



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 28th April 2023

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

Another busy week has come to an end! I hope you are all well and looking forward to the long weekend! A reminder that school is closed on Monday 1st May for the Bank Holiday!

Year 4HB - Thank you to Mrs Bilic's class for their fantastic class assembly this week! It was lovely to see all the fantastic work going on in Year 4HB. Next up is Mr Muschamp's class on Wednesday 9:05 am in the School Hall.

Pupil Parliament - Some of our Year 6 Pupil Parliament members attended a local Primary School today to join other Pupil Parliaments to learn all about keeping a healthy mind. I'm looking forward to seeing how we can incorporate their ideas into St Stephen's.

Crowning of Our Lady - On Thursday 4th May, we will be holding our annual special assembly where we crown the statue of Our Lady. As always, we ask if children could come into school with a few flowers to place on the altars in the hall. Last year Our Lady was beautifully decorated and I am sure she will be this year too.

King's Coronation Day - On Friday 5th May, we will be having a special day in school to celebrate the King's Coronation, which is due to take place on Saturday 6th May. Children are welcome to dress up in red/white/blue! Just a reminder that Monday 8th May is a Bank Holiday so school will be closed.

NEU Industrial Action - On Tuesday 2nd May, there will be a second day of Industrial Action. Plans are as follows:

- Year 6, 4, 3, 2, Reception and Nursery **open**
- Year 5 and 1 **closed**

All children who normally receive a **benefits-related Free School Meal** who are not able to be in school should email admin@stsrcp.co.uk requesting a packed lunch (Ham, Tuna or Cheese sandwich) that can be collected from school at 12pm on these strike days. Orders must be placed as soon as possible.. I remind you; this decision has not been taken lightly and any frustration should not be directed at my staff individually. I understand that this will cause you some inconvenience and I apologise for that.

I will inform you if any of the above changes,

A reminder, school is closed Monday 1st and 8th due to Bank Holidays.

Have a lovely weekend, **Mr Lavin, Headteacher**

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St Stephen's
CARES

Compassion



Ambition



Rejoice



Excellence



Service



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Summer One Dates - MORE DATES MAY BE ADDED SO KEEP CHECKING

Date	Event
01/05/23	School closed BANK HOLIDAY
03/05/23	Year 3DM Class Assembly - 9:05 am in the School Hall
04/05/23	Year 1 and Year 3 Class Mass - 10:00 am in Church
04/05/23	Nursery CLOSED due to Polling Day
05/05/23	Whole School Celebration for King's Coronation
08/05/23	School closed BANK HOLIDAY
09/05/23	Year 6 SAT - Grammar, Punctuation Spelling
10/05/23	Year 6 SAT - Reading
11/05/23	Year 6 SAT - Maths 1 and 2
12/05/23	Year 6 SAT - Maths 3
17/05/23	Year 6 Robinwood Residential
17/05/23	Y3LH/CS Class Assembly 9:05 am in the School Hall
18/05/23	Year 3 and Year 5 Class Mass - 10:00 am in Church
19/05/23	Year 6 Return from Robinwood
19/05/23	Half term begins at 3:15 pm

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Hot Chocolate
Friday Winners

Nursery	Lula / Aurora
RKF	Frankie
RNE	Bobby
YISH	Isabelle
YILB	Felix
Y2LS	Kacper
Y2AL	Alex
Y3DM	Dolly-Rae
Y3CSLH	Mia Bella
Y4GB	Emily
Y4HB	Beau
Y5LW	Melody
Y5DW	Tyler
Y6HG	Alex
Y6DF	Brooklyn

Readers
of the Week

Nursery	Michael N
RKF	Felicity
RNE	Maisie
YISH	Thomas
YILB	Deanah
Y2LS	Grace
Y2AL	Trinity-Rose
Y3DM	Freddie
Y3CSLH	Jacob
Y4GB	Liam
Y4HB	Seth
Y5LW	Annalise
Y5DW	Mason
Y6HG	Carlos
Y6DF	Donald

Handwriters
of the week

Nursery	Sienna
RKF	Amelia
RNE	Huckleberry
YISH	Milliane
YILB	Kalani
Y2LS	Evelyn
Y2AL	Ember
Y3DM	Godwin
Y3CSLH	Samson
Y4GB	Sam
Y4HB	Orla
Y5LW	Alfie
Y5DW	Megan
Y6HG	Noah
Y6DF	Jake





Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	Michael S
RKF	Lin Xi
RNE	Hazel
Y1SH	Hudson
Y1LB	Annie
Y2LS	Sahichpreet
Y2AL	Tegan
Y3DM	Tarandeep
Y3CS/LH	Avaya
Y4GB	Audrey
Y4HB	Declan
Y5LW	Toby D
Y5DW	Evan
Y6HG	Kate
Y6DF	Lola

Sports Superstars

Nursery	Nicholas
RKF	Amelia
RNE	Sayo
Y1SH	Thomas
Y1LB	Runo
Y2LS	Luna
Y2AL	Peyton
Y3DM	Charles
Y3CS/LH	Joseph
Y4GB	Seth
Y4HB	Lyla
Y5LW	Toby
Y5DW	Benjamin
Y6HG	Noah
Y6DF	Racheal

House Points

Blue
5944



Red
6378



Yellow
8665



Green
6518



Totals So Far!

