



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

**Friday 16th September 2022**

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## A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN

...I hope you have had a lovely week.

At School this week, children have had the opportunity to spend some time reflecting on the life of Queen Elizabeth. During Monday's assembly, we prayed for her family, to give them strength during this difficult time. We also thought about the happier times - we rewatched the Paddington scene from the Jubilee celebrations - the time we all showed the Queen such compassion.

We also have taken the time to think about our second new value **'Ambition'**. We discussed what it means to be ambitious and discussed our hopes for the future. We listened to what it means to have a 'Growth Mindset' and reflected on the work of David Attenborough and his ambition for the world around us. Next week, we will focus on our third Value **'Rejoice'**

**Girls Football** - A huge well done to our Girls Football team who played against Manchester Road on Wednesday night! It was a great game but unfortunately we conceded a late goal resulting in a 3-2 loss. Heads up girls - you did us all proud! Onto the next game....

**Meet the teacher** - if you managed to attend Meet the Teacher this week I hope you found it useful. If not, teachers are sending out all the relevant information for you via email.

**Parking** - I have received a number of complaints this week from neighbours regarding parking around school. Please do be mindful of where you park - it is not going to be long before someone is seriously hurt.

**Times Table Rockstars** - We are having a huge push on Times Table Rockstars at school at the moment. We would love for the children to access this at home too. Children should have their login details. It would be great if everyone could log on over the weekend and spend some time having a go!

A reminder that school is closed on Monday for the late Queen's funeral, we will reopen as normal on Tuesday 20th September.

Have a lovely weekend, Mr Lavin, Headteacher

## Our Values: St Stephen's CARES

### Compassion



### Ambition



### Rejoice



### Excellence



### Service



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## Dates for YOUR calendar

Date	Event
22/09/22	Y4 & Y6 Mass
28/09/22	Y6HG Class Assembly
29/09/22	Y1 & Y2 Mass
30/09/22	Macmillan Coffee Morning
03/10/22	Judaism Week in RE
05/10/22	Y5LW Class Assembly
06/10/22	Y3, Y4 & Y5 Mass
12/10/22	Y3DM Class Assembly
13/10/22	Y1 & Y2 Mass

Date	Event
13/10/22	Y4-Y6 Reconciliation 6PM
18/10/22	Y5 Retreat
19/10/22	Y4DS Class Assembly
19/10/22	Y5 Retreat
19/10/22	Parents Evening (TBC)
20/10/22	Parents Evening (TBC)
20/10/22	Reception & Y6 Special Friends Mass
21/10/22	Break Up for Half-Term
31/10/22	School Reopens

**Please note that all Class Assemblies will take place in the school hall at 9:05am.**

**Please note masses take place in Church at 10am and parents/carers/families are most welcome to join us.**

**Please note we have reserved two dates for Parent's Evening. Once this is officially confirmed we will let you know times etc.**

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Hot Chocolate  
Friday Winners

Nursery	Ivy and Sienna
RKF	Frankie
RNE	Evie-Rose
YISH	Halle
YILB	Annie
Y2LS	Adam
Y2AL	Bella
Y3DM	Noah V
Y3CSLH	Samson
Y4DS	Aoife
Y4HB	Jenson
Y5LW	Eddie T
Y5ES	Vincent
Y6HG	Ivan
Y6DF	Orla

Readers  
of the Week

Nursery	Noah T
RKF	Noah
RNE	Denis
YISH	Raya-Mae
YILB	Kalani
Y2LS	Brooke
Y2AL	Harrison
Y3DM	Penelope
Y3CSLH	Yasmin
Y4DS	Scarlett
Y4HB	Beau
Y5LW	Olivia
Y5ES	Mason
Y6HG	Edwin
Y6DF	Lucas

Handwriters  
of the week

Nursery	Evie R
RKF	Octavia
RNE	Rosie
YISH	Pati
YILB	Deanah
Y2LS	Ivy
Y2AL	Oscar
Y3DM	Cleo
Y3CSLH	Estee
Y4DS	Harlow
Y4HB	Matilda
Y5LW	Blaize
Y5ES	Evan
Y6HG	Ruby
Y6DF	Bonnie

