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# NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th July 2022

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## A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

I hope you and your loved ones are keeping well. Thankfully the weather is starting to brighten up again as we head another step closer to the Summer break. I've seen some lovely examples of work this week - in particular some incredible Art work in Year 4!

### **School Fair**

Thank you so much to the PTA for organising an incredible Summer Fair for us this evening. It was a fantastic family event and I am sure you all had a great time. It takes a lot of time and effort to plan these events and I do thank everyone for all they have done, and continue to do, for our great school.

### **Sports Day**

We were almost able to have all our Sports Days this week but due to the weather on Wednesday we had to postpone our EYFS event. Staff will confirm the rearranged time with you directly and parents of course are warmly invited come along! A big thank you to Mr Grantham for arranging everything and of course to the children taking part. Everyone had a great time!

### **Trips**

Our Nursery and Reception children went on an end of year trip this week! Our Nursery children went to Medlock on Monday morning to have a good play in their soft play area; they had a fantastic time! Reception visited Blue Planet and again had a great time too. Their behaviour was a credit to our school - well done children.

### **Sports**

Well done to our Girls and Boys football teams this week who had tournaments held here at school. They represented the school fantastically and showed great talent!

### **A gentle reminder**

Please do not allow your child to use the equipment on the adventure playground, main playground or in the Early Years area before or after school. This is for health and safety reasons.

*Have a brilliant weekend everyone - see you Monday!*

*Mr Lavin, Head teacher*

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## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

12/07/22	Year 5LS Class Assembly	Parents warmly invited - 9:05am start in the school hall.
13/07/22	Year 3LW Class Assembly	Parents warmly invited - 2:30pm start in the school hall.
14/07/22	Year 6 Production 1:30pm Year 6 Production 6:30pm	Production: Wizard of Oz
19/07/22	Leavers Mass 2pm in church	Parents warmly invited to attend
19/07/22	Leavers Prom 6-8pm	Children to arrive at school hall at 6pm and collected at 8pm. Further details to be sent to Y6 parents.
20/07/22	School closes for summer at 1:30pm.	Summer holidays begin at 1:30pm for children.
21/07/22	Inset Day	School closed to all children.
22/07/22	School closed	

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## Hot Chocolate Friday Winners



Nursery	Sienna & Deedee
RKF	Thoms
RCL	Anastazja
YILD	Noah
YILB	Kacper
Y2SH	Charlotte Isaac
Y2AL	India
Y3LW	Aoife
Y3CS/DH	Erin
Y4DS	Isabella
Y4HB	Yong
Y5LS	Isla
Y5DM	Roman S
Y6HG	Johnny
Y6DF	Abigail

## Readers of the Week



Nursery	Gabriella-Rose
RKF	Halle
RCL	Panagiotis
YILD	Elisha
YILB	Ebony
Y2SH	Eviana
Y2AL	Joshua
Y3LW	Lyla
Y3CS/DH	Cory
Y4DS	Xhaceriah
Y4HB	Ethan
Y5LS	Olivia
Y5DM	Noah
Y6HG	Harry
Y6DF	Jake

## Handwriters of the week



Nursery	Felicity
RKF	Isabelle
RCL	Kaiden
YILD	Riley
YILB	Pippa
Y2SH	Isla
Y2AL	Lotsie-Lou
Y3LW	Deborah
Y3CS/DH	Charlie
Y4DS	Zach
Y4HB	Jensen
Y5LS	Donald
Y5DM	Fletcher
Y6HG	Ava
Y6DF	Katy





## Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	Halle
RKF	Gabrielle
RCL	Kalani
Y1LD	Peyton
Y1LB	Oscar
Y2SH	Lola F
Y2AL	Mila
Y3LW	Ted
Y3CS/DH	Gustavo
Y4DS	Michael
Y4HB	Toby D
Y5LS	Heidi
Y5DM	Jayden Lee
Y6HG	Alexis
Y6DF	Jayden

