



**St Stephen's RCP**  
'A world class school for children  
that want to make the world a  
better place as God intended.'

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st January 2022

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## A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

I hope you and your families are well. It has been yet another busy week here at St Stephen's! It has been great to finally open the new playground! Children have loved exploring it. A huge thank you to the PTA and to all of you for your donations over the years. Please do not let children play on the equipment before or after school. Children must be supervised with a member of school staff on the equipment.

### Start of the School Day

From Monday we are going to return to the pre-COVID way of dropping children off in the morning. This means that you will be able to bring your child onto the playground and drop them off at their classroom door, or the door that you pick children up from.

Doors will open at 8:40am and close at 8:50am for morning registration to officially begin.

The entrance gates in the mornings will be the car park and the 'Blue Zone gate' that I stand on each morning - the same gates you enter for pick up. Senior leaders will be on the playground and at the front of school from 8:40am to greet children. Gates will open from 8:30am but children should be supervised until doors open at 8:40am. If arriving after the gates have been closed, you should sign your child in at the school office as they will receive a late mark.

Hopefully these new plans should ensure a swift start to the school day and maximise learning time.

**Nursery drop off/pick up will remain at the Nursery gate.**

### Boys' Football Team - Message from Mr Grantham

On Thursday the boy's football team were entered into the Premier League Schools Tournament, where schools across Greater Manchester enter to win the chance to represent Manchester United in the Primary School Cup. The boys played fantastically well and finished top of their group and now are through to the finals, which will be held on 8th February. I could not be prouder of them all, keep it up!

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## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

26/01/22	Year 6HG Class Assembly
02/02/22	Year 5LS Class Assembly
04/02/22	Numbers Day - children can dress up.
08/02/22	Year 2 Retreat in School
08/02/22	Safer Internet Day
08/02/22	Year 5DM Class Assembly
10/02/22	Y5/6 Mass
11/02/22	Mental Health: Dress to impress Day
15/02/22	Reception Fairytale Day
16/02/22	Year 4DS Class Assembly
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 Assembly

Year 6 Mr Fitch's class led us in a beautiful assembly all about forgiveness on Wednesday morning. They taught us the importance of forgiving one another when we make mistakes.

They reflected on the Bible Story 'The Prodigal Son' and shared with us lessons they have learned from the book 'Wonder'. A big well done to all children. Next week it is Year 6 Mrs Gibson's class.

### Extra Curricular Activities

I have been delighted to see a range of extra-curricular activities being offered to our children this half term. From sports, fitness, arts and craft, extra learning sessions, children have enjoyed the opportunities to use their talents in a variety of ways. If you child's Year group has not been offered a club yet, please do not worry, there will be many more after school activities planned over the course of the year. A huge thank you to school staff for organising these sessions for our children.

### Sacramental Programme Meeting - YEAR 4 Parents

If you would like your child to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion this year, or who have already registered your child, there will be a meeting in Church with Mrs Wilding at 9:30am on Sunday 30th January.

### Account Check

Please can you log onto your ParentPay account and check any outstanding payments please. If you need support with logging on, please contact the School Office who will be more than happy to help.

### School Council

Mr Fitch is launching our School Council this term. Each class has chosen a class representative and they will have a big role in achieving our school vision of 'A world class school for children who want to make the world a better place as God intended'. Here are the names of our councillors. We will share more of what they get up to after they have had their first meeting!

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Grace - RKF Parker - RCL	Emanuella - 1LD Ruby - 1JO	Harrison - 2AL Elise - 2SH	Leyton - 3LW Reece - 3DH	Jenson - 4HB Hanna - 4DS	Layla - 5LS Grace - 5DM	Stanley - 6HG Lexi - 6DF

*Enjoy the weekend with your loved ones, Mr Lavin* Acting Headteacher

Hot Chocolate  
Friday Winners

Nursery	Octavia and Valentina
RKF	Isla
RCL	Arabella
Y1LD	Bella
Y1JOD	Millie
Y2SH	Evianna
Y2AL	Amelia
Y3LW	Rosie
Y3CS/DH	Lily-Grace
Y4DS	Hanna
Y4HB	Jensen
Y5LS	Olivia
Y5DM	Ivan
Y6HG	Hugo
Y6DF	Joshua

Readers  
of the Week

Nursery	Deedee
RKF	Sam
RCL	Kingsley
Y1LD	Hollie
Y1JOD	Sahichpreet
Y2SH	Elise
Y2AL	Mila
Y3LW	Scarlett
Y3CS/DH	Leila
Y4DS	Nancy
Y4HB	Dolton
Y5LS	Damian
Y5DM	Edwin
Y6HG	Evie
Y6DF	Lily-Mae

