



**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 11th November 2022**

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## A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

I hope you have had a great week. It has been another busy week here at St Stephen's. I had the pleasure of walking around the Headteacher of St Anne's RC Primary School in Audenshaw. She visited all classes and commented on the wonderful learning taking place here at St Stephen's. A big well done to all children.

Today our Chaplain's lead us in a beautiful assembly to mark Remembrance Day. All classes have been completing work around WW1 and we also observed the national 2 minutes silences together today as a school.

**Holy Communion** - Last Saturday, some of our Year 4 and 6 children received the sacrament of Eucharist - their First Holy Communion. It was a beautiful celebration and I am so proud of all the children. Tomorrow, some more Year 4 and 6 children will receive the sacrament. Thank you to parents/carers for supporting the children so well on their journey. A big thank you to Mrs Gibson and staff for making the celebration so special.

**Maths Week** - Next week is National Maths week - the children will take part in lots of different activities throughout the week to celebrate all things maths! Mr Fitch (our Maths lead) has worked really hard to make the week enjoyable for children.

**Anti-Bullying Week** - Next week is also Anti Bullying week - alongside other schools up and down the country, we will take part in 'Odd Socks Day' - children (and staff) are encouraged to wear Odd Socks on Monday - no donation required this time.

A reminder that on Sunday 20th November it is our PTA Makers Market/Parish Christmas Fair 11-3pm here at school. It will be a great event for the school, parish and community so please so come along!

**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
12/11/22	4HB Holy Communion
14/11/22	Odd Socks Day
14/11/22	Anti-Bullying/Road Safety Week
14/11/22	Maths Week
16/11/22	3CS/LH Class Assembly
16/11/22	Riddle of the Sphinx - Math Workshop
17/11/22	Year 3 / 5 Mass
20/11/22	PTA Makers Market
22/11/22	Height, Weight & Hearing for Reception & Yr 6
23/11/22	Height, Weight & Hearing for Reception & Year 6
23/11/22	2AL Class Assembly
24/11/22	Year 1/2 Mass

**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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Date	Event
27/11/22	Advent Begins
30/11/22	St Andrew's Day
30/11/22	2LS Class Assembly
01/12/22	Yr 6 & Reception Special Friends Mass
01/12/22	Year 4 Retreat
02/12/22	Year 4 Retreat
06/12/22	Nursery Play at 10AM
07/12/22	Reception Nativity at 9:30AM - Rec Mrs Finn's Parents
08/12/22	Christmas Jumper Day
08/12/22	Year 3/5 Mass
08/12/22	Reception Nativity at 9:30AM - Rec Mrs Eillison's Parents
08/12/22	Year 1 Carol Concert at 2:30PM
09/12/22	Year 2 Play at 9:30AM for Y2LS parents
09/12/22	Year 2 Play at 2:00PM for Y2AL parents

## Dates for YOUR calendar

Date	Event
13/12/22	KS2 Carol Service at 2PM in Church
14/12/22	Party Day & Christmas Dinner
15/12/22	Year 1/2 Mass
20/12/22	Whole School Christmas Mass at 10AM
20/12/22	Finish for Christmas at 1:30PM
04/01/23	School Reopens

**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.**

**Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 Christmas events will take place in the school hall**

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Hot Chocolate  
Friday Winners

Nursery	Evie R Ava
RKF	Amelia
RNE	Sayo
YISH	Grace
YILB	Evelyn
Y2LS	Jensen
Y2AL	Trinity-Rose
Y3DM	Cleo
Y3CSLH	Elise
Y4DS	Lottie
Y4HB	Gustavo
Y5LW	Eddie O
Y5DW	Vincent
Y6HG	Riley
Y6DF	Millie

Readers  
of the Week

Nursery	Betti
RKF	Frankie
RNE	Bobby
YISH	Harrison
YILB	Anastazja
Y2LS	Brooke
Y2AL	Roman
Y3DM	Lereya
Y3CSLH	Flynn
Y4DS	Olivia
Y4HB	Jenson
Y5LW	Yong
Y5DW	Payton
Y6HG	Simona
Y6DF	Donald

Handwriters  
of the week

Nursery	William
RKF	Valentina
RNE	Gabriella-Rose
YISH	Ava
YILB	Parker
Y2LS	Eva
Y2AL	Riley
Y3DM	Mila
Y3CSLH	Estee
Y4DS	Audrey
Y4HB	Alexis
Y5LW	Toby D
Y5DW	Evan
Y6HG	Eddie
Y6DF	Lola





## Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	Evie N
RKF	Sienna
RNE	Evie-Rose
YISH	Hudson
YILB	Deanah
Y2LS	Conor
Y2AL	Leila
Y3DM	Great
Y3CS/LH	Evianna
Y4DS	Lily
Y4HB	Matilda
Y5LW	India
Y5DW	Brock
Y6HG	Lilia
Y6DF	Isla

## Sports Superstars

Nursery	Lily
RKF	Felicity
RNE	Deedee
YISH	Isla
YILB	Parker
Y2LS	Kacper
Y2AL	Alexander
Y3DM	Cleo
Y3CS/LH	Tallulah
Y4DS	Harrison H
Y4HB	Leila
Y5LW	Eddy T
Y5DW	Brock
Y6HG	Riley
Y6DF	Bonnie

## House Points

Blue  
16,323



Red  
13,856



Yellow  
7474



Green  
16,513



### Totals So Far!

Blue 59,097  
Green 53,553  
Red 45,494  
Yellow 61,899







## Attendance

Whole School	94.8%
Nursery AM	97.2%
Nursery Full Day	93.1%
RKF	90%
RNE	91%
Y1SH	92.3%
Y1LB	100%
Y2LS	96.6%
Y2AL	96.3%
Y3DM	95.6%
Y3CS/LH	92%
Y4DS	94.2%
Y4HB	95.3%
Y5LW	95.8%
Y5DW	92.9%
Y6HG	97.5%
Y6DF	97.5%



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	18	6th: RKF	4
2nd: NurFD	15	6th: RNE	4
3rd: 1SH	11	7th: 2AL	1
4th: 2LS	10		
5th: NurAM	8		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y4HB	14	5th: Y3DM	5
1st: Y5LW	14	6th: Y5ES	3
2nd: Y4DS	11	7th: Y3LH/cs	2
3rd: Y6DF	10		
4th: Y6HG	9		

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## Religious Education

### Remembrance Day

Today our school chaplains led us in our remembrance assembly. They shared the following scripture from the Book of Wisdom which tells us about how those who have died are at peace with God in Heaven.

**The souls of the people who have died and who know God's love are in the hands of God, and no suffering will ever touch them. We thought that their leaving us here behind on earth was a disaster and that by going from us, it was the end of them; but really, they are at peace. They are now with God: full of hope and life that never ends. In this life, they faced challenges with love so now they will receive great good: like gold in the furnace God makes them shine, and like a beautiful offering He accepts them. **They will shine forth and will be full of life like sparks in a fire.****

### 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

We remember those who stood for love  
and truth,

And thank you for the sacrifice they  
made for me and you.

Thank you that we can now enjoy peace  
and learn to love not fight,  
Thank you that we can now sing and play,  
and not be scared or hide.

We pray for other countries where  
children live in fear,  
And there is war and fighting and many  
are in tears.

Please help to make things better, and  
bring some peace to them.

Protect all those who try and help to  
make friends again.  
Amen.



## Nursery

We have been learning and talking about nocturnal animals more this week. When we visited the forest, we had a look around for where any nocturnal animals might be sleeping during the day. We also each chose a different nocturnal animal to use instead of the owl in our story, *Wow said the Owl*. We had a try at drawing them, noticing the different body parts.

In Mathematics this week, our focus has been counting. We have been singing lots of number songs, and talked about counting carefully, by pointing and touching objects. We were even having a go at lining objects up so that it makes them easier for us to count accurately.

Well done, Nursery! What a busy week.

## Reception

We have had a really wonderful week in Reception! We really enjoyed taking part in the Geography day on Monday. We explored lots of different maps and created our own maps with our homes on. We can identify grassy and water areas on an aerial view map and we know that our school is in Droylsden. In maths, we have been busy learning about circles and triangles. We have been describing them, finding them in our classroom and making pictures using them! In literacy we have started to read our class book which is Julia Donaldson's *"Room on the Broom."* We have absolutely loved this story and can't wait to continue reading it next week. We have made our own potion lists, spell books and we have been writing about characters from the story.

We have been enjoying time in our new witch's house outdoors as well as our nocturnal animal den. We started our forest school sessions with Mrs Artingstall where we collected apples and then used them in our mud kitchen.

This week we also began rehearsal for our Nativity play.

**Question- How many sides does a triangle have? What is special about the sides of a triangle?**





## Year 1

The learning continues at a pace in Year 1! We started our week completing lessons about maps and compass points as part of our school's Spatial Sense Day. The children enjoyed drawing a map of our classroom and playing games to learn the four compass directions.

