



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 7th October 2022

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

Friday again! It's been a lovely week in school this week. I started off the week visiting our Nursery, Reception and Year 1 classrooms. It was so wonderful to see the children enjoying their lessons and having such great fun!

Over the next few weeks I will be popping into all classrooms to see how children are getting on in their Maths lessons - I am really looking forward to seeing some great work!

Year 5LW - Well done to all of Year 5 Mrs Williams' class. They delivered a great class assembly sharing all of their learning so far this term. It is great to see such confidence. Next week we have Year 3 Mr Muschamp's class on Wednesday.

Hello Yellow Day - You will have received an email from Mrs Williams this week regarding Hello Yellow Day, which is on Monday. Children can come into school in own clothes (preferably something yellow) to support Healthy Young Minds. We ask for a voluntary donation of £1.00 to support the charity if possible.

Parent's Evening - I am pleased to confirm that the date we have now been able to confirm for Parent's Evening is Wednesday 19th October. It will be held over one night this year, however we will be extending the night till 7pm. Teacher's will be contacting you regarding booking appointments next week. I am sure you'll love hearing about all of your child's progress this term. I will write to you again next week detailing which part of the school your child's teacher will be.

Parking/Driving - I am still receiving numerous complaints from neighbours regarding parking and dangerous driving. Please do be respectful and not park in front of people's driveways.

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
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	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.

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Hot Chocolate Friday Winners



Nursery	Maverick J William M
RKF	Valentina
RNE	Thomas
YISH	Milliane
YILB	Anastazja
Y2LS	Samuel
Y2AL	Kingston
Y3DM	Oscar
Y3CSLH	Daisy
Y4DS	Evie
Y4HB	Sienna-Rae
Y5LW	Alfie
Y5ES	Payton
Y6HG	Anais
Y6DF	Heidi

Readers of the Week



Nursery	Tommy P
RKF	Sienna
RNE	Gabriella-Rose
YISH	Leo
YILB	Kingsley
Y2LS	Eliza
Y2AL	Klayson
Y3DM	Freddie
Y3CSLH	Charlie Butler
Y4DS	Abigail
Y4HB	Alexis
Y5LW	India
Y5ES	Hanna
Y6HG	Riley
Y6DF	Beatrice

Handwriters of the week



Nursery	Freddie F
RKF	Jessica B
RNE	Olenka
YISH	Gabrielle
YILB	Kalani
Y2LS	Hudson
Y2AL	Alex
Y3DM	Vanellope
Y3CSLH	Yanis
Y4DS	Delilah
Y4HB	Lilly Mai
Y5LW	Callen
Y5ES	Amelia
Y6HG	Mia
Y6DF	Ashley

Hot Chocolate will be on Monday morning





Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	James M
RKF	Ronnie
RNE	Arthur
YISH	James
YILB	Lexie
Y2LS	Pippa
Y2AL	Trinity-Rose
Y3DM	Noah R
Y3CS/LH	Riley-James
Y4DS	Liam
Y4HB	Corey
Y5LW	Reggie
Y5ES	Tyler
Y6HG	Ollie
Y6DF	Eve

Sports Star of the Week

Nursery	
RKF	
RNE	
YISH	
YILB	
Y2LS	
Y2AL	
Y3DM	
Y3CS/LH	
Y4DS	
Y4HB	
Y5LW	
Y5ES	
Y6HG	
Y6DF	

House Points

Blue
4385



Red
4115



Yellow
5071



Green
4230



Totals So Far!