Handwriters  
of the week

Nursery	Noah
RKF	Patycja
RCL	Miley-Dean
Y1LD	Jacob
Y1JOD	Daley
Y2SH	Flynn
Y2AL	Cleo
Y3LW	Harlow
Y3CS/DH	Ellenore
Y4DS	Michal
Y4HB	India
Y5LS	Orla
Y5DM	Simona
Y6HG	Emelia
Y6DF	Jayden





## Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	Poppy-Kay
RKF	Oscar
RCL	Kalani
Y1LD	Keane
Y1J00	Conor
Y2SH	Layla
Y2AL	Vanellope
Y3LW	Chen
Y3CS/DH	Freddie
Y4DS	Kaitlyn
Y4HB	Yong
Y5LS	Jude
Y5DM	Roman
Y6HG	Grace
Y6DF	Daniel

## Sports Stars of the Week

Nursery	Frankie
RKF	James
RCL	King
Y1LD	Alexander
Y1J00	Willow-Rose
Y2SH	Yanis
Y2AL	Tarandeep
Y3LW	Macy
Y3CS/DH	Seth
Y4DS	Ava
Y4HB	Tymoteusz
Y5LS	Damian
Y5DM	Kate
Y6HG	Grace
Y6DF	Harley

## House Points

Blue  
5218



Red  
4130



Yellow  
8262



Green  
3291



### Totals So Far!

Blue 71, 028  
Green 79,092  
Red 70,164  
Yellow 70,965



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## Attendance

Whole School	94%
Nursery AM	87.6%
Nursery Full Day	91%
RKF	90.5%
RCL	93.4%
Y1LD	91.8%
Y1J'OD	94.7%
Y2AL	94.7%
Y2SH	94.8%
Y3LW	94.9%
Y3CS/DH	95.5%
Y4DS	94.2%
Y4HB	93.6%
Y5DM	95%
Y5LS	93.8%
Y6HG	94.7%
Y6DF	95.9%



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

**100%**

Good Luck!



## St Stephen's Attendance League

St Stephen's Attendance League EYFS & KS1			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 2AL	25	5th: NurAM	10
2nd: 1J0'D	17	6th: RKF	9
3rd: RCL	15	6th: NurFD	8
4th: 2SH	14		
5th: 1LD	10		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y6DF	28	5th: Y5DM	12
2nd: Y3CS/DS	19	6th: Y5LS	5
3rd: Y3LW	14	7th: Y4HB	3
4th: Y6HG	13		
4th: Y4DS	13		

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## Religious Education

### Year 6 Faith Filled Retreat

Mrs Farmer led two beautiful retreats for our Year 6 children this week where they were asked to reflect upon what it means to be faith filled.

Thank you Mrs Farmer!



Mass Times  
St Stephen's

Saturday Vigil :  
5.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am

Father B.  
Wilson

0161 370 1505



### Famous People

During Mass on Thursday, Father asked UKS2 if they had met anyone famous. Some of our children said they had met Ant and Dec, Jesse Lingard and even members of Little Mix. Father shared with us that he had also met a famous person... Jesus! Father Wilson explained to us that Jesus is always around and with us. We become closer to Jesus through the Eucharist and prayer.

### Prayer of the Week

But when I am afraid,  
I will put my trust in you.  
Psalm 56:3

Dear Lord, You are my  
protector and shield about  
me. I am safe in your arms.  
I release all my worries into  
your hands this day.  
Fill me, O Lord, with your  
perfect peace.





## Nursery

This week in nursery we have watched rockets lift off into space and imagined how the astronauts were feeling. We have read about famous astronauts and looked closely at what they need to wear in space.

In maths, we have been learning about number 2. We have represented 2 in different ways, using our fingers, cubes and numicon.

We went to the allotment and planted bulbs before going on a stick hunt in the woods.

## Reception

This week we have continued exploring the story of The Gingerbread Man. We have enjoyed talking about the weather and observing the beauty of a frosty morning. We are learning about birds and this week we have thought about how they make their nests. With the help of Mrs Artingstall we have tried to make nests ourselves using twigs, leaves and bamboo. We have also put some food in the trees for them to eat.

We have been doing lots of noticing and observing. We made a "Guess Who?" game. Just by looking at photographs of eyes we had to guess who the eyes belonged to. It was tricky!

Well done to all of our Reception children for working so hard in school. Have a lovely weekend.



