



**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 23rd September 2022**

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## A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

I hope you are well and you have had a great week.

It has been another busy week here in school. It started off with us all showing compassion and mourning the loss of the Queen on Monday and finished in 'rejoice' by celebrating all of our wonderful certificate winners. Children have settle back into their routines really well and I have seen some great examples of work so far. Keep up the good work everyone!

Next week, we will be focusing on our fourth value of **'excellence'** in our Assemblies.

### Attendance letters

Some parent/carers will have received an attendance letter via email this week. I understand that this has caused some upset and concern - please be assured that we never want to do this.

We are required to issue this information regarding attendance to make you aware - we have taken on board your feedback for the future.

### European Languages Day

Last week you will have received communication from Mrs Shuttleworth, our Languages lead at school.

On Thursday 29th September we are promoting languages with our children, specifically the Spanish language as that is the language children will be taught this year in School.

We are holding a non-uniform day where children can wear something that represents the colours of the Spanish flag (Red and Yellow). We are asking for a voluntary donation of £1.00 to help us purchase Spanish dictionaries to help children with their studies. Donations can be made via Parent Pay. I am sure children will have a great time.

## Our Values: St Stephen's CARES

### Compassion



### Ambition



### Rejoice



### Excellence



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### Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 30th September, we will join the country in holding our Macmillan Coffee Morning here at school.

Parents are welcome to attend our coffee morning from 9am to 9:45am. From then on, each class will have the chance to come to the hall and receive a cake. We ask that all children, where possible, make a £1.00 donation.

We kindly ask for donations of cakes for the morning. If you can, please send them into school either on Thursday or Friday morning. As always, your contributions are greatly appreciated and will help to make the morning a great success.

### Mrs Sutcliffe

It is with great sorrow and heartbreak that I share with you the following news.

You will know Mrs Sutcliffe (Charlotte our incredible office manager) extremely well. Over the Summer break, Charlotte received some tragic news and sadly her baby boy was born sleeping.

It is with her permission and blessing that I share this information with you.

As you can imagine, this news is devastating for Charlotte, her family and the school community she is so very much a part of. We are supporting her in the very best way we can. I am sure you will join me in sending her your best wishes and thoughts during this very difficult time.

You may still see Charlotte on the playground in the mornings or after school dropping off her daughter to school. All of our prayers, thoughts, love and support are with Charlotte and her family at this time.

**I will see you all on Monday,**  
**Mr Lavin, Headteacher**

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## Dates for YOUR calendar

Date	Event
27/09/22	Y6DF Class Assembly
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	Michael S Harper
RKF	Poppy
RNE	Myla
YISH	Isabelle
YILB	Parker
Y2LS	Ruby
Y2AL	Roman
Y3DM	Great
Y3CSLH	Riley-James
Y4DS	Deborah
Y4HB	Gustavo
Y5LW	Dexter
Y5ES	Hanna
Y6HG	Elijah
Y6DF	Willow

Readers  
of the Week

Nursery	Ava
RKF	Abigail
RNE	Deedee
YISH	Ava
YILB	Freddie
Y2LS	Tamunoboma
Y2AL	Oscar
Y3DM	Lotsie-Lou
Y3CSLH	Mia-Bella
Y4DS	Hannah
Y4HB	Travis
Y5LW	Lacey
Y5ES	Nancy
Y6HG	Daisy
Y6DF	Charlie

Handwriters  
of the week

Nursery	Victoria
RKF	Henry
RNE	Maisie
YISH	Grace
YILB	Henry
Y2LS	Lydia
Y2AL	Noah
Y3DM	Doneao
Y3CSLH	Evianna
Y4DS	Macy
Y4HB	Farren
Y5LW	Rihanna
Y5ES	Benjamin
Y6HG	Amelia
Y6DF	Freddie





## Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	Nancy
RKF	Odin
RNE	Bobby
YISH	Sam
YILB	Linen
Y2LS	Kacper
Y2AL	Elisha
Y3DM	Jacob Y
Y3CS/LH	Flynn
Y4DS	Lottie
Y4HB	Reece
Y5LW	Yong
Y5ES	Brock
Y6HG	Charlie
Y6DF	Donald

## Sports Star of the Week

Nursery	Ivy Beau
RKF	India
RNE	Mary
YISH	Esme
YILB	Henry
Y2LS	Daley
Y2AL	Keane
Y3DM	Jacob
Y3CS/LH	Flynn
Y4DS	Lottie
Y4HB	Matilda
Y5LW	Harvey
Y5ES	Desta
Y6HG	Simona
Y6DF	Brooklyn

## House Points

Blue  
3225



Red  
2890

Yellow  
2605



Green  
3866

### Totals So Far!

Blue 8290  
Green 8310  
Red 10,015  
Yellow 7930







## Attendance

Whole School	96.7%
Nursery AM	88.9%
Nursery Full Day	100%
RKF	89.4%
RNE	94.4%
Y1SH	98.5%
Y1LB	100%
Y2LS	97.7%
Y2AL	93.1%
Y3DM	100%
Y3CS/LH	95.2%
Y4DS	99.3%
Y4HB	100%
Y5LW	99.3%
Y5ES	95.9%
Y6HG	97.7%
Y6DF	96.7%



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%** very special prize!

Good Luck!



## St Stephen's Attendance League

St Stephen's Attendance League EYFS & KS1			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: NurAM	6	4th: RKF	3
1st: NurFD	6	4th: RNE	3
1st: 1LB	6	5th: 2AL	0
2nd: 1SH	5		
3rd: 2LS	4		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y4HB	8	5th: Y6HG	1
2nd: Y6DF	6	6th: Y5ES	0
3rd: Y5LW	5	6th: Y3LH/CS	0
4th: Y4DS	3		
4th: Y3DM	3		

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## Religious Education

### Relics of St Bernadette

On Tuesday, our Year 6 classes had the opportunity to visit Salford Cathedral to venerate the Relics of St Bernadette. This was an extremely prayerful experience with the children writing their own intentions which are going to be taken to Lourdes.



#### What is a Relic?

After a Saint dies, part of their remains can be stored as a relic.

Praying near the relics can help us feel closer to God and we can ask the Saint to pray for us, our families and our friends.

The relics of Saint Bernadette that visited Salford Cathedral include fragments of two ribs, the saint's kneecaps, muscle from the right thigh and otr muscle, skin and hair tissue, which are kept in a beautiful reliquary.



### 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

Dear Saint Bernadette,  
Please listen to our prayers that we may be healed spiritually and physically. Please place our petitions at the hands of our Holy mother, Mary, so that she may place them at the feed of her Beloved Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.  
Amen.



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## Nursery

We have had a wonderful time learning about colours this week. The children painted and mixed colours, thought about and talked about the colour of different objects too. We particularly enjoyed exploring instruments this week. We named different instruments and learnt how to play them, taking turns and listening to each individual sound.

We had a walk to the allotment and forest on Wednesday. Last week we spotted many apples growing, so we decided to take buckets and collect them to bake an apple crumble. The children all took delight in feeding the ducks and chickens again this week too.

Well done Nursery for a brilliant week!

## Reception

This week we have been learning how to subitise amounts to 3. We have also been talking about things that match and things that don't match and why?

We are listening carefully to stories and learning how to answer how and why questions.

We are learning about friendship and caring. We are talking about our friends and our family. Thank you for sending in family photographs - the children love talking about their family.

The children are collecting "Autumn Treasure" and we look forward to more Autumn weeks. Have a wonderful weekend.

Question: How many ways can you show 3 using your fingers?





## Year 1

Year 1 have had a great week and are really settling into their new routines. We are really pleased with their growing independence in the classroom. This week was our final week of work based on "The Bumblebear" and the children have done a great job of writing sentences using time connectives. In daily phonics we have been working hard on learning new sounds and blending them. Well done to those children who have been reading regularly to improve their fluency.

