



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 12th April 2024

Be Ready. Be Respectful. Be Safe

A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

It has been great to welcome everyone back after the Easter holidays - I hope you had a great time with your family and friends. A big well done to everyone for settling back into our school routines and following our school rules of Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Safe.

On Monday, we started the week off in Assembly celebrating the events of Easter Sunday, and also reflected on the Gospel story of Doubting Thomas. We explored ways of letting others know that Jesus has risen, and how we can celebrate this within our community.

Today, we had a whole school mass to celebrate the start of a new term and I was blown away by the amazing singing. As always, children were respectful and a big thank you to those parent/carers who joined us in this celebration.

A few gentle reminders as we start a new term together:

- Please put your child's name in their uniform to avoid lost items
- Hair below shoulder length must be tied back
- School shirts and ties are to be worn for Y1 to 6. School ties are part of the school uniform - these can be purchased via the school office.
- Nail Polish/Make up is not permitted.
- Bracelets, rings, hoop earrings should not be worn.
- A watch can be worn but this should not be a smart watch.
- Footwear - should be black shoes.
- PE kits should be royal blue polo shirt, navy pants if you have not purchased the school branded kit.

Emmaus CAT

Unfortunately our conversion to Emmaus Catholic Academy Trust has been delayed to 1st June 2024 - I will keep you updated as soon as I have anymore information.

Calendar Dates

Please take note of the dates on this terms calendar on the next page. I'll keep adding to this as the term progresses so please keep checking it.

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 - Summer 1

Week Beginning 8th April 2024

Date	Event
8/04/24	School reopens
12/04/24	Whole School Mass

Week Beginning 15th April 2024

Date	Event
15/04/24	Reception Farm Trip
17/04/24	Y4SM Class Assembly 9:05am
19/04/24	Y6 Author Visit
19/04/24	Y4 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 29th April 2024

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

Week Beginning 6th May 2024

Date	Event
06/05/24	Bank Holiday School Closed
10/05/24	Year 4 and 5 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	Natalia & Lena
RLS	James
RNE	Harper
Y1SH	Jessica
Y1JL	Felicity
Y2LS	Kingsley
Y2AL	Hudson
Y3HB	Millie
Y3LH	Grace
Y4DS	Lotsie-Lou
Y4SM	Charlie
Y5LW	Erin
Y5GB	Macy
Y6HG	Amelia
Y6DF	Alfie H

Readers of the Week

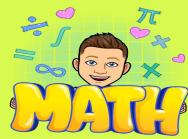


Nursery	Adrian
RLS	Phoebe
RNE	Michael S
Y1SH	Muzaffar
Y1JL	Poppy
Y2LS	Kaiden
Y2AL	Aurora
Y3HB	Sahichpreet
Y3LH	Emmanuella
Y4DS	Patrick
Y4SM	Estee
Y5LW	Finley
Y5GB	Rocco
Y6HG	Carter
Y6DF	Ethan





Maths Star



Nursery	Bessie
RLS	Jaxon
RNE	Noah B
Y1SH	Arthur
Y1JL	Ylan
Y2LS	Annie
Y2AL	Gabbie
Y3HB	Jensen
Y3LH	Noah
Y4DS	Godwin
Y4SM	Alisha
Y5LW	Orla
Y5GB	Delilah
Y6HG	Corey
Y6DF	Olivia

Writing Star



Nursery	Fifi
RLS	Leon
RNE	Vinnie
Y1SH	Hazel
Y1JL	Frankie
Y2LS	Bella
Y2AL	Harrison
Y3HB	Conor
Y3LH	Adora
Y4DS	Noah R
Y4SM	Lola
Y5LW	Sienna
Y5GB	Audrey
Y6HG	Vinnie
Y6DF	Harvey

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Attendance

Whole School: 91.9%

Nursery AM	93.5%	3HB	96.7%
Nursery Full Day	89%	3LH	92.9%
RLS	89.5%	4DS	92.2%
RNE	88%	4SM	84.2%
Y1SH	86.4%	5LW	100%
Y1JL	96.8%	5GB	94.9%
Y2LS	94.8%	6HG	88.7%
Y2AL	88.5%	6DF	92.9%

St Stephen's Attendance League EYFS & KS1

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 2LS	49	6th: 2AL	10
2nd: NurFD	27	7th: RNE	4
3rd: 1JL	23	8th: RLS	3
4th: 1SH	12		
5th: NurAM	13		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 5GB	44	6th: Y6DF	9
2nd: Y5LW	43	7th: Y4LM	5
3rd: Y3HB	21	8th: Y6HG	2
4th: Y3LH	13		
5th: Y48M	10		



Religious Education

He is Risen!