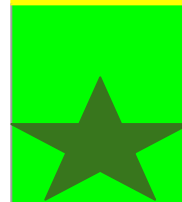
## House Points

Blue  
7468



Red  
8294

Yellow  
8565



Green  
7515

### Totals So Far!

Blue 140,576  
 Green 128,169  
 Red 138,890  
 Yellow 134,246



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## Attendance

Whole School	93.6%
Nursery AM	96.9%
Nursery Full Day	92.9%
RKF	90.9%
RCL	91.3%
Y1LD	92%
Y1LB	96%
Y2AL	94%
Y2SH	95.6%
Y3LW	95.8%
Y3CS/DH	94.2%
Y4DS	90.9%
Y4HB	97.8%
Y5DM	96.1%
Y5LS	90%
Y6HG	89.4%
Y6DF	95.4%

## 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: NurFD	33	4th: NurAM	27
2nd: 1LB	31	5th: RKF	18
2nd: 2SH	31	6th: 1LD	14
3rd: RCL	30		
3rd: 2AL	30		

### St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y6DF	55	6th: Y4DS	16
2nd: Y3LW	37	6th: Y5LS	16
3rd: Y5DM	31	7th: Y4HB	12
4th: Y3CS/DS	29		
5th: Y6HG	22		



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

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## Religious Education

### Sacramental Programme

A huge congratulations to all the children who have made their First Holy Communion this term! It was lovely being able to share the Eucharist for the first time as a school community with these children last week.

#### Current Year 3 Children

If you have a child in Year 3 currently, and you would like them to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion next academic year please email Mrs Gibson using the below email. A more detailed email was sent to all Year 3 Parents yesterday outlining the arrangements.

[hannah.gibson@stsrcp.co.uk](mailto:hannah.gibson@stsrcp.co.uk)



### Mass Times St Stephen's RC Church

↑ Saturday Vigil : 5.30pm ↓  
Sunday: 10.30am

Father B. Wilson 0161 370 1505

### RE Retreats with Mrs Farmer

A big thank you to Mrs Farmer who has led every class in a religious retreat this academic year. Both the children and the staff have loved having the opportunity to reflect and walk with Jesus during these special days.

This term, our youngest children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 have learnt about how Jesus is their friend.

We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Farmer back again next academic year!



### Prayer of the Week

May you walk with God this summer in whatever you do and wherever you go.  
May you talk to God this summer and every day and in every situation.  
May you talk with God every day.  
Amen





## Nursery

We have had a busy week in nursery. Our trip to the play centre on Monday was wonderful. The children had a brilliant time, crawling, chasing, sliding and climbing. They played so well together and really looked after each other. Their listening skills were excellent and we all thoroughly enjoyed the walk there and back too, spotting and talking about the wildlife we could see and hear.

In the classroom, we have continued to look at water and this week talked about its sources. We have also been drawing maps to show how to get to the play centre, adding on buildings and paths that we noticed. We then used them in our play!

## Reception

This week has been all about "Under the Sea". The children had the most amazing day out of school developing their knowledge and understanding of life in the ocean. Look at the website to see what a wonderful experience we had. We also had classroom sessions about different habitats such as the deep ocean, rockpools and the coral reef. We loved it! The staff were very impressed with the children's knowledge and enthusiasm. You should be very proud of your children on their conduct and behaviour was exemplary.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel sports day but we did get to have a practice in preparation for next week. We would like to thank you again for your continued support and understanding.



## Year 1

Year One started the week with a fantastic sports day! The children took part in various field and track events and we couldn't be prouder of their achievements. In English, the children are engrossed in our class story 'Meerkat Mail'. They produced a fantastic recount of the book before being visited by Sunny the meerkat. The children enjoyed showing Sunny around St Stephen's and involving him in the school day. In Maths, we introduced the concept of division as grouping and sharing, noticing the relationship between division and multiplication. In Science this week, we drew some interesting conclusions from our plant investigation and discussed the main parts of a plant and why they are important. In our Computing lesson, we created some digital artwork in the style of Henri Matisse, an artist we looked at during the first term of Year One. In Music, we practiced and performed a song using the glockenspiels. In R.E, we looked at the stories of Levi and Zacchaeus and discussed why they needed to say sorry. Please remember, reading books need to be in school everyday and books need to be read on three occasions at home in order to be changed.

