



St Stephen's RCP

'A world class school for children that want to make the world a better place as God intended.'

NEWSLETTER

Friday 4th February 2022

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

Where are the weeks going? Another week has gone and as ever there is so much to celebrate here at St Stephen's! Each day I am proud and honoured to be leading such a great school and community. Similarly to last week, we are seeing an increase in COVID cases amongst staff and children - please continue to be extra vigilant by isolating if you or your child has any symptoms and booking a PCR test as soon as possible. I thank the staff again for being so flexible with their time, often stepping up to cover a class at such short notice. Anyone who is currently absent from school with COVID, we cannot wait to welcome you back soon!

Your children continue to amaze me with their hard work and efforts - I have seen some great examples of their work this week and handed out plenty of Head Teacher Awards and I know there are a lot more to be given out next week! I particularly enjoyed visiting some of our reception children who talked me through their drawings of castles so confidently. We have very special children here at St Stephen's.

Year 5 Miss Seville

A huge well done to Miss Seville's class this week for their class assembly on Wednesday. The singing, dancing and the words they spoke were amazing as always and I am sure the parents that were able to join us were equally as proud as we all are. Next week is Mr Muschamp's class' turn.

Next week we have lots to look forward to:

- The week is the national week for Children's Mental Health Week. Children will take part in a variety of activities across the week to deepen their understand and knowledge of how to look after themselves mentally.
- Year 2 will be having a spiritual retreat in school They will explore the theme of love.
- On Tuesday is it Safer Internet Day and children will have the opportunity to learn more about how to keep themselves safe when accessing the internet and apps on their devices. They will also discuss how important it is to be kind online, and the damage that can be caused when we are not, thinking particularly about mental health and well-being
- On Thursday Year 5 and 6 will join with the parish to attend 10am Mass.
- The week ends with our 'Dress to Express' Day. We join with many schools across the country in a day to celebrate our uniqueness and children are invited to dress in a way that expresses themselves.

Next week looks set to be an action packed week so rest up this weekend and I look forward to welcoming you all on the gate on Monday morning!

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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 Express 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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Hot Chocolate Friday Winners



Nursery	Sofia & Cornelia
RKF	Isabelle
RCL	Annie
YILD	Peyton
Y1J00	Elvis
Y2SH	Estee
Y2AL	Serenity
Y3LW	Lottie
Y3CS/DH	Emelia-Rose
Y4DS	Carter
Y4HB	Lacey
Y5LS	Evie & Jake
Y5DM	Charlotte F
Y6HG	Ethan W
Y6DF	Georgie

Readers of the Week



Nursery	Luke
RKF	Raya-Mae
RCL	Parker
YILD	Alex
Y1J00	Willow-Rose
Y2SH	Hamilton
Y2AL	Leraya
Y3LW	Olivia
Y3CS/DH	Jenson
Y4DS	Mabel
Y4HB	Dexter
Y5LS	Johnathan
Y5DM	Eddie
Y6HG	Frasier
Y6DF	Callum

Handwriters of the week



Nursery	Ronnie
RKF	Hudson
RCL	Anastazja
YILD	Rocco
Y1J00	Ivy
Y2SH	Yasmin
Y2AL	India
Y3LW	Jemima
Y3CS/DH	Lacey
Y4DS	Hollie
Y4HB	Olivia
Y5LS	Willow
Y5DM	Ronan
Y6HG	Erin
Y6DF	Max





Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	Mary
RKF	Halle
RCL	Evelyn
Y1LD	Oscar
Y1J00	Ruby
Y2SH	Charlotte
Y2AL	Lotsie-Lou
Y3LW	Harrison R
Y3CS/DH	Declan
Y4DS	Leah
Y4HB	Toby D
Y5LS	Thomas
Y5DM	Geoff
Y6HG	Stanley
Y6DF	Camille

Sports Stars of the Week

Nursery	Henry
RKF	Hudson
RCL	Kaiden
Y1LD	Keane
Y1J00	Millie
Y2SH	Riley james
Y2AL	Leraya
Y3LW	Chen Xuan
Y3CS/DH	Beau
Y4DS	Benjamin
Y4HB	Dolton
Y5LS	Harley
Y5DM	Leni-rey
Y6HG	Daisy
Y6DF	Luka

House Points

Blue
5419



Red
5291



Yellow
5169



Green
5604



Totals So Far!

Blue 76, 416
 Green 82, 905
 Red 75, 984
 Yellow 76, 749





Attendance

Whole School	91.7%
Nursery AM	96.2%
Nursery Full Day	93%
RKF	85.1%
RCL	85.6%
Y1LD	90.2%
Y1J'OD	91.9%
Y2AL	91.7%
Y2SH	99%
Y3LW	99.2%
Y3CS/DH	93.8%
Y4DS	86%
Y4HB	88.3%
Y5DM	94.2%
Y5LS	92%
Y6HG	86.7%
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 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	25	6th: NurFD	11
2nd: 1J0'D	20	7th: 1LD	10
3rd: 2SH	18	8th: RKF	9
4th: RCL	15		
5th: NurAM	12		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y6DF	33	6th: Y4DS	13
2nd: Y3CS/Ds	19	7th: Y5LS	5
3rd: Y3LW	17	8th: Y4HB	3
4th: Y5DM	15		
5th: Y6HG	14		

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Religious Education

Sacramental Programme

It was lovely to celebrate Mass with the children from Year 4 who are embarking on their Sacramental Journey this week. The Sacramental Programme is triangular and involves commitment from the parish, from school and at home.