Blue 125, 995
Green 120, 321
Red 113, 333
Yellow 144, 917





Attendance

Whole School	92.4%
Nursery AM	72.5%
Nursery Full Day	85.6%
RKF	87%
RNE	90%
Y1SH	81.6%
Y1LB	98.3%
Y2LS	98.3%
Y2AL	91.7%
Y3DM	89.7%
Y3CS/LH	96.8%
Y4GB	95.8%
Y4HB	91.3%
Y5LW	93.9%
Y5DW	96.6%
Y6HG	97.2%
Y6DF	91.3%



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	45	6th: 2AL	14
2nd: 2LS	42	7th: RKF	9
3rd: NurFD	41	8th: RNE	5
4th: 1SH	18		
5th: NurAM	16		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y4GB	43	5th: Y3DM	17
2nd: Y6HG	31	6th: Y6DF	15
3rd: Y4HB	25	7th: Y5DW	8
4th: 5LW	19		
4th: Y3LH/cs	19		

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Religious Education

The Season of Easter

We have continued our work on the season of Easter in class this week. Easter is a beautiful celebration that lasts for 50 days until Pentecost.

During this season of Easter at home why not consider joyful moments. This could be listening to the birds singing as they return from their winter flight or jumping over puddles from Spring rain showers. As we celebrate and rejoice in this season, why not take a moment to thank God for all the little moments of joy we have in our lives.



Crowning of our Lady

As the month of May begins next week, we will be Crowning our Lady in assembly. The reason why we crown Mary is best summed up by Pope Paul VI who wrote in 1965 that May is an occasion for a

"moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven."



Mass Times

Saturday Vigil
5.30pm
Sunday
10.30am

Our Parish Priest is
Father B. Wilson.



Prayer of the Week

Lord.

Thank you that in your presence,
there is fullness of joy (Psalm 16:11).

You have turned my mourning to
dancing, and you have clothed me
with an everlasting joy that no one
can take away from me (Psalm
30:11).

Thank you that you fill me with
strength, and through you, my joy is
made complete (Philippians 2:2).

Amen

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Nursery

Nursery have had a fantastic week this week. Our focus text for the week has been the Hungry Caterpillar. We are lucky enough to have our own caterpillars in class and cannot wait for them to transform into butterflies.

In provision, we have been concentrating on making patterns and painting butterflies.

We also visited the allotment where we planted beans and went on a hunt for Harry the Hedgehog.

Reception

Another week in Reception that has flown by, we are just having too much fun!

In Literacy we have been writing about our favourite minibeasts. We have been making our own minibeast books

In maths we have continued to think about numbers to 20 and what makes up these numbers. We have been using two ten frames and loose arts to help us. We have also been very lucky to spend some time with Mrs Artingstall planting seeds around our outdoor area. We can't wait to watch them grow.

In RE we have been thinking about good news, and how Jesus' people felt when they heard the news that he had risen. We have been sharing good news of our own and talking about how it made us feel.

Question: How many different groups can we sort minibeasts into?
For example, wings or no wings, legs or no legs.



Year 1

Another busy week has flown by in Year One, with lots of learning taking place. In English, we continued our story 'Meerkat Mail'. Children wrote a postcard back to Sunny from his family and created a story map in preparation for writing a narrative next week. In Maths, we began our unit on mass and volume. We compared different objects on balancing scales and began to measure in non-standard units. We then explored capacity, using vocabulary such as full, nearly full, empty, and nearly empty. In Geography, we studied Northern Ireland, identifying the counties on a map and recalling some interesting facts. In Science, we completed a session of 'now, press, play' to enrich our 'plants' topic. In the session, children virtually saved a village from famine by identifying the best place to plant vegetables in order for them to grow. We began our new R.E topic on 'Holidays and Holy Days.' Children recounted a holiday they had been on and discussed how it is different from an ordinary day.

Question: What is the capital city of Northern Ireland?

Year 2

Year 2 have had an extremely busy week and we are so proud of how hard they have worked!

In English, both classes have been studying Mr Bunny's Chocolate Factory. Miss Leigh's group have been learning to write exclamation sentences and they have started to write a persuasive speech from the perspective of Mr Bunny. Miss Seville's class loved completing a role play activity before writing their letter of resignations and they had a fantastic time getting into character of the chickens!

We have almost completed our multiplication and division unit; this week the children have been multiplying and dividing by 5. The children have been challenging themselves by applying their knowledge to solve 2 step problems.

