



**St Stephen's RCP**

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# NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th March 2022

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## A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

What beautiful weather we have been blessed with this week - long may it continue!! It has been great to make full use of the school grounds finally. Children have loved playing out on the fields and in the forests. Just through play, children have discovered some frogs jumping about and some created a great den right at the back of the forest using materials they have found. We are truly lucky to have such grounds and I hope to continue allowing children to make the most of them, not just when the sun shines! There is so much to learn and experience and I know children have loved it this week.

I have also loved spending time in Early Years this week, seeing the sheer enjoyment of children experiencing outdoor learning was a joy. Some were out making 'Signs of Spring lists', dressing up in various role play costumes, and digging with real shovels and moving things about in wheelbarrows - their little faces were beaming with pride telling me all they were doing. Well done little ones!

This week has been assessment week in school. Children have had the opportunity to demonstrate their learning in Mathematics and Reading. These assessments will provide teachers with more information about children and how to continue supporting them to make the progress they are capable of. A big well done to all children.

### Class Assembly

Year 2 Miss Leigh's class delivered a wonderful assembly this week, demonstrating their amazing work in English, they read and sang beautifully and showcased their amazing Art creations that they worked so hard on at home - a big well done. On Tuesday next week Mrs Williams' class will deliver their rearranged class assembly and it will be Mrs Healey's Y2 classes turn on Wednesday. Both start promptly at 9:10am in the school hall.

### Ukraine Appeal

Again, thank you so much for your generosity in donations this week. The next two weeks are as follows:

Week 3: Week beginning 28th March 2022: Toiletries - nappies, bottles of shower gel

Week 4: Week beginning 4th April 2022: Spare adult clothing - coats, jumpers

*Have a great weekend everyone, see you Monday!*

*Mr Lavin, Head teacher*

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## Easter activities at St Stephen's FRIDAY 8TH APRIL 2022



### EYFS/ Key Stage One

I am thrilled to confirmed that our Annual Easter Bonnet Parade for Children in **Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** is back this year! Because of the pandemic, this has not happened for many years so some parents may not be familiar with this. We invite all children to create an Easter Bonnet at home and bring it in for a Parade on **Friday 8th April**. It is a wonderful event and has been supported so well in past years. Each Year group will have a specific time where they showcase their Bonnet, you will of course be invited. We will let you know the finer details of times etc next week :-).

### Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6)

For children in Key Stage 2, **Years 3 to 6**, we invite children to decorate an egg - we have had some incredible creations over the years and I cannot wait to see what comes in this year. We display the eggs in the school hall on the day for all classes to come a look at the creations.

**\*\*Please can we ask for donations of Easter Eggs to help us with the prizes for the Bonnet and decorate eggs - THANK YOU!\*\***

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## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

28/03/22	Shakespeare Week
29/03/22	Y6 Theatre Trip
30/03/22	Y2SH Class Assembly

### **\*\*Please Note\*\***

There are class library visits coming up over the next few weeks - these dates will be confirmed by class teachers and these will be emailed to you directly by them.

I will keep adding to this calendar as the term progresses so please keep an eye on changes.

## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

31/03/22	KS1 Mass
04/04/22	Y6 SATs Parents Meeting 9am / 4pm
05/04/22	Year 6 Romeo and Juliet Performance and Workshop
06/04/22	Year 1 Mrs B Class Assembly
06/04/22	Y4 Multiplication Check Parents Meeting 9am/4pm
07/04/22	Y5/6 Mass
08/04/22	EYFS/KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade KS2 Decorate an egg competition
11/04/22	Holy Week Begins
13/04/22	Y1LD Class Assembly
13/04/22	Whole School Mass at 10am
13/04/22	School closes for Easter holidays at 1:30pm
14/04/22	Staff INSET Day

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Hot Chocolate  
Friday Winners

Nursery	Scarlett Myla
RKF	Sam
RCL	Jake
YILD	Harrison
YILB	Conor
Y2SH	Esme
Y2AL	Patrick
Y3LW	Liam
Y3CS/DH	Beau
Y4DS	Evan
Y4HB	Callen
Y5LS	Ruby-Ann
Y5DM	Edwin
Y6HG	Emelia
Y6DF	Mason

Readers  
of the Week

Nursery	Bobby
RKF	Oscar
RCL	Henry
YILD	Riley
YILB	Luna
Y2SH	Riley-James
Y2AL	Cleo
Y3LW	Aoife
Y3CS/DH	Charlie
Y4DS	Vinnie
Y4HB	Dexter
Y5LS	Orla
Y5DM	Ollie
Y6HG	Kian
Y6DF	Damiete