In Maths we have continued to work on place value within 10. We have looked at matching numbers names and digits. We have used ten frames to help us count on from a given number. In RE we continue to learn about family, particularly the Holy Family and have discussed the story of Jesus getting lost in the temple. In history we found facts about our new monarch, King Charles III and watched his proclamation as king.

In our computing lesson we used laptops to practice dragging an object using a mouse. We also learned how to log on and off.

In science we continued our work on the senses, focussing on sight and hearing. We had great fun listening to everyday sound and labelling the parts of the eye.

We have also had a busy week completing our Rainbow Challenges that help us practice and develop our skills across the curriculum.

**CAN YOU NAME THE FIVE SENSES AND THE BODY PARTS THAT LINK TO THEM?**

## Year 2

The children have had a great week and produced lots of super work! In English, we have continued our work around The Highway Rat and we have been using adjectives to add more detail in our sentences. We have also been using 'and' as a conjunction to join clauses.

In Maths, we have been deepening our place value knowledge and we have been partitioning 2 digit numbers into tens and ones. We have also learnt strategies to help us to remember how to write numbers to 100 in words.

In History, we have been discussing what London is like today and we have been comparing it to what London used to be like. In R.E, we have been looking at the order in which God created the world.

**Question: What is London like today?**



## Year 3

This week we have moved on with our English story of 'Stone Age boy'. The children have been writing 'lost' posters for the main character using detailed sentences. We have used our understanding of different sentence types to make our writing better.

In maths we have continued our theme of place value. The children have been estimating on numberlines.

In History, we have looked at the essential tools that the Stone Age people required to live. The children then sketched a tool of choice.

In Science we have looked at Igneous rocks and how they are formed.

In RE, we did some research on Mother Teresa and created some work on how her actions make us feel today.

**Question- what are the 4 sentence types?**

## Year 4

As always, the children in Year Four have been working hard to produce some excellent work.

In English, we have been reading 'The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors' and this week the children have written some impressive speeches in the role of one of the warriors. They used powerful vocabulary and described their superior abilities. The children really got into character and enjoyed reading them to the rest of the class.

We continued our work on Place Value, placing numbers to 10,000 on a number line and developing our estimation skills.

In RE, we looked at our family trees before studying Jesus' family. We were really interested to learn of the important Jewish figures that Jesus was related to.

**Question of the week: What words can you think of with the 'ea' code?**



## Year 5

This week, in Year 5, the children enjoyed a wonderful Forest School session. They worked collaboratively in groups to recreate a magic trick from Leon and the Place Between. This will provide them with first hand experiences and vocabulary to use in their final written piece in English.

In Maths, the children have continued to work on the place value of numbers to 1,000,000. They used number lines to position 5 and 6 digit numbers, compared them and began to order numbers.

The children also created timelines of both British and Maya history and marked significant places and monuments on a map of the Ancient Maya. In RE, the children analysed a letter from St Paul to the Colossians and answered questions relating to gifts and talents from God. To begin our Science unit, they identified a range of forces and considered their importance.

**Question - How many forces can you name?**

## Year 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic week!

We started by visiting Salford Cathedral to see the relics of St. Bernadette. This included a lovely service and an opportunity for us to learn about the amazing story of St. Bernadette.

In Maths, we have been focusing on ordering, comparing and rounding numbers up to 10,000,000. We have also explored the story of Romeo and Juliet. The children have thoroughly enjoyed summarising the story through the use of hashtags, as well as interpreting tweets sent by characters.

Our Guided Reading text (Hidden Figures) focused on four incredible African-American women who were essential in the space race. Their mathematical skills and determination to be successful were even more impressive given the level of discrimination and segregation at the time.

**Question: Who appeared to St. Bernadette 18 times?**



## THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

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