Question: What were the results of our plant investigation?

## Year 2

We have had a very busy week in Year 2! We have painted our clay sculptures and they look amazing - so much effort and perseverance has gone into making them. In Maths, we have been looking at units of measurement and we have been measuring objects in metres and centimetres. In English, we have started our new book, 'Bee and Me' - a beautiful picture book about the importance of pollination. We summarised events in the story using hashtags and we have been generating exciting adjectives using thesauruses to improve our vocabulary. We have continued our learning about the Titanic and we have been fascinated looking at various sources. We were able to describe the different experiences of passengers from different social backgrounds. In R.E we have explained how we can be one of God's saints and in Science we have compared two different habitats.

Question: How did the experience of the Titanic differ for passengers in the first, second and third class?

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## Year 3

The children have worked incredibly hard over the past two weeks to complete assessments in Reading, Maths and Science. We are very proud of their achievements and the progress they have made this year. We have also been continuing our work on Ancient Egyptians in History. We researched Cleopatra and Tutankhamun and produced a double-page spread non-fiction text, as well as learning about Howard Carter's excavation of King Tut's tomb in 1922. In Science, we are beginning our unit of work on Light and Shadows, exploring whether light shines through different materials and if shadows are formed. On Wednesday, 3CS/DH performed a lovely assembly on the subject of aspirations. It was wonderful to hear all the plans they have for their future. 3LWs assembly will take place next Wednesday (13.7.22) at 2.30pm.

Question – What is the most fascinating fact you learned about Cleopatra?

## Year 4

This week, we had a fun start to the week with Sports Day. Everybody had a brilliant afternoon and lots of medals were won. We spent the rest of the week finishing off some of our topics and 4DS had a lovely Art day on Thursday. They were studying Celtic Art and recreated our own. The children did some amazing Celtic Knots and experimented with a mixture of media. In Science, we learnt about the digestive system and made some models of it.

Question: What would you expect to see in Celtic Art?



## Year 5

This week the year 5s have worked extremely hard on their Maths. We have moved on to angles and the children have been so engaged with the different elements that we focused on. In History, we have continued to focus on the Industrial revolution. In preparation for the 5LS music assembly next week, we have been working really hard on our performances. In RE, we have been looking at the world that God has created for us and the need to keep it healthy. We have written prayers and also done some reflective writing.

5LS, please remember that the assembly for your children will be on Tuesday at 9:15am.

## Year 6

The past two weeks have past us by in a whirlwind in Year 6! All the children have now visited their high schools and it has been wonderful to hear how much they enjoyed meeting their new teachers and classmates!

We can't wait to take you into the land of Oz next week when we perform 'The Wizard of Oz'. We have been working extremely hard practising and making props; we hope you love it as much as we do!

In between practises, we have been researching the history of electricity in Science and producing informative double page spreads. In RE, we have been discussing Jesus' teachings about fairness and equality.

### A message for parents

**Two important emails have been sent this week regarding the Arts Award and costumes for the play. Please speak to Mrs Gibson or Mr Fitch if you have not received these.**

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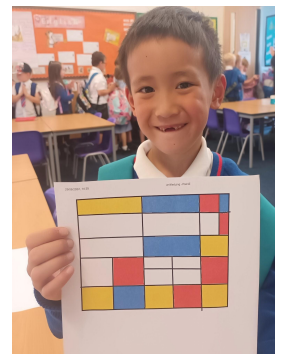


## THIS WEEK IN PICTURES



It's been another remarkable week!

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



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