



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 25th November 2022

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

I hope you have had a great week! Our week started off with the children being treated to an assembly from former pupil George. He treated them to a performance of his new world cup song 'Up the England' - children loved it! Then, those that wanted to watch and cheered on England's victory over Iran! Dare we get our hopes up, is it coming home?

Internet Safety Assembly - This afternoon our KS2 classes took part in an assembly hosted by Google. The assembly was an interactive educational adventure to help your child better understand disinformation, scams and search engines as part of a focus on media literacy - as well as take a look at the following fundamental pillars:

- **Be Internet Sharp:** Think before you share
- **Be Internet Alert:** Check it's for real
- **Be Internet Secure:** Protect your stuff
- **Be Internet Kind:** Respect each other
- **Be Internet Brave:** When in doubt, discuss

Our Local MP Angela Rayner also attended the assembly and spoke to the children about her role in Parliament and her love of reading!

Girls Football - Congratulations to the girls football team who played St John Fisher and won 2-1. Well done girls!

Christmas Fair - A huge thank you for coming down to school on Sunday to support the PTA and Parish Christmas Fair. It was a great day and hopefully you enjoyed yourselves. A special mention to our fantastic PTA and Parish Community who worked so hard to organise the event. It really does mean a lot to have such a committed team to support school.

It's the First Sunday of Advent this weekend; we will be lighting the first candle on our advent wreaths on Monday, symbolising 'Hope'.

Enjoy your weekend,, Mr Lavin, Headteacher

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

Compassion



Ambition



Rejoice



Excellence



Service



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****Reception Places 2023/24****

Come and join teamststephens in September 2023. Applications for Reception places can be made through the Local Authority via:
https://admission.tameside.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

You have until 15th January 2023 to apply! Don't miss out on joining our fantastic school!

If you'd like to find out more about our school, please contact the school office to book in a tour with one of our Senior Leadership Team.

We will be holding an open evening on Monday 12th December 4pm till 5:30pm. Further details to follow.

We also have places in our current Reception and Year 1 classes!

Share far and wide - St Stephen's is the place to be!



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Dates for YOUR calendar

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	Noah B Noah T
RKF	Jesica B
RNE	Hazel
YISH	Bruke
YILB	Deanah
Y2LS	Elvis
Y2AL	Ember
Y3DM	Bobby
Y3CSLH	Yasmin
Y4DS	Liam
Y4HB	Ralph
Y5LW	Rihanna
Y5DW	Ava
Y6HG	Scarlett
Y6DF	Ashley

Readers of the Week



Nursery	Evie N
RKF	Henry
RNE	Rosie
YISH	Elijah
YILB	Henry
Y2LS	Ruby
Y2AL	Keane
Y3DM	Daisy
Y3CSLH	Jacob
Y4DS	Rosie
Y4HB	Freddie
Y5LW	Ciannarose
Y5DW	Tan
Y6HG	Charlie
Y6DF	Ruby

Handwriters of the week



Nursery	Cole
RKF	India
RNE	Denis
YISH	Roman
YILB	Lexie
Y2LS	Adam
Y2AL	Bella
Y3DM	Isla
Y3CSLH	Isla
Y4DS	Abigail
Y4HB	Lily Grace
Y5LW	Eddie O
Y5DW	Mabel
Y6HG	Ronan
Y6DF	Jude

Hot Chocolate Friday winners will receive their treat on Monday!!





Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	Sienna
RKF	Berrie-Mae
RNE	Thomas
Y1SH	Grace
Y1LB	Kingsley
Y2LS	Evelyn
Y2AL	Peyton
Y3DM	India
Y3CS/LH	Saul
Y4DS	Deborah
Y4HB	Sienna Rae
Y5LW	John-Paul
Y5DW	Cody
Y6HG	Carlos
Y6DF	Racheal

Sports Superstars

Nursery	Ava
RKF	Keziah
RNE	Hazel
Y1SH	Thomas
Y1LB	Myley-Dean
Y2LS	Brooke
Y2AL	Rocco
Y3DM	Oscar
Y3CS/LH	Charlotte
Y4DS	Rocco
Y4HB	Emilia
Y5LW	Eddie O
Y5DW	Brock
Y6HG	Amelia
Y6DF	Roman

House Points

Blue
7478



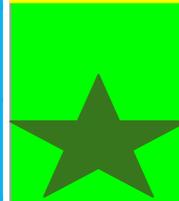
Red
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Yellow
7386



Green
5871



Totals So Far!