**\*\*Children will receive their Hot Chocolate on Tuesday\*\***





## Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	Jake
RKF	Felicity
RNE	Poppy-Kay
YISH	Elijah
YILB	Kaiden
Y2LS	Samuel
Y2AL	Riley
Y3DM	Dolly-Rae
Y3CS/LH	Isaac
Y4DS	Ted
Y4HB	Nico
Y5LW	Harvey
Y5ES	Carter
Y6HG	Edward
Y6DF	Olivia

## Sports Star of the Week

Nursery	Tommy
RKF	Keziah
RNE	Huckleberry
YISH	Hudson
YILB	Annie
Y2LS	Millie
Y2AL	Oscar
Y3DM	Mila
Y3CS/LH	Jacob
Y4DS	Deborah
Y4HB	Ralph
Y5LW	Lacey
Y5ES	Carter
Y6HG	Scarlett
Y6DF	Eve

## House Points

Blue  
4780



Red  
6225

Yellow  
4590



Green  
5195

### Totals So Far!

Blue 5075  
Green 5444  
Red 7125  
Yellow 5325





## Attendance

Whole School	96%
Nursery AM	100%
Nursery Full Day	95%
RKF	92%
RNE	91.2%
Y1SH	98.6%
Y1LB	100%
Y2LS	97%
Y2AL	91.8%
Y3DM	93.1%
Y3CS/LH	94.4%
Y4DS	97.5%
Y4HB	100%
Y5LW	98.3%
Y5ES	93.1%
Y6HG	97%
Y6DF	100%



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: NurAM	6	2nd: 1SH	3
2nd: NurFD	3	2nd: 1LB	3
2nd: RNE	3	3rd: 2AL	0
2nd: RKF	3		
2nd: 2LS	3		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y6DF	6	5th: Y3DM	0
2nd: Y4HB	5	5th: Y5ES	0
3rd: Y5LW	2	5th: Y6HG	0
4th: Y4DS	1		
5th: Y3LH/cs	0		





## Religious Education

### Come and See

We are explore the theme 'Domestic Church' in RE this term. This is a beautiful theme that explores the uniqueness of each child and family at St Stephen's. Each year group will be focusing on the following big questions.

**Nursery and Reception-** Why am I precious?

**Year 1-** Why do we have a family and who is in my family?

**Year 2-** Who made the world and everything in it?

**Year 3-** What makes a house a home?

**Year 4-** Where do I come from? (Family trees)

**Year 5-** Who am I?

**Year 6-** Do you have to earn love?



### Mass Times

Our Parish Priest is Father B. Wilson.

For information regarding Baptism, please contact Father Wilson directly.

For information regarding Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, please contact Mrs Gibson:  
hannah.gibson@stsrcp.co.uk

Mass Times:  
Saturday Vigil : 5.30pm  
Sunday: 10.30am

### Prayer of the Week

Gracious God, we give thanks  
for the life of your servant  
Queen Elizabeth,  
for her faith and her dedication  
to duty.

Bless our nation as we mourn  
her death  
and may her example continue  
to inspire us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



## Nursery

It has been nursery's first full week of school and the children have continued to settle and get to know their new surroundings well. We made the most of the sunny weather by exploring the forest area. We all took part in a listening activity, tuning into the different sounds that could be heard. We could hear the ducks so decided to go and feed them. We have also been looking at colours this week. We used the paint for handprints, which you will have the pleasure of seeing up in our nursery in the near future.

## Reception

We have had a fantastic week in Reception class. This week we have been reading 'Brown Bear Brown Bear What Do You See?' The children were joining in with the story and loved talking about their favourite animal.

In mathematics we have been counting and taking away with the help of Pete the Cat and his four groovy buttons.

The children have been drawing themselves and talking about the things that they enjoy doing.

We have started our phonics lessons and the children are doing extremely well. They are also working very hard learning how to write their names.

Have a great weekend!



## Year 1

A big well done to our Year 1 children for working so hard this week! They are getting used to our new routines and are thriving in our learning environment. In English this week, we continue work around our book 'The Bumblebear'. Children have created their own text map of a school day to sequence events in order. In Maths, we are working on place value within 10 and children have been sorting and counting objects to consolidate their learning in Reception. In Science, children explored what parts of our body we use to taste, touch and smell. In History, we discussed what it means to be a good monarch and sorted some rules into 'good' and 'bad' rules. We have started our unit on families in R.E and have talked about the roles of the people in our families. In computing, children have identified what technology is and how it helps us. This week, we have also introduced our 'rainbow challenges'. Children have been working hard in our continuous provision to enhance their learning and complete their challenges- Well done!

