



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 30th September 2022

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

Dear Parent / Carers, I hope you and your loved ones are well. We come to the end of another very busy week here at school!

In our Assemblies this week we looked at our fourth value **'Excellence'** - we discussed what it means and how we can strive to be the very best we can be. We learned about the life of Michael Jordan and how he demonstrated excellence in his ambition to compete in the Olympics. Next week we will focus on **'service'**, thinking specifically about how we can help and support others in the way Jesus did..

European Languages Day - Children had a great day yesterday learning about Spain. Children looked great dressed in red and yellow. Thank you to one of our parents, Mrs Duffy, who came into school today to teach some Spanish to the children, and also thank you to Giulia, a volunteer, for teaching the children some Italian yesterday. Everyone had a great time celebrating different languages. Thank you for the donations towards Spanish dictionaries - we raised a total of **£175.00**. This will really help children in their work.

Macmillan Coffee Morning -Wow! What a morning we had today! As always, your generosity is incredible and really helped to make our coffee morning such a success. We raised a total of **£419.50** which will go a long way in helping those suffering from Cancer. A huge thank you to the staff who worked so hard to put together this morning - it is very much appreciated.

Class Assemblies - Both our Year 6 classes kicked off our class assemblies this week - thank you children for a great assembly based on our new school values. Next up is Year 5LW - Wednesday 5th October at 9:05 am in the school hall.

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Our Values: St Stephen's **CARES**

Compassion



Ambition



Rejoice



Excellence



Service





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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN CONTINUED...

Head Boy / Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy and Girl -

Year 6 worked so hard on their applications for Head Boy and Girl this year. It took us such a long time to decide because they were that good. They wrote with such passion about what they could bring to the role and reflected so beautifully about our new school values.

All children who applied will receive an important Leadership role this year so they should not feel too disappointed. Honestly, they were all so incredible!

Congratulations to Grace and Carlos, who become our Head Girl and Boy.

Congratulations to Orla and Elijah who become our Deputy Head Girl and Boy. I am sure they will do a great job in representing our school.

Well done to everyone who applied!



**Enjoy your weekend,
Mr Lavin, Headteacher**

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Dates for YOUR calendar

Date	Event
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	Y5ES Retreat
19/10/22	Y4DS Class Assembly
19/10/22	Y5LW 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	Evie N Chester
RKF	Harper
RNE	Mary
YISH	Thomas
YILB	Bella
Y2LS	Ivy
Y2AL	Freya
Y3DM	Lereya
Y3CSLH	Charlotte
Y4DS	Sara
Y4HB	Finley
Y5LW	Poppy
Y5ES	Evan
Y6HG	Fletcher
Y6DF	Jude

Readers of the Week



Nursery	Noah B
RKF	Amelia
RNE	Huckleberry
YISH	Niall
YILB	Panagiotis
Y2LS	Jensen
Y2AL	Noah
Y3DM	Cleo
Y3CSLH	Layla Ward
Y4DS	Emily
Y4HB	Lacey
Y5LW	Melody
Y5ES	Payton
Y6HG	Charlotte
Y6DF	Isla

Handwriters of the week



Nursery	Darcie
RKF	Rose
RNE	Nathaniel
YISH	Sophie
YILB	Evelyn
Y2LS	Brooke
Y2AL	Emmanuella
Y3DM	Daisy
Y3CSLH	Charlie B
Y4DS	Lyla
Y4HB	Bobby
Y5LW	Daisy
Y5ES	Hollie
Y6HG	Jayden M
Y6DF	Lucas

Children will receive their certificates during Monday's assembly.





Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	Nick
RKF	Louie
RNE	Aaliyah
YISH	Oscar
YILB	Felix
Y2LS	Alex
Y2AL	Rocco
Y3DM	Patrick
Y3CS/LH	Luca
Y4DS	Sam
Y4HB	Seth
Y5LW	Ethan
Y5ES	Teddy
Y6HG	Jayden L
Y6DF	Roman

Sports Star of the Week

Nursery	Freddie
RKF	Ronnie
RNE	Myla
YISH	Roman
YILB	Arabella
Y2LS	Connor
Y2AL	Ember
Y3DM	Patrick
Y3CS/LH	Layla
Y4DS	Olivia
Y4HB	Freddie
Y5LW	Dolton
Y5ES	Megan
Y6HG	Jayden L
Y6DF	Orla

House Points

Blue
7165



Red
8550

Yellow
8482



Green
10338

Totals So Far!

Blue 14 385
Green 16 588
Red 16 275
Yellow 14 492





Attendance

Whole School	94.4%
Nursery AM	91.7%
Nursery Full Day	99.3%
RKF	91%
RNE	87.5%
Y1SH	98.9%
Y1LB	100%
Y2LS	99.1%
Y2AL	87.9%
Y3DM	95.5%
Y3CS/LH	91.5%
Y4DS	90.8%
Y4HB	93.3%
Y5LW	97.5%
Y5ES	96.6%
Y6HG	96.6%
Y6DF	94.2%



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: 1LB	9	5th: RKF	3
2nd: NurFD	8	5th: RNE	3
3rd: NurAM	6	6th: 2AL	0
4th: 1SH	5		
4th: 2LS	5		

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

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Religious Education

Sacramental Programme Updates

Year 3

Thank you to all the parents that responded to my email regarding registering interest for the Sacramental Programme. I am in the process of collating all the names and will be in touch next week with further information.

Year 4

As you are aware, the children in Year 4 will be making their first Reconciliation on Thursday 13th October. I will be visiting the Year 4 classes on Tuesday afternoon to talk to them about this and they will bring information home. Please talk to your child about this special Sacrament.

Please do not hesitate to contact me using the following email:
hannah.gibson@stsrcp.co.uk

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 feet of her Beloved Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
Amen.





Nursery

We have been continuing to learn about ourselves this week, identifying and naming parts of our bodies. We have talked about our favourite tastes, smells and also people that make us feel happy. In Mathematics, we have continued to learn about colours, but this week have focussed on sorting objects. We started off sorting by colour and quickly learnt that we could also sort into other categories too. In the forest, we collected leaves and sticks this week, and have used them to collage, adding different natural resources, before making them stand out with paint and glitter!

Reception

We have had another super busy week in Reception! We are really enjoying reading our story "Hello, Friend!" We have been talking about what we like to do with our friends when we are in school and also thinking about how we can help our friends. In maths we have been sorting a variety of objects based on their similarities and differences. We have been looking at size, shape and colour. We have made pizzas this week to help us with our sorting. We have learnt new vocabulary surrounding instructions and following a recipe. We are really enjoying collecting our 'Autumn Treasure' and have been turning our finds into pictures.

Question: Can you find 10 objects from around your home and sort them?



Year 1

Another fantastic week has flown by in year 1! We are particularly proud of how respectful the children were in Church on Thursday - well done! Children have been working hard in all subject areas and are really engaging in our continuous provision to complete their weekly challenges. In English, we have started our new book 'The Queen's Hat'. Children designed their own hats, writing adjectives to describe it and putting these into sentences. In maths, we continue our work on place value. Children have been looking at one more and one less than numbers within 10, as well as counting forwards and backwards. In R.E, we discussed how every family is different and how our families help us to feel safe. Our Science lesson this week was based around parts of the body. Children labelled parts of the body and used their senses in our investigative area. In History, we looked at the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. In computing, children practiced their trackpad skills by drawing a digital painting on the laptops, experimenting with different tools. As part of European Languages Day, we learnt how to say different colours in Spanish!

WHERE DID THE QUEEN'S HAT FLY TO IN OUR STORY?

Year 2

What another fantastic week we have had in Year 2 this week.