In English the children wrote sentences or completed speech bubbles to describe the crimes of the Evil Pea. Our focus in maths continues to be addition and the children have been working through word problems to develop their calculation skills. In mental maths we have been focussing on our number bonds to 10.

In science we began our work on seasonal changes where we will focus on how animals and humans prepare for winter.

In RE we have been thinking about what it means to belong and we shared some of the groups that we belong to. In PHSE/Jigsaw we have been learning about what makes us similar and what makes us different.

In computing we have been developing our understanding of E-safety and have been using Microsoft Paint tools to create a picture. We are continuing to work hard on completing our Rainbow Challenges.

**Keep practising number bonds to 10.**

## Year 2

Year 2 have had a very busy week with lots of learning opportunities! We started off our week by participating in 'Spatial Sense' day - our school Geography day. Our focus was using aerial views to help us find out information about an area. We walked around our school and located different parts on the aerial view and we used this information to create our own map of our school. We

then looked at a map of Droylsden and created a route from a significant place back to our school.

As well as this, we have also completed our work about World War I. Our focus was Edith Cavell and we wrote a diary entry from her perspective describing a day of nursing during the war. We made Victoria sponge cakes earlier this week and we have been writing instructions for how to make a cake. In Maths, we have continued our learning about fact families and we have looked at different representations to help us with these, including part-whole models and bar models. We have used these to write addition and subtraction sentences within 20.

**Question: What are aerial views?**

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## Year 3

We began our learning this week with a Geography day. The children learnt how to use and read 4 figure grid reference on a map. The children then learnt about physical and human geography before comparing these elements on a bird's eye view image of Droylsden. Lastly, the children were given a map on which they had to find our school and write its grid reference. They really enjoyed the day!

In Science we have moved on to our new unit, which is called Animals and Humans. This week we looked at the role and importance of our skeleton and the work that our muscles do.

In English the children have looked at key writing skills. They have worked on coordinating conjunctions as well as contraction words. We have linked our work to our class book 'The Dark'.

In maths, we have now come to the end of our addition and subtraction unit. The children have worked really hard on this unit and been very successful.

Question- what are the main jobs of the human skeleton?

## Year 4

On Monday, we took part in a spatial sense skills day as part of our Geography programme in school. The activities allowed the children to learn about and practise important map skills. We learnt how to create 4 figure and 6 figure grid references to help locate certain places on an ordnance survey map. We also discussed what a scale is used for on a map. To finish the day, we used an online maps programme to compare a modern map of Droylsden with maps from the 1890s and 1950s. The children were really interested to see all of the things that have changed over the years.

In English, the children have enjoyed writing instructions based on our book, The Lost Happy Endings.

In RE, we began a new unit in which we explore the stories of different people who were called to an important mission by God. Over the next few weeks, we will look at ways in which ordinary people are called to spread God's message, every day. This week, we read the story of Samuel and wrote a diary recounting the events.

Question of the week: What is something that has changed in Droylsden since the 1890s?



## Year 5

This week we started studying our new book, Room 13, in English. We started by looking at the covers of different editions, predicting what might happen in the book, before reading the first 4 chapters. The children have been inspired by the book and are looking forward to exploring it deeper.

In Maths, we have continued working on multiplication and division in its many forms, looking at common factors, prime numbers, square numbers and cube numbers.

On Monday, we spent time reflecting on the First World War, specifically life in the trenches. These discussions enabled us to write diary entries from the perspective of soldiers living in the trenches and create amazing pieces of art inspired by the silk postcards typically seen across the Western Front.

The children have also taken part in a Spatial Sense skills day as part of Geography. This involved exploring the different ways in which relief is represented on maps. The children loved creating their own models using contour lines and coloured card.

**Question: What is relief?**

## Year 6

We are really enjoying our new text, 'Letters from the Lighthouse', in Year 6. This week we have created missing posters for one of the characters, tracked the emotions of Olive (our main character) and wrote postcards home from evacuees. The children have blown us away with their application of multi- clause sentences and understanding of parenthesis- Well done!

In Maths we have consolidated our knowledge of short division and explored how division facts can be used to solve arithmetic questions. Next week we will be moving on to long division. Please can we remind all parents/ guardians to encourage the Year 6 children to access times table rockstars for 10 minutes a day at home. This will greatly enhance their division skills.

In history and RE we have been reflecting upon remembrance. We wrote our own versions of the poem 'We will remember them' and shared these with each other in class.

**Question: Why did Olive not write her postcard honestly to her Mum?**

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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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