Blue 18, 770
 Green 20, 818
 Red 20, 390
 Yellow 14, 999



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Attendance

Whole School	95.6%
Nursery AM	85.7%
Nursery Full Day	95.1%
RKF	95.1%
RNE	90.8%
Y1SH	95.8%
Y1LB	97.2%
Y2LS	96.6%
Y2AL	92%
Y3DM	97.3%
Y3CS/LH	97.2%
Y4DS	96.7%
Y4HB	98.3%
Y5LW	97.6%
Y5ES	96.2%
Y6HG	95.8%
Y6DF	94.2%

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	12	5th: RKF	3
2nd: NurFD	8	5th: RNE	3
3rd: 2LS	7	6th: 2AL	0
4th: 1SH	6		
4th: NurAM	6		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y4HB	11	6th: Y6HG	3
2nd: Y5LW	9	7th: Y5ES	2
3rd: Y6DF	6	8th: Y3LH/cs	0
4th: Y4DS	5		
5th: Y3DM	4		



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

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Religious Education

Reconciliation

Next week, our Year 4 children on the Sacramental programme will be making their first Reconciliation. This will take place on Thursday 13th October at 6pm.

An email with further information has been sent to parents/ guardians of the children on the Sacramental Programme (Year 4).

Please keep our Year 4 children in your prayers.



RECONCILIATION

Judaism

As part of our Come and See scheme of work, all the classes will be studying Judaism in RE prior to the half term break. Each year group will have a specific focus listed below:

Nursery and Reception- Hanukkah

Year 1- Abraham and Moses

Year 2- Shabbat

Year 3- The Synagogue

Year 4- The Torah

Year 5- Pesach

Year 6- Yom Kippur



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 October is the month of the Holy Rosary



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How to Pray the Rosary



Sign of the Cross
In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of
the Holy Spirit. Amen

Our Father

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Hail Mary (three times)

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen

Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen

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Nursery

We have had a wonderful week in nursery exploring the outdoors and talking about Autumn. We have threaded leaves, investigated lots of different Autumn treasures and sorted them into different groups. We started reading the story, Pete the Cat loves his white shoes. We made our own story map about the book and are able to retell the story using it, using the repetitive phrases. We enjoyed drawing Pete using circles and lines, and painting him using watercolours. We changed the colour of his shoes and thought about different fruits that he could step in.

Well done for a great week, Nursery!

Reception

We have had a lovely week in Reception. We have been busy sounding out and blending CVC words in phonics.

It was baby's first birthday in our house, so we have been making cakes, banners and having our own tea parties. In Literacy, we have been thinking about the different feelings the characters might feel in our story "Hello, Friend!" We wrote "I am" sentences and tried to hear, say and write the initial sound of a feeling. We have also been trying hard to write our name by ourselves! In maths we have been comparing lots of different things: sizes, length and height. We can use the new words we have learnt such as big, little, long, short and tall.

Well done, Reception! You've been fantastic!

Question: How many candles would you put on a cake for your next birthday?



Year 1

Year 1 have had a really productive week. They have immersed themselves in this weeks challenges, which have been based around our story of "The Queen's Hat" and our history topic of Monarchy. We have built palaces in construction and even created a new crown for King Charles.

We continue to work hard on our reading and writing through our phonics and English sessions. This week we wrote sentences to explain where the hat had flown to and some children were able to sequence sentences using time connectives such as first, next, then and finally. For National poetry day we enjoyed looking at rhythm in "The Song of the Train" by David McCord.

In maths we have been comparing numbers using less, than greater than and equal to. We have been learning to use the correct mathematical symbols of $>$, $<$ & $=$.

In history we looked at the life of Queen Victoria and together created a factfile for our history display. In science we consolidated our understanding of naming body parts in our continuous provision.

In computing we have been learning about the keyboard and how to type and save a file. In RE we have completed our unit of work on the Holy Family.

TALK ABOUT THE BODY AND ASK YOUR CHILD TO NAME THE BODY PARTS

Year 2

Year 2 have been working extremely hard this week! We have been writing our own narratives in the style of The Highway Rat and the children have produced some fantastic pieces of writing! In Maths, the children have been comparing objects and numbers using greater than and less than symbols. In PSHE, we have been talking about the importance of talking to someone about our worries and the children created their own worry monsters about these. To end the week, we have been celebrating National Poetry Day by performing some poetry using expression and actions and the children have written their own descriptive poems all about themselves!

