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# NEWSLETTER

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## A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

I hope you have all had a great week and are keeping well. We come to the end of the first full week back at school and it certainly has been a busy one. Children have been working very hard and demonstrating our 'world class behaviours and attitudes' in many ways. I have loved seeing some of the great work children have been completing and I look forward to seeing more of it next week. We have seen a small rise in the number of COVID cases within school this week. It is really important that if your child is displaying any symptoms at all you get them tested.

### Dogs on the playground

Please do not bring dogs onto the playground at pick up time. Whilst we love seeing our furry friends around it is not appropriate to bring them onto the school premises.

### Bikes and Scooters

Any child, or parent who is picking up, should dismount their bike or scooter at the main gate. This will make sure everyone is kept safe on the grounds and avoid any collisions.

### Holiday pattern for 2022/23

At a Governors meeting last night, the holiday dates for next academic year were agreed. I have attached them as a separate document within the email. Please remember, term time holidays will not be authorised.

### Uniform

Just a reminder that children should not be wearing hoop earrings - only studs are allowed. Children will be asked to remove them. They're extremely dangerous, especially when children are active on the playground. Long hair should also be tied back. If wearing a shirt, a school tie should also be worn. One of our 'world class basics' in school is the correct uniform, so your support is greatly appreciated.

## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

18/01/22	Year 6DF Retreat in School
19/01/22	Year 6HG Retreat in School
20/01/22	Y3/4 Mass
27/01/22	Y5/6 Mass
3/02/22	KS1 Mass
04/02/22	Numbers Day - children can dress up.
08/02/22	Year 2 Retreat in School
10/02/22	Y5/6 Mass
17/02/22	Y6 and Reception Mass
18/02/22	Half term begins at 3:15pm



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## A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN CONTINUED...

### Class Assemblies

I am pleased to confirm that each class will deliver a class assembly over the course of the year. They will be held on a Wednesday morning at 9:10am in the school hall. Due to COVID restriction, only one parent per child will be able to attend, and class teachers will issue tickets the week prior to the assembly. This will be a great opportunity for your child to showcase their learning. The dates for this half term are as follows:

- Year 6 Mr Fitch - 19/01/2022 (parents were emailed about this yesterday)
- Year 6 Mrs Gibson - 26/01/2022
- Year 5 Miss Seville - 02/02/2022
- Year 5 Mr Muschamp - 09/02/2022
- Year 4 Miss Scaife - 16/02/2022

### School Dinners - Thursday 20th January 2022

We are showcasing our great school dinners on Thursday 20th January 2022 . The kitchen will be serving their incredible 'Popcorn Chicken' and it would be great for those children who do not normally have a school dinner to have an experience of tasting the great food! One lucky child will have a sticker on their plate to win a special voucher!! You can book your child a meal via their school grid account!

### COVID-19 Updated News:

**This is the latest information I have received from the Department for Education regarding isolation dates. I know it is hard to keep up with things constantly changing, so I thought I'd let you have the information directly from the email I received this morning:**

### **Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19**

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#). If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest. Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

*Take care - have a fantastic weekend, Mr Lavin Acting Headteacher*

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## Hot Chocolate Friday Winners



Nursery	Gabriella-Rose and Luke
RKF	Gabrielle
RCL	Parker
Y1LD	Roman
Y1J00	Grace
Y2SH	Charlie
Y2AL	Tarandeep
Y3LW	Audrey
Y3CS/DH	Lacey
Y4DS	Zach
Y4HB	Rihanna
Y5LS	Charlie
Y5DM	Mia
Y6HG	Alexis
Y6DF	Lexie

## Readers of the Week



Nursery	Halle
RKF	Ava
RCL	Annie
Y1LD	Bella
Y1J00	Alex
Y2SH	Saul
Y2AL	Daniel
Y3LW	Lexi
Y3CS/DH	Farren
Y4DS	Teddy
Y4HB	Blaize
Y5LS	Lucas
Y5DM	Ivan
Y6HG	Hollyanne
Y6DF	Harley

## Handwriters of the week



Nursery	Jess
RKF	Elijah
RCL	Jake
Y1LD	Ember
Y1J00	Boma
Y2SH	Jacob
Y2AL	Joshua
Y3LW	Jemima
Y3CS/DH	Declan
Y4DS	Evan
Y4HB	Olivia
Y5LS	Racheal
Y5DM	Jayden
Y6HG	Joshua
Y6DF	Jamie





## Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	Denis
RKF	Esme
RCL	Linen
Y1LD	Koen
Y1J00	Clark
Y2SH	Esme
Y2AL	Noah V
Y3LW	Sara
Y3CS/DH	Matilda
Y4DS	Desta
Y4HB	Eddie O
Y5LS	Lola
Y5DM	Ollie
Y6HG	Kai
Y6DF	Leyland

## Sports Stars of the Week

Nursery	Bobby
RKF	Harrison
RCL	Linen
Y1LD	Rocco
Y1J00	Thomas
Y2SH	Yasmin
Y2AL	Harrison
Y3LW	Harrison R
Y3CS/DH	Lilly Mai
Y4DS	Freshta
Y4HB	Kiera
Y5LS	Roman
Y5DM	Ivan
Y6HG	Emelia
Y6DF	Leyland

## House Points

Blue  
3222 

Red  
3559 

Yellow  
3669 

Green  
4380 

### Totals So Far!

Blue 65, 810  
Green 75, 801  
Red 66, 034  
Yellow 62, 703



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## Attendance

Whole School	96.0%
Nursery AM	91.7%
Nursery Full Day	95.6%
RKF	98.3%
RCL	100%
Y1LD	94.6%
Y1J'OD	96.4%
Y2AL	97.2%
Y2SH	96.6%
Y3LW	95.8%
Y3CS/DH	100%
Y4DS	92.1%
Y4HB	91.9%
Y5DM	98.3%
Y5LS	98.2%
Y6HG	92%
Y6DF	98.4%

## Attendance Challenge!

If you are in school everyday this Half term then your name will be entered into a draw for a **100%** 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	23	5th: NurAM	10
2nd: 1JO'D	15	6th: RKF	9
3rd: RCL	14	6th: NurFD	8
4th: 2SH	11		
5th: 1LD	10		

### St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y6DF	25	5th: Y5DM	11
2nd: Y3CS/DS	17	6th: Y5LS	5
3rd: Y3LW	14	7th: Y4HB	3
4th: Y6HG	13		
4th: Y4DS	13		



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

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## Religious Education

### Come and See

This week, all the classes have started their new units: local community. Here are the topics and big questions for each year group:

Year Group	Topic	Question
Nursery and Reception	Celebrating	What and why do people celebrate?
Year 1	Special People	What makes a person special?
Year 2	Books	Why do we need books?
Year 3	Journeys	Is life a journey?
Year 4	Community	What makes community?
Year 5	Mission	Do we all have a mission in life?
Year 6	Sources	Are books enriching?

Mass Times  
St Stephen's

Saturday Vigil :  
5.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am

Father B.  
Wilson

0161 370 1505

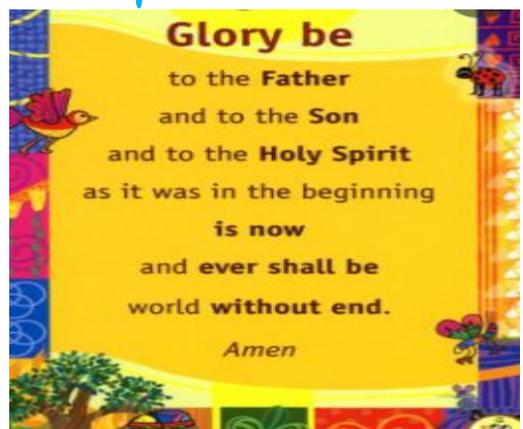


### Names

We have been reflecting upon Jesus' names in collective worship. We have thought about names he was given and why.

At home, why not tell your child about their name? Why was it chosen? What does it mean?

### Prayer of the Week



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## Nursery

This week in nursery we have been finding out about the solar system. We read Whatever Next and then made our very own rockets together out of cardboard boxes. We flew to the moon and talked about what it might be like there.

We have been mixing ingredients to make our own puff paint. In Maths, we have looked at number 1 by finding different ways to represent the number and take part in a treasure hunt.

## Reception

We come to the end of another amazing week in Reception Class. This week we have been reading the story of The Gingerbread Man. We have talked about all of the different characters in the story. The children have enjoyed joining in with the repetitive refrain "run run as fast as you can".

We opened our role play castle which has been very popular. We are continuing our work on feelings and the children are excited to come into school and put their "feelings pom pom" in the jar. We are exploring ten frames and learning how to use them to support our mathematics knowledge and development.

