



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 22nd March 2024

Be Ready. Be Respectful. Be Safe

A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN ...I hope you are all well and have had a great week! Another busy week here at St Stephen's and a very successful one! A reminder that the Easter holidays start on Thursday 28th March at 1:30pm.

Easter Bonnet Parade and Egg Competition - Wow - what an incredible Easter event we had this morning. Children in our Early Years and Infants proudly showed off their amazing Easter Bonnets - we had some amazing creations! Thank you so much for the effort you put into them! In Key Stage Two, there were equally amazing creations in their 'decorate an egg' competition! I am sure children thoroughly enjoyed creating them.

Lenten Prayer Trail - As we now move into Holy Week, children will reflect on the significant events that led up to Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday. All classes have been given a station of the cross to focus on and have created some amazing art work. They will take part in a Lenten Prayer Trail on Monday.

Shakespeare Week- It has been Shakespeare week in school this week - children have been looking at some of the famous plays, studied the language and have been writing their own work! Years 1 to 6 had a special visitor on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday! All children took part in a Shakespeare workshop, where they perfected their acting skills, linked to the play they were working on! They also had an extra Forest School Session with Mrs Artingstall that linked to the play they were studying - children had a great time!

Y2 Story Seekers - Over the last few weeks, our Year 2 children have been taking part in a Tameside project called 'Story Seekers' where they had to learn a story, ready to perform it to another school. Yesterday morning, St Anne's RC Primary School in Audenshaw came to school to watch their performances! Children were incredible - so full of confidence. We are all so proud of them. It was lovely to listen to the children from St Anne's performing too. Well done to everyone!

Staffing update- We welcome Miss Scaife back to school after the Easter break following her maternity leave and she will be teaching in Year 4 Miss Murray's class for the remainder of the year. Miss Birtles will remain teaching her Year 5 class until the Summer holidays. We thank Miss Murray for her hard work during her time with us and wish her the very best for the future.

A reminder that we break up for Easter on Thursday 28th March at 1:30pm. As this will be the final newsletter, I wish you all a very Happy Easter. We look forward to welcoming children back to school for the start of the Summer term on Monday 8th April.

Have a great weekend with your families. Take care,
Mr Lavin, Headteacher

Our Values: St Stephen's CARES

Compassion



Ambition



Rejoice



Excellence



Service



'It's the right thing to do...'



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Dates for your calendar - Spring 2

Week Beginning 25th March 2024	
Date	Event
27/03/24	Year 5 Passion Play 9:10am in Church
27/03/24	Y1 Parent Phonics Meeting in the school hall at 9am
27/03/24	Y1 Parents Phonics Meeting in Year 1 classrooms straight after school
28/03/24	Whole School Mass at 10am
28/03/24	School closes for Easter Break at 1:30pm

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Dates for your calendar - Summer 1

Week Beginning 8th April 2024

Date	Event
8/04/24	School reopens
12/04/24	Y1, 2 and 3 Mass

Week Beginning 29th April 2024

Date	Event
01/05/24	Y3LH Class Assembly 9:05am
03/05/24	Year 1, 2 and 3 Mass

Week Beginning 15th April 2024

Date	Event
17/04/24	Y4SM Class Assembly 9:05am
19/04/24	Y6 Author Visit
19/04/24	Y4 and 5 Mass

Week Beginning 6th May 2024

Date	Event
06/05/24	Bank Holiday School Closed
08/25/24	Y1JL Class Assembly 9:05am
10/05/24	Year 4 and 5 Mass

Week Beginning 22nd April 2024

Date	Event
24/04/24	Y3HB Class Assembly 9:05am
26/04/24	Reception Mass

Week Beginning 13th May 2024

Date	Event
13/05/24	Y6 SAT Week Begins
17/05/24	Y6 and Reception Mass

Week Beginning 20th May 2024

Date	Event
22/05/24	Y6 PGL
24/05/24	Y6 Return PGL
24/05/24	Year 1, 2 and 3 Mass
24/05/24	Road Safety Day
24/05/24	Half term begins at 3:15pm

New dates will be added as the term continues, I will highlight these in a different colour.



Hot Chocolate Friday Winner



Nursery	Eddison & Nellie
RLS	Iremide
RNE	Aurora
Y1SH	Gabriella Rose
Y1JL	Sienna
Y2LS	Lyna
Y2AL	Aurora
Y3HB	Hudson
Y3LH	Alex
Y4LM	Joshua
Y4SM	Riley-James
Y5LW	Farren
Y5GB	Rosie
Y6HG	Teddy
Y6DF	Poppy

Readers of the Week

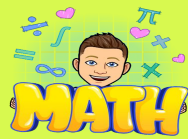


Nursery	Isobel
RLS	Louie
RNE	Harper
Y1SH	Jessica
Y1JL	Cornelia
Y2LS	Bella
Y2AL	Raya-Mae
Y3HB	Pippa
Y3LH	Emily
Y4LM	Venellope
Y4SM	Yasmin
Y5LW	Beau
Y5GB	Lottie
Y6HG	Leah
Y6DF	Jensen