Handwriters  
of the week

Nursery	Henry
RKF	Bruke
RCL	Lexie
YILD	Elisha
YILB	Bruce
Y2SH	Alisha
Y2AL	Isla
Y3LW	Sam
Y3CS/DH	Lilly-Mai
Y4DS	Kaitlyn
Y4HB	Freddie
Y5LS	Bonnie
Y5DM	Lilia
Y6HG	Evie
Y6DF	Katy





## Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	Tissy
RKF	Gabrielle
RCL	Rahim
Y1LD	Bella
Y1LB	Pippa
Y2SH	Laicee
Y2AL	Tarandeep
Y3LW	Lottie
Y3CS/DH	Travis
Y4DS	Michal
Y4HB	Alfie
Y5LS	Johnathan
Y5DM	Jayden M
Y6HG	Erin
Y6DF	Jake

## Sports Star of the Week

Nursery	Halle
RKF	Nial
RCL	Felix
Y1LD	Ethan
Y1LB	Pippa
Y2SH	Alisha
Y2AL	Noah
Y3LW	Evelyn
Y3CS/DH	Sienna
Y4DS	Hollie
Y4HB	Ciannarose
Y5LS	Louie
Y5DM	Edwin
Y6HG	Kai
Y6DF	Noah

## House Points

Blue  
9523



Red  
10,062

Yellow  
10,893



Green  
10,056

### Totals So Far!

Blue 97,395  
Green 103,230  
Red 98,933  
Yellow 107,520







## Attendance

Whole School	94.1%
Nursery AM	81.5%
Nursery Full Day	98.9%
RKF	94.7%
RCL	93.8%
Y1LD	95.4%
Y1LB	90.2%
Y2AL	94.4%
Y2SH	93.5%
Y3LW	92.5%
Y3CS/DH	94.9%
Y4DS	92.2%
Y4HB	95.8%
Y5DM	97.1%
Y5LS	98.8%
Y6HG	86.9%
Y6DF	94.8%



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	26	4th: 1LB	20
2nd: NurFD	23	5th: RKF	14
3rd: RCL	21	6th: 1LD	12
3rd: NurAM	21		
3rd: 2SH	21		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y6DF	44	5th: Y4DS	13
2nd: Y3LW	24	5th: Y5LS	13
3rd: Y3CS/DS	23	6th: Y4HB	7
4th: Y6HG	19		
4th: Y5DM	19		

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## Religious Education

### Lent

In collective worship this week we have been thinking about Psalm 103:1-4,6-8,11

All that I am, praise the Lord.  
Everything in me, bless His holy name.  
My whole being, praise the Lord.  
And never forget all His blessings.  
The Lord forgives me for all my sins.  
He heals all my diseases.  
He saves my life from the grave.  
He loads me with love and mercy.  
The Lord does what is right and fair  
for all who are wronged by others.  
He showed His ways to Moses  
and His miracles to the people of Israel.  
The Lord shows mercy and is kind.  
He does not become angry quickly, and He has great love.  
As high as the sky is above the earth, so great is His love for us.

At home, why not discuss and share:

- The story of Moses (watch 'The Prince of Egypt')
  - What does mercy mean?
  - How can I forgive others?
- How can I show love to my friends, family and local community

### Mass Times St Stephen's RC Church



Saturday Vigil : 5.30pm



Sunday: 10.30am

Father B. Wilson 0161 370 1505

### Prayer of the Week

Loving God, I offer you today  
All I think and do and say,  
I offer it with what was done  
On Earth by Jesus Christ,  
Your Son

Amen



## Nursery

Nursery have been busy looking for Jasper the cat this week. We found him up our beanstalk! We have drawn Jasper this week and listened for the initial sound in words.

We have been planting in the allotment again and were incredibly excited to see that there are now tadpoles to spot.

In maths, we have been matching quantity to numerals, and practising our careful counting skill.

## Reception

Spring has sprung! We have had a glorious week in school. We have taken advantage of the weather and planted seed bombs to attract bees and butterflies. We are excited to see the flowers grow but we know that we have to be patient just like Lulu. On a Spring week we looked for signs of Spring. We took some photographs to remind us for when we write our Spring book. Our special friends in Year 6 came to help us make Mother's Day bracelets.

The children look forward to seeing them so much.