How to help at home: Take your child to Mass regularly and talk to them about what is happening at Mass. Talk to them about your own Sacramental Journey.

Collective Worship

This week, we asked the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds to see others as Jesus sees them.

We wrote and sent notes to people which let them know that we see their goodness, their faith, their kindness, their hope and their love.

Message for



From

Prayer of the Week

*Love is patient,
Love is kind,
Love is hopeful,
Love is trusting,
Love is humble,
God, Thank you for loving me
Help me to love others*

Amen

Mass Times St Stephen's

Saturday Vigil : 5.30pm



Sunday: 10.30am



Father B. Wilson 0161 370 1505



Nursery

We have been learning about the Chinese New Year celebrations in nursery this week. The children made dragons, made marks in red rice and even had a go at writing some Chinese numbers. We were all fascinated by the numicon stuck in gloop in nursery this week. We had tweezers to get it out but also talked about the feel and texture of it, what it looked like and whether we enjoyed exploring it, or not.

Reception

Kung Hei Fat Choy!

We have had a very exciting week celebrating Chinese New Year. The Year of the Tiger. The children have enjoyed listening to the story of the twelve animals.

Our story focus has been Little Red Riding Hood. The children have enjoyed joining in with repetitive refrains.

We loved the book about Jelly Beans. We love exploring mathematics through stories. The jelly beans tasted nice too!

Thank you all for the costume donations and junk modelling boxes.

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Year 1

Another fabulous week in year 1. Our highlights this week:

Reading and writing information texts about dinosaurs.

More counting in 2s 5s and 10s- including counting the eyes on some very strange aliens.

Number day on Friday.

Finding out about Lyme Regis, where Mary Anning lived.

Investigating which material would make the best umbrella.

Learning about how the priest welcomes everyone at church, and the story of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple.

Learning notes C and D on the glockenspiel and accompanying a song.

Going to mass with Year 2. Father Wilson really enjoyed our singing.

We continue to work hard in our phonics groups- remember to practise your reading every day.

Question: What materials are used to make umbrellas? Why?

Year 2

Year 2 have been so engaged in their learning this week. We have been continuing to learn about The Suffragettes in History and we have ordered significant events in Emmeline Pankhurst's life on a timeline. We have even learnt a song - 'Sister Suffragette' from Mary Poppins! In R.E we have listened to and re-told Matthew's Gospel about the Baptism of Jesus. When we went to Church on Thursday, we were able to understand how the Gospel is greeted. We have started a new book in English called 'Pretty' which teaches us a very important message about embracing our individuality and being proud of how we look. We have summarised events in the story by using hashtags #amazing! In Maths, we have been subtracting two digit numbers and started to look at crossing a boundary. We can't wait to celebrate the importance of Maths during Number Day!

Question - In what year were women allowed to vote from the age of 21?



Year 3

Number day was a fantastic climax to a wonderful week in year 3. This week we have continued to work on recognising and comparing unit and non-unit fractions. The children particularly enjoyed playing 'Fraction Find'. In English, we edited and improved our non-chronological reports and are now ready to send them to the old man in the Tin Forest. We can't wait to hear what he thinks of them. In RE, we researched the important feast days in the Christian calendar and identified whether they occur in Ordinary time, Lent, Advent or the Triduum. We continued our learning about nutrition in Science, categorising animals into carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. For Number Day, we explored spirals and created our own spirals using Fibonacci's formula. We also looked at Kaprekar's Constant for 3 digit numbers. Why not ask your children what they discovered?

Question - Can you write the definition of a herbivore, omnivore and carnivore?

Year 4

This week in Year 4 we have been thinking about communities that we belong to and how important they are in helping us to feel included and cared for. We talked about our class as a community and the fact that treating one another with respect is essential.

We completed our work on making Droylsden a greener city by writing reports which include practical ideas for making areas of the town more attractive for people to be in. We learnt that living in a green city can prolong a person's life by ten years! Today was 'Number Day' so we enjoyed doing extra maths activities including an investigation into 'Kaprekar's Constant.'

Question: Can you think of three benefits of living in a green city?



Year 5

This week, in Year 5, we have focused heavily on starting new units of work. In English we have carried on studying our Chak De India unit. We have written letters from the perspective of one of the central characters. In Maths we have moved on to looking at the written method of multiplication. We have worked on this through a number of different activities. In our humanities curriculum we have begun our Tudor Topic. We have created timelines based on Tudor History and British History. In Science we have moved onto our studies of 'Living things and their habitats'. To finish, 5LS are very proud of the assembly they performed this week which explored the themes of Unity and Team Work.

Question- In which Year did the Tudor period begin?

Year 6

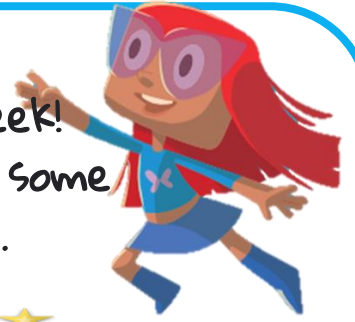
We've had another busy week in Year 6! The children are enjoying working alongside Sam, an artist, in completing their art projects and are working towards their final pieces which will be displayed in the Year 5/6 corridor. This week, both classes finished reading *Wander*. They spent time reflecting on how Auggie has grown and matured over the course of the book. The children then wrote speeches in the role of Auggie. In Maths, we have started learning about fractions and have focused on simplifying fractions. The children loved investigating Kaprekar's Constant during number day!

Question: Tell me about Kaprekar's Constant

Homework	
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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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