Maths Star



Nursery	Flora
RLS	Lilly
RNE	Brume
Y1SH	Myla
Y1JL	India
Y2LS	Evelyn
Y2AL	Leo
Y3HB	Jeremiah
Y3LH	Peyton
Y4LM	Cleo
Y4SM	Evianna
Y5LW	Jenson
Y5GB	Aoife
Y6HG	Tyler
Y6DF	Blaize

Writing Star



Nursery	Nehneh
RLS	Phoebe
RNE	Nancy
Y1SH	Rosie
Y1JL	Odin
Y2LS	Michelle
Y2AL	Milliane
Y3HB	Daley
Y3LH	Harrison
Y4LM	Tarandeep
Y4SM	Elise
Y5LW	Ellenore
Y5GB	Chen
Y6HG	Vinnie
Y6DF	Harvey

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Attendance

Whole School: 94.6%

Nursery AM	95.5%	3HB	91.9%
Nursery Full Day	100%	3LH	99%
RLS	90.3%	4LM	90.6%
RNE	85.1%	4SM	95.7%
Y1SH	94.1%	5LW	99%
Y1JL	97.9%	5GB	100%
Y2LS	92.9%	6HG	95.2%
Y2AL	93.5%	6DF	92.6%

St Stephen's Attendance League EYFS & KS1

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 2LS	46	6th: 2AL	10
2nd: NurFD	27	7th: RNE	4
3rd: 1JL	20	8th: RLS	3
4th: 1SH	12		
5th: NurAM	12		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 5GB	43	6th: Y6DF	9
2nd: Y5LW	40	7th: Y4LM	5
3rd: Y3HB	19	8th: Y6HG	2
4th: Y3LH	13		
5th: Y4SM	10		



Religious Education

Holy Week

Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. On Sunday we celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. On Thursday, we remember the Last Supper. On Good Friday, we reflect upon the Stations of the Cross and the Death of Our Lord, Jesus. On Sunday, we come together and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

Mass Times for the week are as follows:

Saturday 23rd March, 5.30pm- Vigil of Palm Sunday

Sunday 24th March, 10.30am- Palm Sunday

Thursday 28th March, 7pm- Maundy Thursday

Friday 29th March, 10am- Children Liturgy

Friday 29th March, 3pm- The Passion of our Lord

Saturday 30th March, 5.30pm- Easter Vigil

Sunday 31st March, 10.30am- Easter Sunday Mass

Mass Times

Mass Times:
Saturday Vigil : 5.30pm
Sunday: 10.30am

Our Parish Priest is Father B. Wilson.

We keep Father Wilson in our prayers as he recovers from illness.

We welcome Father Callistus Orjika to St Stephen's as our assistant priest as Father Wilson recovers.

Class Masses will continue weekly on a Friday at 10am Mass.

Prayer of the Week

Loving God,

Give us joy in our hearts as we shout Hosanna, welcoming Jesus with palms, celebrating all that we hope for as the Easter story unfolds.

Then, as the journey of Jesus turns towards Good Friday, help us know that you are with us when celebration turns into sadness. Give us the faith we need to follow you on the way of the cross which leads to life.

Amen



Nursery

WOW! What an amazing turn out to this mornings Easter Bonnet Parade. The children really enjoyed parading their creations. Thank You everyone for your hard work in helping the children to have amazing bonnets.

This week we celebrated William Shakespeare and read a 'Ella Bella the ballerina, a midsummer night's dream.' In Maths we looked at Mass. The children have loved weighing different objects from around the room to see which is heavier and which is lighter. They even made predictions!

The children have made a canvas based off our Station of The Cross ready to learn more about the Easter Story next week and see the other classes designs. As part of RE this week the children got to taste test a hot cross bun.

*Question:
Which is heavier? Paper or a tyre.
Which is lighter? Pencil or a bowling bowl.
Which is heavier? 3 or 6.*

Reception

We have had such a busy week in Reception! We have absolutely LOVED taking part in Shakespeare week and reading "Ella Bella Ballerina and A Midsummer Night's Dream." We really really enjoyed meeting Cameron and taking part in the Shakespeare themed drama workshop.

In maths we have been learning about number composition. We have learnt number bonds to 10 and will continue to practise these because knowing them off by heart will really help us as we move up through school.

In RE we have been completing Easter activities and will continue to do so. We have completed our "Stations of the Cross" artwork and have learnt about Veronica wiping the face of Jesus.

We are very proud of the children and how they presented their hats at the Easter Bonnet parade. Well done Reception, you did a great job!

We hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

Question: Can you remember the number bonds to 10? Only use 2 numbers...