Question: What is meant by the symbols $<$ $>$ and $=$? Can you write a number sentence including these?

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Year 3

We have had another lovely week in Year 3! In English the children have begun writing their non-chronological reports all about the Stone Age. On Monday they researched the topic using IPADs before sharing their ideas and beginning to write their reports. We are looking forward to reading the completed reports next week! Thursday was also National Poetry Day. We all really enjoyed listening to the poem "I'm walking with my Iguana" by Brian Moses and then writing our poems in this style. Next week, we will have the opportunity to perform their poems for another class.

In Maths we have started addition and subtraction. The children are showing increasing confidence in adding multiples of 10 and 100. We have also enjoyed two great assemblies this week. It was lovely to celebrate the work that the children did during European Languages Day, with each class sharing some Spanish work that they had done.

Question: How do you say 'How are you?' in Spanish?

Year 4

This week, Year Four enjoyed some lovely assemblies. The first from Mrs Williams' class, whose rendition of Bon Jovi's 'Living on a Prayer' had us all singing. The second was held by Mrs Shuttleworth and gave us a chance to showcase the work we did during International Languages Week. It was a real pleasure being able to see all of the fabulous work the other classes had done.

In Maths, we were learning to interpret roman numerals. The children were amazing at this! 4DS learnt a song with actions to help them remember. They have been enjoying it so much that some spent wet playtimes writing them down and when giving in their house point total at the end of the day, did so in roman numerals.

On Thursday, we celebrated International Poetry Day in school. Year Four studied the poem 'The River' by Valerie Bloom. The poem used repetition and personification to convey the characteristics of a river. We then wrote our own poem about another geographical feature, in this style.

Question: What sorts of things did slaves do during Ancient Egypt?

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Year 5

This week, in Year 5, 5LW performed their class assembly. The children were wonderful, sharing their work and explaining what we have been learning in class. It was fantastic to see so many parents, friends and family to celebrate with us.

On Thursday, we enjoyed a fantastic assembly, where all the classes in KS2 shared their work from European Languages Day. Thursday was also National Poetry Day. In class, we analysed 'The British' by Benjamin Zephaniah. We identified the themes of diversity, equality and justice in the poem and commented on the use of a recipe format. Using his poem as inspiration, we produced our own poem about St Stephen's. We are very proud of the results and aim to publish some examples on the website in the coming weeks.

In Maths, we have been using formal addition and subtraction methods for numbers up to 1,000,000, as well as identifying when a mental method would be more efficient.

Finally, in History, we learnt about the writing of the Maya: glyphs, logograms, syllabograms and codices. The children deciphered logograms and created one of their own, as well as answering questions by hunting for facts.

Question: Why were logograms so important to the Ancient Maya?

Year 6

This week Year 6 have been focusing upon the initial meeting of Romeo and Juliet in English. We have analysed the text version and watched clips from the film thinking about similarities and differences between the two. We revised fronted adverbials as a grammar focus this with and took great care in ensuring the correct placement of commas.

In Maths we have moved onto addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

We revised the column method for addition and subtraction and completed some challenging missing number problems.

We are coming to the end of our class novel: White Bird. This is a graphic novel that recounts the life of Sara, a young Jewish girl who was kept safe by a kind family during WW2. This week, we have felt joy, relief and heartbreak whilst reading the text and the children have participated in mature discussions about the Holocaust.

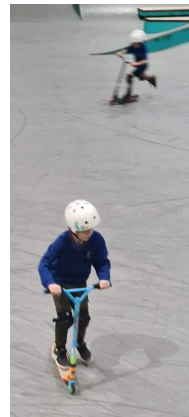
Question: Do you think Juliet would have approached Romeo if he did not approach her?

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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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