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## Year 1

Another very busy week in year one! We have been counting in 2s and recognising patterns. We also counted two pences and two litre bottles. Our new book this half term is called 'GIGANTOSAURUS' It's full of brilliant adjectives that we have been using, to create our own sentences with capital letters and full stops. In science this week we have been testing lots of different papers for absorbency. We also talked about a 'prediction' and a 'fair test'. Our children really were 'SUPER SCIENTISTS'. On Thursday we went to mass with year two. Once again, our singing and behaviour was impeccable! In Geography we are continuing to learn more about our town of Droylsden. We used google maps to find landmarks in our town.

## Year 2

Year 2 have had a busy week and have worked very hard. In English we have started a new book "Lizzie and the birds" by Dawn Robertson. The children have enjoyed discussing and writing sentences using superlatives to describe the birds that live in the tree. We also considered what qualities a good friend should have and then created some lovely poems.

In maths we have been reviewing our understanding of place value. We have been partitioning 2-digit numbers in different ways.

In science we have continued our work on life cycles but have focused on the stages of human growth.

Our new RE topic has started with us considering the importance of books and will lead us to a deeper understanding of the Gospels. The children also enjoyed their first Mass of the new year and were praised by Father for their lovely singing. We are looking forward to our next history topic based on Emmeline Pankhurst and the Suffragette movement.

Can you explain one of the life cycles you have learned about?



## Year 3

In English this week, the children enjoyed creating a tin forest of their own based on our book 'The Tin Forest'. We answered questions about the text and made predictions about what might happen next. We also used an image from the book to use prepositions in descriptive sentences. In Maths, we have been identifying missing numbers in multiplication and division calculations and creating balanced equations using the relationship between the 4 and 8 times tables.

In RE, we are learning about the liturgical calendar. We began our unit of work by creating a story map of events in 2021. We explored the five main food groups in Science and identified the benefits of each of them using the Eatwell Plate model. Finally, in French, we identified the location of the main French cities on a map.

Question - What is a preposition?

## Year 4

This week has been jam-packed with lots of different lessons and activities. We began a new Music and French unit. In music, we have been enjoying Abba's 'Mama Mia' and learning about the different parts of a song and how to find the beat and pulse. In French, we began recapping numbers to 10 and the children's pronunciation was spot on! We have continued our work on subtraction of two four-digit numbers using the column method. In Science, we are learning about evaporation and condensation.

The children have set up an investigation to find out how much effect temperature has on the rate of evaporation. They have been collecting data every day and will be analysing their final findings next week. With all of this plus much more, the children have definitely earned a rest this weekend!

Question - Can you name the different parts of a song?



## Year 5

Year 5 have had an excellent week this week. 5LS have started their coding lessons with Mr Chaudry. They were extremely focused and attentive which resulted in them creating intricate programmes. Mr Muschamp's class have continued with their brass lessons and are enjoying learning this new skill.

In English, the children have started a new unit. This half term we are studying Chak De India, which is a Bollywood film. This has sparked a buzz around the classroom, as the children are thoroughly engaged and are continually wanting to watch more! They have adapted to reading subtitles too! In Maths, we have been continuing with multiplication- exploring mathematical vocabulary. The children have been using the counting stick to attempt to become more fluent with their times table recall.

Finally, in Geography, the children have been using digital mapping to explore maps of Manchester and Venice. The children used the overlays on the programmes to add more detail, and annotated location using the digital tools.

They then decided whether they had located human or physical features.

Question: How would you describe Kabir Khan?

## Year 6

We've had another fantastic week in Year 6! In Wonder, we have read Justin's and Mirander's section. These chapters helped us develop a deeper understanding of Auggie and his family. We are so proud of the maturity and empathy that 6 children showed whilst discussing the characters.

In Maths, we have tackled long division and the children have shown great resilience whilst doing this. Again, we would like to encourage the children to be using TTRS as often as possible to practise their multiplication and division facts.

We are coming to the end of our current Geography unit comparing Manchester and Toulouse. This week we looked at tourism in both these cities.

Question: Why was Justin's chapter in Wonder missing certain types of punctuation?

### Homework

Maths	Page 11
English	Page 52
Comprehension	Pages 2/3

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## THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

It's been another remarkable week!

Here are some photographs to show some wonderful learning experiences...



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