## Year 1

Has your child been coming home buzzing about dinosaurs? The Giganotosaurus story book has been a great hit. Children acted out the story dramatically, wrote their own story endings and found out why the writer used exclamation marks. To begin our history unit (where we will be exploring the dinosaur discoveries of Mary Anning) the children thought about how we know about dinosaurs when there were no people around then. In maths we are continuing to count in 2s and 10s, including with money. Why not give your child some 2p and 10p coins when you are shopping and see if they can count them. We thought about people who are special in R.E. Lots of mums and dads featured. In music we are learning a blues song, "In the groove" and listened to a tune from BB King. Finally, the children are delighted to be learning to sew and have been trying hard with their beautiful running stitches.

Question: How do you think we know about the dinosaurs, even though there were no people around to tell us?

## Year 2

A very busy week for Year 2! In Science, we investigated the question: "Does the eldest child have the longest foot?" Ask your child about their discoveries! We have been continuing to read 'Lizzie and the Birds' in English and we have written a letter of apology, made a persuasive poster and we have even designed our own bird!

Our homework project for the rest of the term is to make our own bird so we can't wait to see these! In Maths, we have been adding multiples of 10, adding multiples of 10 to 2 digit numbers and we have started to add two 2 digit numbers. In R.E, we have been looking at the importance of the Bible and we wrote our own blurb for it. We have also thought about ways that we can live out the words of the Gospels. As well as all this, we have had lots of fun playing on the new playground equipment!

Question: Tell me what you discovered in your Science investigation.





## Year 3

In English this week, we received a letter from the old man who lives in 'The Tin Forest' asking us to write reports about the animals in his care. Consequently, we researched the animal's diet, habitat, characteristics and interesting facts and wrote non-chronological reports to help the old man look after them. We also used our editing skills to improve our writing, focusing on all we have learned so far in year 3. In Maths, we sorted multiples of 3, 4 and 8 using Carroll Diagrams and began our learning about fractions using models to demonstrate unit fractions. We explored the liturgical calendar in RE and created a calendar wheel to depict ordinary time, Advent, Easter etc. As part of our History topic, we learned about a variety of ancient civilisations, including Ancient Egyptians, Indus Valley, Mesopotamia and Maya. We compared artefacts and positioned the civilisations on a world map. Finally, in French, we located the main cities of France on a map and learned how to say our name and how we are feeling in French.

Question - What does the word civilisation mean?

## Year 4

The book we have been reading in English is called 'The Promise'. It is about a city where nothing grows and the people living there are miserable. This week, we have been looking at some issues that people living in busy cities and low income areas face. This linked nicely to our Geography Unit in which we have been studying poverty in Rio de Janeiro and Manchester and comparing the similarities and differences. We have been continuing our French and Music lessons. In Music, the children have begun learning to sing the song and play instruments to accompany it. In French, we have been practicing our conversation skills and furthering our knowledge of French numbers, now counting up to 20.

Everybody has worked very hard this week and we have had lots of interesting discussions.

Question: What part does evaporation play in the water cycle?



## Year 5

This week in Year 5 we have focused really hard on a range of different curriculum areas. In Geography we have continued our studies on Venice and Manchester. We have looked at land usage maps, tourist data and statistics as well as managing to complete a virtual reality gondola trip around Venice. It's like we was almost there! In math we have continued our work on the theme of multiplication. We have analysed prime numbers and also rules for multiplying numbers by 10, 100 and 1000. In our RE unit we have carried on working through our 'Mission' unit. We have used scripture to create art this week. Finally in Jigsaw this week we have worked on future careers and goals. It has been fun thinking about our own missions and futures.

Question- what is a more popular destination for foreign tourists: Venice or Rome?

## Year 6

This week both Year 6 classes were lucky enough to have Mrs Farmer leading a retreat: Faith Filled. The children were incredibly well behaved, reflective and mature. During the day, we were asked to reflect on what it means to be faith filled and how we live out our faith. The children, and staff, were moved to hear stories Mrs Farmer shared about her time volunteering at Cornerstones. Mrs Farmer shared a range of different and creative ways to pray which we hope the children will share with you at home.

We continued to read Wonder in our English lessons and revised our understanding of modal verbs. In Maths, we completed our unit of work on division and applied our learning to written problems.

Next week, we are extremely excited to welcome an Artist into school to work with us on a arts project!

Question: What was your favourite part of the RE retreat?

### Homework

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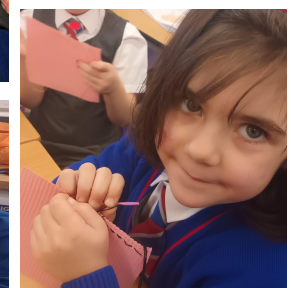
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## THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

It's been another remarkable week!  
Here are some photographs to show some  
wonderful learning experiences...



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