**Question: What makes a good King or Queen?**

## Year 2

Year 2 have been working extremely hard this week! We are so pleased with the 'world class' behaviours that the children are showing around school and in class. They are really building their resilience and putting so much effort into their work. In Maths, we have been learning about the place value of 2 digit numbers. The children have been able to identify and practically make the tens and ones in different numbers. In English, we have continued to read our text, "The Highway Rat." The children have a good understanding of the story and they have been able to sequence the order of events. They have been revising their prior knowledge from Year 1 and understanding of when capital letters and full stops are needed. They have used this knowledge to generate their own sentences about The Highway Rat. In R.E, the children have started their new topic "Beginnings" and they have discussed new beginnings that they have experienced in their life. We have said prayers for Queen Elizabeth II and the Royal Family throughout the week - the children have been very respectful about her passing.

**Question: Ask your child to tell you the value of the digits in a 2 digit number.**





## Year 3

This week has been another week of fun and active learning. The children have had their first experience at forest schools, which is an outdoor learning opportunity. In groups, your children made dens to represent the types of homes built in the Stone Age period. In English, the children have now started to look at sentence types and link these to our class book, 'Stone Age Boy'. In maths, the children have been representing and partitioning numbers upto 1000. In Science we have begun our topic of 'Rocks and Soil'. The children had to sort rocks based on their properties and appearance into the three rock categories. In guided reading, we have been working on our class novel of 'BGF'. The children have really enjoyed the book so far and shown this in their comprehension activities. Lastly, we visited church as a year group for a mass, where the children behaved and sang brilliantly.

**Question: What are the three different types of rock? 1.Igneous 2? 3?**

## Year 4

What a busy week Year 4 have had! On Monday we had our first 'Forest Schools' session. The children used the forest environment to explore the characters in our new book: 'The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors.' Back in the classroom they produced some very creative writing. We have been working very hard at our times tables every day and this has been continuing at home as the two classes compete against each other to spend as much time as possible on Times Tables Rock Stars. 4HB started their music lessons with a specialist music teacher and enjoyed learning about time and rhythm as they played the Djembe drums. We are all gripped by our new class novel, 'The Girl Who Stole the Elephant.' It is a fast moving and action-packed story.

**Question: How many hundreds are in a thousand?**



## Year 5

This week in year 5, we have been settling into routines. The children have all worked incredibly hard and have made a great start to the year. In Maths, we have been working on how to read and write numbers to 1,000,000 and powers of 10. The children are enjoying challenging themselves in the 'Fluency in 12' activity each morning and are already able to see some progress in their learning.

As part of their learning in English, children have made predictions about Leon and the Place Between, used fronted adverbials to describe a scene from the book and incorporated prepositional phrases and expanded noun phrases into their work.

We have begun our Maya topic in History by assessing prior knowledge of ancient civilisations and creating questions to direct our learning. In Science, we investigated the meaning of the word 'Force' and discussed forces we are familiar with which impact our everyday life. We have also explored 'Who am I?' in RE, identifying the qualities and skills which make us unique.

**Question - What is the difference between a quality and a skill?**

## Year 6

We've had a busy week in Year 6! Both classes have settled into their new routines and are loving the challenges that being in Year 6 brings!

In English, we have been analysing and interpreting the prologue from Romeo and Juliet. We explored the meaning of new vocabulary and dug deeper into the meaning of Shakespeare's language choices. The children used their understanding of the prologue to write their own modern day versions which have been incredible to read!

We have continued our work on place value in Maths by multiplying and dividing 5 and 6 digit numbers by 10, 100 and 1000.

We began our World War Two topic this week by answering the question, 'What was life like for children in World War Two'. The children had some interesting ideas and are keen to learn more about this aspect of History.

Both classes have shown their competitive side during our TTRS battle this week. The battle has been close and is ongoing until Monday morning. We can't wait to find out which class will be crowned as champions and receive their toast!

**Question: What does the word 'strife' mean?**

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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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