Mrs Artingstall has made us a pond filled with frogspawn. It will be amazing to see the changes and find out more about the life cycle of a frog.

The children are becoming bee experts. Ask them to tell you something that they know about bees.

Have a fantastic weekend!





## Year 1

We have enjoyed the warm weather this week in Year One. Children have been working hard on their maths and reading assessments to show off all of their knowledge. We finished off our English topic around the book 'Unplugged' by answering questions about the text.

We continue to add and subtract numbers to 20 in maths using various methods. In science, we took advantage of the weather and went to observe the birds in our allotments before writing facts about them and comparing them to mammals. In geography, we looked more in depth at the city of Manchester and its landmarks and responded to scripture in R.E.

## Year 2

2AL had their class assembly on Wednesday and they did such a fantastic job! The theme was recycling and the children had chance to showcase their fantastic work in English, Gardening Club and the amazing birds they made as a homework project last half term! All children have been very busy completing assessments this week; Miss Leigh and Mrs Healey are extremely proud of their resilience.

On Thursday, we went to Mass with Year 4 and the children sang beautifully. The children have now completed their Thanksgiving topic in R.E and they shared ideas about how we can live out the word of God. We have also started our new Geography topic, 'Continents and Oceans' and the children labelled a map, sharing their ideas about where the different continents are. We will continue to learn about this in more detail. Have a fantastic weekend and enjoy the sun!

Question: How can we live out the word of God?



## Year 3

In Maths this week we have continued to work on adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator. We found all possibilities, identified missing numbers and explored improper fractions. In English, we rewrote a chapter from George's Marvellous Medicine and created compound sentences linked to the book. Our endpoint in English is to write an alternative ending. In French, we practised numbers 1 – 10, extending to 1 – 20. We also learned how to say a number of colours and combined them with our previous learning to create sentences.

We have continued our unit of work on Listening and Sharing in RE, analysing The Gloria in Mass and writing our own Gloria. Reading (PIRA) and Mathematics (PUMA) assessments have also been completed this week. The children have worked incredibly hard. We are extremely proud of their achievements.

Question – Can you recite the numbers 1 – 10 in French? What about 1 – 20?

## Year 4

This week in Year 4 we have continued our reading of 'Macbeth.' We are finding the story very thought-provoking, especially reading about the witches' prophecy and wondering how Macbeth will react. The children have enjoyed picking out the rich vocabulary and trying to use it in their own writing.

In Maths, we are realising how important decimal numbers are in our everyday life. We even use them when we are choosing books within our level for Accelerated Reading.

Our Anglo-Saxon topic has become more interesting as we have been comparing lives of men, women and children in those times. We were surprised to learn that the staple drink for all the family was ale!

On Thursday we enjoyed a lovely Lenten mass with Year 2. We sang the hymns beautifully.

**Question:** What did Macbeth mean by the line: "So fair and foul a day I have not seen?"



## Year 5

Year 5 have had yet another busy week. Not only have we been completing our assessment week in Maths and English, but also continued our learning in our other subjects.

In Science, we have been studying the gestation periods of different animals and represented our data in a graph.

Additionally, we have been discussing different types of seed dispersal and the effectiveness of each method.

In History, the children have continued to be enthralled by the Tudor monarchy. We have found links between three of the Tudor monarchs and look forward to delving more deeply into the reign of Henry VIII next week.

Finally, in English we have now completed our unit on Chak De India and the children have now completed the film. The enthusiasm and support for the Indian team was electrifying! In Maths, we have continued to use our stem sentences and found equivalent fractions using both images and calculated them mathematically.

Question: What was interesting about the reign of Mary I?

## Year 6

This week has been non stop in Year 6!

In Maths, we have continued our work on fractions, decimals and percentages. We have looked at test style questions and worked through these together. Please remember to use TTRS as often as possible Year 6.

In English, we have finished writing and editing our diary entries and we have now began our new text: 'The Island'. We have thought about what it means to be hostile and hospitable and reflected on how we act when a new visitor or friend comes into school.

We are loving our history topic this term! This week we used a range of sources to explore why America declared war on Japan. We loved having the opportunity to listen to first hand recounts of Pearl Harbor.

We've ended the week with a special trip to Reception where we helped our special friends with a Mothers' Day craft activity. We are so proud of how kind, caring and nurturing all the Year 6 children have been.

Question: What does hostile mean?

### Homework

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English	Pages 74/75
Comprehension	Pages 20/21



## THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

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