Blue 70, 367
 Green 65, 450
 Red 58, 589
 Yellow 64, 098



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Attendance

Whole School	92.1%
Nursery AM	77.2%
Nursery Full Day	93.8%
RKF	85.6%
RNE	83%
Y1SH	90.4%
Y1LB	90.3%
Y2LS	97.8%
Y2AL	94.9%
Y3DM	91.5%
Y3CS/LH	95.6%
Y4DS	96.3%
Y4HB	95.7%
Y5LW	90.4%
Y5DW	91.7%
Y6HG	94.6%
Y6DF	90.8%



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	19	6th: RKF	4
2nd: NurFD	16	6th: RNE	4
3rd: 1SH	14	7th: 2AL	3
4th: 2LS	13		
5th: NurAM	8		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y4DS	17	6th: Y3DM	5
2nd: Y4HB	16	7th: Y5DW	4
3rd: 5LW	15	8th: Y3LH/cs	3
4th: Y6DF	10		
5th: Y6HG	9		

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Religious Education

Travelling Nativity

During Advent (beginning on Sunday), we will be sending home our travelling nativity bags. Within these bags, you will find a wooden Bethlehem scene, a candle, scripture, prayers and instructions.

When you receive the prayer bag, we ask that you carefully take it out of the bag and place it somewhere special in your home. As a family, please use the candle, prayers and scripture to reflect and pray together. The next morning, we ask that the nativity is put away carefully and returned to school.

Our travelling nativity bags will be initially starting with our youngest children in school and working their way up to Year 6.



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

As we come to the end of November, our month of remembrance, we have been thinking about all the souls in Heaven.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord
And let the perpetual light shine upon
them.
May they rest in peace.
Amen



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Nursery

We have started preparations for Nursery's Nativity show this week. We are all very excited and are becoming more and more confident with the words to all of the songs!

We have been learning about matching objects in Mathematics this week, too. We have compared objects in detail, using new vocabulary to describe, and decide whether they are a match. We have used shoes to find a matching pair, and have been packing away the pairs into shoe boxes. In literacy, we have been drawing lists of the nocturnal animals that we can remember, and have been making dark, warm places for them to sleep using the construction blocks and junk to model.

Reception

We have had a really lovely week this week. The children are all working so very hard. In maths we have been thinking about numbers 4 and 5 and the different ways we can make those numbers. We have been using part whole models and five frames to help us. In Literacy we have been reading AND writing sentences from our story - we have also learnt a 'Room on the Broom' song! In RE we have continued to learn about Baptism - thank you to those who have sent in a photo, these are proudly on display in our classrooms. Just a polite reminder that homework is given out each Thursday and should be completed **(by the children)** and returned each Monday. Thank you.

Question: is 2 and 3 and 4 and 1 the same?



Year 1

As November comes to an end the children in Year 1 continue to work hard. They have had a great week this week completing their Rainbow Challenges, showing resilience and independence.

In maths we have been working on our subtraction skills and have been creating stories for maths problems.

Our work on Supertato was completed this week with the children creating their own villain and describing his crimes. The children wrote some lovely descriptions. We have started in our new phonics groups this week and continue to work hard learning new phonemes.

In RE we listened to Luke Gospel story about the time Jesus said "Let the children come to me". The children discussed the story and how it made them feel.

In computing we continued our unit on digital painting by exploring appropriate tools. We used them to create a picture based on the work of Wassily Kandinsky.

In science we made links with our geography topic when we considered the question "What type of weather can we expect in winter?"

Our music lessons have focussed on Our upcoming performance and the children are learning the new songs well.

Question: Can you identify odd and even numbers?