The children have been working hard in English, continuing their study of 'The Highway Rat'. In their lessons they have studied both the physical features and personality of the Highway Rat and created a wanted poster. They also attended a brilliant forest school session with a Highway Rat theme.

In Maths, the children have been studying partitioning numbers to 100 and how to partition them in different ways. The children showed great resilience and have used equipment brilliantly to aid their learning.

In Science this week, we have looked carefully at what a human needs for survival and the children have begun creating their double page spreads.

In Computing, we have considered ICT in the world around us. The children are excited to learn more!

In Music, the children have been finding the beat in our new song, 'Hands, feet heart'. They have enjoyed learning the lyrics and we are sure they will continue to thrive when we add instruments to our composition.

Finally, on Thursday we celebrated our European languages day. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning greetings and numbers in Spanish. They were fully engaged when learning the songs.

Question: What does a human need to survive?

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Year 3

What a brilliant week in Year 3 during which we have focussed largely on languages! As a school we are beginning to teach Spanish and on Thursday we had a Spanish day throughout school. The children really enjoyed dressing up in the Spanish colours and all of the different activities that we did, including researching the county of Spain, singing songs and playing games in Spanish. Thank you to both Julia and Mrs Duffy who did taster sessions with the children in Italian and Spanish. The children absolutely loved it!

In English, we have completed our diary entries written from the point of view of a Stone Age Boy and next week we will begin to write a non-chronological report all about the Stone Age. In Maths, we have just finished our unit on Place Value. The children did a short test today on Place Value and they did really well. In Science, we are enjoying learning about different types of rock and are looking forward to doing a fun investigation into rocks next week!

Question - How many different colours can you say in Spanish?

Year 4

Another very busy week in year 4! It was so exciting to have taster sessions in different European languages. We enjoyed learning how to say the names of different fruits in Italian and in French we were taught how to say and write the colours. We also launched our new language which will be taught in school starting this year: Spanish. We started learning all about cities in Spain. It was quite exciting as some of us have actually been to those places. We also looked at the Spanish artist, Picasso and tried making our own faces in Picasso's style.

We are still practising our times tables every day in school and at home on Times Table Rock Stars. Also in Maths we have tackled Roman Numerals this week. In Science we are learning how to classify living organisms - we started this off in a fun way by sorting biscuits into different groups depending on their features!



Year 5

This week, year 5 enjoyed a wonderful European Languages Day. The children sang Spanish songs, learned some simple Flamenco dance steps, created paintings in the style of Joan Miro (a Spanish surrealist artist) and tasted some traditional Spanish food.

In English, we wrote a setting description for the Place Between, incorporating fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and varied sentence openers, as well as a variety of senses. Next week, we will begin our new text - Shackleton's Journey by William Grill.

To complete our place value unit in Maths, we have been working on rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. We will begin our work on Addition and Subtraction next week.

In Science, we researched and created a double-page spread about the life and discoveries of Sir Isaac Newton.

'Livin' on a Prayer' by Bon Jovi is the focus of 5LW's Music lessons. We have appraised the song, identified the pulse and practised singing and accompanying the song, whilst 5ES continue to learn how to play the cornet.

Question: In how many different languages can you say 'Hello'?

Year 6

We've had another busy week in Year 6! Both classes led beautiful assemblies this week; it was lovely to see so many family members and friends in the audience!

This week in English we have explored the characters from Romeo and Juliet in depth. We have chosen powerful adjectives to describe the characters and we have justified our ideas using evidence from the text.

In Maths we have 'rounded' off our place value unit by rounding and exploring negative numbers. Both Mrs Gibson and Mr Fitch were extremely impressed with the children's understanding of negative numbers!

We have loved beginning Spanish this week! We spent some time learning about Spain and locating cities on a map and learnt basic greetings through a Now Press Play experience.

Question: Do you think Romeo is an impulsive character? Why?

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THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

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

