.5%
Y6DF	95.4%



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

## Attendance Challenge!

If you are in school everyday this Half term then your name will be entered into a draw for a very special prize!

**100%**

Good Luck!



## St Stephen's Attendance League

St Stephen's Attendance League EYFS & KS1			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 2AL	15	4th: RCL	8
2nd: 1JO'D	14	5th: NurAM	7
3rd: 2SH	11	6th: NurFD	6
4th: RKF	8		
4th: 1LD	8		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y6DF	20	6th: Y5DM	3
2nd: Y3CS/DS	14	6th: Y4HB	3
3rd: Y3LW	12	6th: Y5LS	2
4th: Y4DS	11		
5th: Y6HG	10		

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## Religious Education

### Advent

Advent means 'coming'. We think of the coming of Jesus when he was born but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. It is a time of waiting and preparing. It is only in the last week of Advent that we focus upon the events to be celebrated at Christmas.

The children will be spending time in class preparing for the birth of Jesus. These are the following Advent topics the children will be covering:

Reception and Nursery: Birthday - Looking forward to Jesus' birthday

Year 1: Waiting - Advent: a time to look forward to Christmas

Year 2: Preparations - Advent: preparing to celebrate Christmas

Year 3: visitors - waiting for the coming of Jesus

Year 4: Gift - God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus

Year 5: Hope - Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one

Year 6: Expectations - Jesus born to show God to the world



### Sacramental Programme 2021-2022 Year 4 Children

Thank you to all the parents that attended the Sacramental Programme meeting on Wednesday 1st December. If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like your child to participate in the Sacramental programme, please contact Father Wilson directly and then let Mrs Gibson (Year 6) know.

Saturday Vigil : 5.30pm  
Sunday: 10.30am  
Father B. Wilson 0161 370 1505

### Prayer of the Week

#### HOPE

Holy Father,  
That first Christmas, you gave us  
the gift of hope wrapped in  
swaddling clothes and laid in a  
manger. Thank you, Father, for  
your immeasurable gift. In Jesus'  
precious name, we pray.  
Amen.





## Our Fantastic Learning!

### Nursery

We have had another fun week in Nursery.

We have been practising our Nativity and we are very excited for you to come and watch with us next week.

We have been learning about Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Light, and we enjoyed making Hanukkah crafts.

We have also been learning about Advent and how it is a journey to prepare for the birth of Jesus. We spent time learning about the colours of the candles and what they represent.

On the snow day we had hot chocolate and toast to keep us warm and cosy.

### Reception

What an eventful week we have had! The excitement of snow, opening advent calendars and the return of the elf. We have been busy learning songs for our Nativity performance. The children are doing so well and looking forward to performing for you all.

In class we have been exploring the Christmas story. The children have listened attentively and will be able to tell you all about it. We have also enjoyed reading Stickman and talking about our families.

In mathematics we have been finding different ways of making 5.

We are very proud of the children and all that they are achieving at this busy time.



## Year 1

Year 1 have had a very busy week indeed. We are practising hard for our Christmas carol concert and we have done an amazing job of learning all our words. In maths we are learning all about number ten. We are getting really good at our number bonds. We have also enjoyed playing maths board games to help us consolidate our number facts. We acted out a real Baptism on Thursday morning and we learned about the symbolism of water, candle light and chrism in Baptism. On Friday we walked around our school grounds to find locations on a map from an aerial view. We noticed lots of changes.

## Year 2

Another week comes to a close and again Year 2 have made their teachers proud. They have completed assessments this week in reading and maths, and taken them in their stride - well done Year 2!

In English this week we have started reading a lovely Christmas themed book called "Little Robin Red Vest" By Jan Fearnley. The children have shown good understanding of the story and have used it as a stimulus to write sentences using the past tense. In maths we have been learning about 2d shapes and their properties.

In RE we are continuing to look at signs and symbols in Baptism and we are thinking about the meaning of Advent. We've also had a great time this week getting ready for our Christmas play - the children can't wait to wow you with their singing, dancing and acting!



## Year 3

In English this week, we have been exploring determiners and writing rules for using 'a' and 'an'. We have also been developing our use of expanded noun phrases, using a thesaurus to identify synonyms and extend our vocabulary. In RE, we looked at the life of St Stephen, who was a contemporary of the apostles, and became the first martyr to be made a saint. We began our Advent celebrations and used the travelling Nativity to share reflections and prayers in our daily collective worships. Using iPads, we researched information about Thessaloniki, which we will use to produce travel leaflets in Geography. We particularly focused on the climate, historical sites, activities, Greek food, landmarks, restaurants and accommodation. In Maths, we applied our knowledge of the multiplication and division facts for the three times tables to word problems and reasoning activities. Next week we will be using acrylic paints in Art and exploring the artwork of the famous Japanese artist (Katsushika Hokusai. 1760 - 1849).

*Question - Write three facts you have learned about St Stephen.*

## Year 4

As we entered the first week of Advent, we have started getting ready for the arrival of the baby Jesus. We've thought of ways in which we can follow in Jesus' footsteps through our words and actions. The children have made Advent promises and asked for God's help to become the best version of themselves and help others, especially during this time.

We have also been very lucky to have a visit from Mrs Farmer who delivered a retreat day based on Advent. Both classes thoroughly enjoyed the day's activities and all children participated with enthusiasm and respect.

*Question: What can you do to help someone else this Advent?*





## Year 5

In Year 5 this week we have researched the famous bridges within Manchester in our D&T lessons. In English we have planned and written our own chapter 13 from our class novel 'Room 13'. In maths we have concluded our subtraction unit of work. We have investigated separating materials in science through the use of different objects. In RE we have looked at the importance of marriage and the vows and promises that are made at these important life events.

Question- what are the 4 types of separation we have learnt about this week?

## Year 6

This week in Year 6 we have enjoyed continuing with Wonder. We have read an extremely emotional chapter called, 'The Bleeding Scream'. We spent a lot of time reflecting upon Auggie's feelings in this chapter and thought about how the words we use impact on a person's self perception and mental health. We re wrote this chapter from Jack Will's point of view: thinking about if he meant some of the comments he said.

In Maths, we have continued with our topic on multiplication with a challenging investigation where we had to apply place value and multiplication knowledge. As we prepare for the Birth of Jesus during this season of Advent, we have completed our RE topic on Vocations. We have learnt about the Sacrament of Holy Orders and have researched the various roles Nuns play within the Church. At home, please continue practising times tables using TTRS and reading on Myon as often as possible!  
Another great week Year 6- Well done!

Question: Think about our guided reading text. What made Stuntboy unique?



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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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