Year 2

We started the week by attending an assembly where we learnt about the World Cup and was visited by George White who performed his World Cup song for us. We also enjoyed watching the England v Iran match and we had a great afternoon celebrating England's win! During the World Cup, 2AL is supporting Japan and 2LS are supporting Spain so we have also decorated our own flags.

2AL had their Class Assembly on Wednesday and they did a fantastic job! The theme of their assembly was about resilience and the importance of never giving up. The teachers are so proud of all the children and we can't wait to see 2LS' assembly next week!

This week, we have been adding single digit numbers by making 10. The children have used their knowledge of number bonds to 10 to help them cross the tens boundary. They

have developed their understanding further by adding three single digit numbers. In English, we have continued to read our story, 'I Want My Hat Back' and the children have strengthened their understanding of compound sentences by including co-ordinating conjunctions. We have also drawn our own maps of the story in preparation to re-tell the story next week in the form of a diary entry. In R.E, we have continued our learning about Baptism and we have learnt about the order of events in a Baptism.

Alongside all our hard work, we have been busy rehearsing for our nativity - we can't wait to show you our performance!

Question: What is the most efficient way to solve $8 + 4 + 2$?

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Year 3

In our English lessons this week we have planned and written the story of 'The Dark' from the perspective of a different character. The children have worked hard to write in 1st person and add emotional language into their writing.

In maths we have worked on our 2, 5 and 10 times tables in different forms. We have also looked at division for the first time in the forms of sharing and grouping.

In Geography we have had a very busy week learning about volcanoes. The children have analysed the structures, researched famous volcanoes around the world and finished by making their own volcano creations.

In guided reading we have looked at the story of 'Stuart Little' and answered comprehension questions based on chapter 1.

As our class was drawn Belgium in the World Cup Sweepstake, we have spent some time this week learning more about the country.

Question- what do you call a volcano that is still erupting?

Year 4

Another very busy week in Year 4. We were all excited as the World Cup matches commenced. Mr Grantham gave each class a participating country. Miss Scaife's class got Wales and Mrs Bilic's class got Germany. The children spent some time researching their countries, discovering interesting facts about the language, important places and cultures. They also looked into the football teams.

In Maths this week we completed our unit on Area. Our work involved calculating the Area of different spaces and comparing them.

In English we continued with our work on 'A Christmas Carol' by using excerpts from the Disney film to help us to form descriptive sentences. In Art, we painted our Egyptian death masks. They are looking amazing!

This afternoon we all went into the hall for an assembly about e-safety. Our special visitor was Angela Raynor so we were very excited.

Question: What are the capital cities of Germany and Wales?

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Year 5

This week started with a World Cup assembly before watching England beat Iran in the afternoon. Whilst watching the game, we researched our classes' World Cup countries (England and USA), created posters and presented them to the class. Additionally, our work in guided reading has been on the topic of the Middle East, inspired by the World Cup in Qatar.

In English we continued to read Room 13, using it to support our formal email writing, for evidence in our analysis and to inspire our own suspenseful writing.

In Maths, we have been finishing our Multiplication and Division Unit. This has included multiplying and dividing by 10, 100, 1000 and all their multiples.

Religious education has opened discussions about our mission, both as individuals and as disciples of God, which in turn have enabled us to write our own job advertisement looking for someone to join God's service.

Which punctuation marks are used when writing a quotation?

Year 6

We've had another busy week in Year 6!

In Maths, we have completed our topic on the four operations. We ended the week by looking at order of operations and used 'BIDMAS' to help us solve questions involving multiple operations.

In English we have continued reading Letters from the Lighthouse. We have looked at how dialogue has been used in the text to develop the characters and move the story forward. We have imagined that we are Esther Jenkins (one of the main characters) and have retold a chapter from her point of view.

This week in Science we began to look at the work of Carl Linnaeus and explored his contribution to biology. We learnt about the six kingdoms of life and wrote social media profiles for each different kingdom.

The children have enjoyed learning about Judaism in RE. We have looked at the celebration, Rosh Hashanah and the significance of this in the Jewish calendar.

Question: What are the six kingdoms of life? What are the kingdoms classified by?

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