Year 1

The children in Year 1 continue to make us proud with their behaviour and hard work. This week we have enjoyed celebrating Shakespeare Week. The week started with a drama workshop where the children learned lots about Shakespeare, his plays and the Globe theatre. We spent time learning about the play, "The Tempest" and the children thoroughly engaged in the story. We then went on to describe the creature known as Caliban. In Maths we have been consolidating our place Value work to 50 and beginning to explore length and height. We continue to develop our mental maths skills with our weekly task and homework. We completed our History topic on Flight and the children have retained so much information. In Science we completed a mini topic on caring for our world and thinking about sustainability. We also continued to develop our understanding of seasonal changes as we explored the season of spring. In RE we focussed on the events of Good Friday and reflected on it's meaning for us.

[Look for signs of spring in the local environment](#)

Year 2

We've had a brilliant penultimate week this week in Year 2.

In English, we have been celebrating our Shakespeare week. During our lessons, we have been studying a story based on a Midsummer Night's Dream called 'Ella Bella the Ballerina and a Midsummer Night's Dream'. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about the story and especially the character of Puck. Linked to this, we completed a forest school session, where we made our own clay representations of what Puck looked like. We also took part in a Shakespearean workshop where we were exposed to a range of different plays.

In Maths we have been studying our Multiplication and Division unit. We have recognised and added equal groups then went onto repeated addition and the x symbol.

In Religion, we have discussed and presented ways in which Lent is an opportunity to help those in need.

On Thursday, we took part in the Story Seekers presentation and performed our stories to children from St Anne's, Audenshaw. We are ever so proud of the children's efforts and creativity!

Question: Who did Ella Bella meet in the story and what adventure did she have?

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Year 3

Shakespeare Week has been very exciting as we started off on Monday by having a drama workshop where the children learnt about various aspects of Shakespeare's plays through drama activities and had great fun at the same time. We read the story of King Lear and the children had to write in role as one of the King's daughters. The children even looked at a speech from the original play. In Forest Schools, the children reenacted a part of the play which enriched their understanding.

In Maths, we started our new unit on Length and Perimeter, learning the equivalent millimetres to centimetres to metres and deciding what kind of items we would measure with each unit.

In Geography we continued with our unit on earthquakes, looking at maps showing the positions of tectonic plates around the world and finding out which countries would be most affected.

In RE, we read and discussed the Beatitudes and focused on how we could adopt them in our lives.

Question: What causes an earthquake?

Year 4

Year 4 had a great time celebrating Shakespeare week, this week.

We took part in a Shakespeare drama workshop, getting into some of the amazing characters and using some of our fabulous acting skills. The workshops helped to enhance our knowledge and understanding of Shakespeare's plays and helped to enrich and improve our writing in our English lessons.

The children delved deep into the world of Macbeth, in English, and created our very own enchanted spells. The children used a wide range of vocabulary whilst thinking about poetic devices.

In Math's children have been working hard on fractions, looking at improper fractions and mixed numbers.

We have also created a canvas for Good Friday representing a station of the cross. Each child has somehow been involved their classes creation.

Question: What is the first Station of the Cross?



Year 5

Shakespeare Week has brought us fantastic learning opportunities this week and the children have shown great enthusiasm and have participated creatively in these. On Tuesday, we participated in a Shakespeare workshop whereby the children were introduced to 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', creating freeze frames in character and exploring a range of drama techniques. Continuing this, on Wednesday we had a fantastic forest school session led by Mrs Artingstall.

The children explored the character of Puck, the fairy, from the play and used the organic shapes and features of the trees in the forest, adding clay to create the character's face. The children were very enthusiastic and creative with these and produced some excellent pieces of art. In English, we have continued this learning, writing character descriptions for Hermia, Lysander, Helena and Demetrius.

In Maths, we have begun our new unit on Fractions to extend our pre-existing knowledge. This has focused on multiplying unit and non-unit fractions by an integer. Next week, we will extend this further to multiply mixed numbers by an integer and finding fractions of amounts.

In preparation for our Passion Play performance during Holy Week, the children have been practicing and working extremely hard. All details for our performances have been posted on Class Dojo as we hope to see many of you at our performance on Wednesday 27th March at 9:15am.

Question: When multiplying fractions by an integer, what happens to the denominator?

Year 6

We've had a great week in Year 6! The children have absolutely loved our new text, 'Romeo and Juliet'. This week, we analysed the prologue and re-wrote it in modern English. Some children chose to put a twist on the prologue and set it in Manchester- fantastic work Year 6!

In Maths, we finished our work on percentages and have moved on to area, perimeter and volume. This week, the focus has been on different types of triangles and compound shapes.

In the lead up to Holy Week, we have been considering how Lent is a time to remember the suffering and death of Jesus. The children thought about how they could live out the Gospels during Lent and created some beautiful artwork.

As always, we are encouraging the children to access Freckle and EdShed at home. Assignments are set on these to focus children's learning.

Boosters will continue next week at 8.20am.

Question: Define the words mutiny and dignity.