On Thursday, we had a lovely Mass in the morning and we attended a Forest School session in the afternoon; the children made their own pies out of clay and leaves - yum!

Question: What is our anchor fact in the 5 times tables?



Year 3

This week in year 3 we have produced lots of written work on our class book 'The Bear and the Piano'. We have written postcards from the viewpoint of the Bear as well as re-telling the narrative through the eyes of the Bear.

In maths we have looked at finding fractions of amounts. We have looked at strategies to help and then applied these to solve problems.

In Geography we have researched the different types of rainforest and completed tables to share this information.

In RE we have studied the celebration of Pentecost and created artwork represent it.

In Guided reading we have studied the book 'Honey's Hive' and completed questions on the chapters 1 and 2.

Question: What is the rule for finding a fraction of an amount?

Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been continuing their fractions topic, extending their knowledge of mixed numbers and their placement on a number line. We have used comparative language and symbols to compare and order these, analysing which are greater than, less than or equal to.

Expanded noun phrases have been utilised in our continued English topic to describe the anatomy of our own dragons and the children have produced a double page spread to inform and explain the functions of different body parts. We have looked at causal conjunctions and used these to give advice to dragon owners on keeping themselves safe. Both classes are enjoying their respective story time each day; 4GB with 'Planet Omar' and 4HB with 'I was a Rat'.

In RE, we have begun our unit on 'New Life' where we will be thinking about how God's word was spread around the world and how Jesus left the apostles. We have created a class collage to celebrate all of the good news in our class.

4HB presented their class assembly on Wednesday based around Earth Day. The children enjoyed sharing their poetry writing, research and dancing for their parents/carers and the rest of KS2.

Question: Can you think of three synonyms for 'tiny'?

Clue: They all begin with the letter 'M'



Year 5

This week, the children in Year 5 have experienced Forest School sessions linked to the Tudor monarchy. This is to coincide with the King's coronation planned for the 6th May and is part of a whole school focus on the Monarchy throughout the ages. The children had a fantastic time in role reenacting the invasion by the Spanish Armada of Elizabethan England.

As part of our English unit around 'Ride the Wind', we researched sea birds, including endangered species of gulls, petrels and albatrosses, and produced a fact file of information. We also wrote thought bubbles for Javier, Uncle Felipe and Tomas to express their inner feelings at different points of the story.

In Maths, we expressed thousandths as fractions, decimals and percentages. We also used our understanding of place value in decimal numbers to order and compare decimals to three decimal places.

As part of our Transformation unit in RE, we explored different energy sources and how they are transformed and used on Earth.

Question: What is the most fascinating fact you learned about an albatross?

Year 6

Time is absolutely flying in Year 6! We can't believe we are already approaching May. As always, the children have been working extremely hard this week and have been impressing us with their maturity and resilience whilst revising for their upcoming SATS.

This week in Maths we have been focusing on perimeter, area and volume. We firstly revised our knowledge by finding the area and perimeter of rectangles. We used this to then help us find the area of triangles. We concluded the week by finding the volume of cuboids.

In English, we have been rewriting our text, Cicada, as a detailed narrative. We have focused on how we can integrate dialogue effectively to move a story forwards.

Our text this week in English was a poem by Lewis Carroll: The Hunting of the Snark. There was a lot of humour woven throughout the text and we enjoyed sharing what we thought a snark would be like!

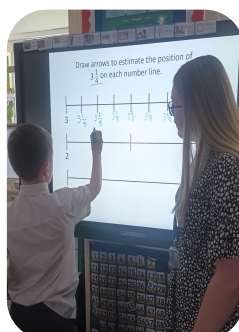
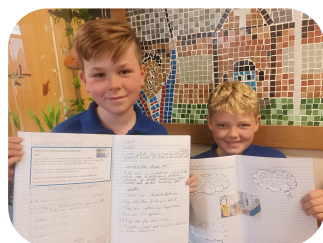
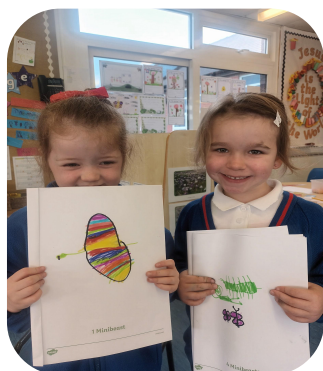
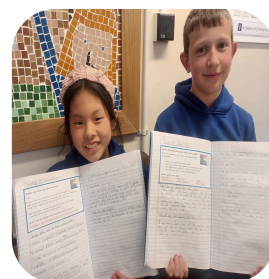
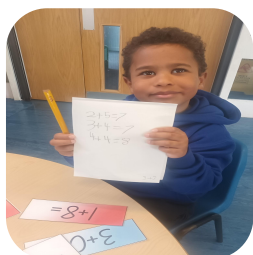
Question: How do you find the area of a triangle?

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THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

It's been another remarkable week!
Here are just a few photographs of
learning experiences to share with you.



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