We have been celebrating the season of Easter in school this week and rejoicing in the resurrection of Jesus. Today, we shared a beautiful Mass as a school community to celebrate the season. In our RE lessons, are currently exploring stories of Jesus' resurrection and His appearance to the apostles. The children will now began to prepare for Pentecost: the coming of the Holy Spirit.



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

The veil of darkness,
Transformed to the brightest light.

The most dreadful end,
Became the most beautiful beginning.

The depths of despair,
Fade to reveal hope everlasting.

The curse of death,
Defeated by eternal life.

Thank you Lord, for the wonder of Easter.

Amen



Nursery

Nursery have been super busy this week.

In talk for writing we have started a new book, 'Who is in the egg?' and have learnt lots of new facts about different animals.

We are continuing with our Little Wandle Phonics learning new sounds, oral blending, nursery rhymes and reading. This term we are challenging the children to write their name independently or using their name card. The children have been working hard on this.

In Maths we have recapped height, length, mass and capacity - the children have brought home homework on this.

The children have been designing eggs, playing a guess the sound game, completing jigsaws, developing their cutting skills and have enjoyed being back with their friends.

This morning the children visited church for Mass. They were excellent!

Question - Can you remember any animal facts from our story?

Reception

We have had a great first week back after the Easter break. We can't quite believe we are in our last term before we begin our Year 1 adventures!

We have started our new class text "The Woolly Bear Caterpillar" and have been learning about the life cycle of a caterpillar. We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our caterpillars so we can watch how they transform in real time.

In maths we have finished our unit on 9 and 10. We have thought about making a whole number using 3 parts and learnt about doubling.

In PSHE we have been discussing the importance of friendship and why we need to be kind to each other, just like Jesus was.

TRIP REMINDER: Monday (15th April) is our class trip to the farm. Please make sure the children arrive on time in the morning. If you are bringing a packed lunch, please make sure it is in a throw away bag labelled with your child's name. Children will need a waterproof coat with a hood. Please bring wellies (if they aren't already in school) incase it is raining on the day.

Question: What do we add to a number to double it?



Year 1

We have had a lovely week welcoming the children back for the Summer term. The children have settled in well and have produced some great work this week.

In Maths, we have been introduced to mass and volume, and have used cubes to work out the mass of an object. In English, we have started our new book 'Meerkat Mail', and have explored the story, who we meet and where the main character Sunny travels to. The children enjoyed a Forest School session on Thursday all about the book! In Science, we have started our plants topic, and have been labelling the different parts of a plant, as well as noticing similarities and differences between plants. In Geography, we have begun to think about the weather, and we look forward to recording some of the weather as the half term progresses. In RE, we have been reflecting on the Resurrection, and the children have begun to explore the Pentecost, and why this is a special time.

Question: What is the opposite of full?

Year 2

Welcome back to our Summer term! How time has flown by. This week the children have settled back into routines wonderfully and have been working extremely hard.

In English, we have been analysing explanation texts in preparation for our own writing next week.

In Maths, we have been continuing our work on multiplication and division, We have looked carefully at multiplication and division facts for the 2 times table and made the links with doubling and halving.

In Geography, we have looked at daily weather patterns and climate. During our lessons we have created our own weather station and recorded our findings daily; considered the hottest and coldest places on our Earth in relation to the equator and identified different climate zones.

In Science we have looked at different food chains and considered what happens to animals if part of the chain is missing.

Finally, in Religion, we have studied the resurrection and empathised with the women that discovered Jesus' empty tomb.

Question: What is the equator?



Year 3

The children have returned to school full of enthusiasm and ready for learning.

In Religion, we have read about the events surrounding the Resurrection, focusing on the viewpoints of different witnesses who experienced the amazement of seeing the empty tomb and others who actually saw Jesus when he had risen.

In English, the children finished their Shakespeare unit by writing a letter of apology from King Lear to his daughter, Cordelia. We also began our new unit on 'George's Marvellous Medicine.' The children wrote a diary entry after reading Chapter One.

In Maths we completed our unit on Length and Perimeter. The children had to find the perimeter of a range of shapes as well as working out the value of missing lengths on rectangles.

In Science we looked at food groups (carbohydrates, fats, protein, dairy) and learnt what they give our bodies in terms of nutrients.

Question: What is the perimeter of a square if you know it is 6cm long on one of its sides?

Year 4

Well done to the children for getting to the end of their first week back! They have settled back into their routines well.

We have started our new book in English, 'Dare to Care: Pet Dragon' and the children have been discussing the dangers of having a dragon as a pet and analysing the different features of the text in preparation for writing a non-chronological report.

We are working through Length and Perimeter in Maths and have been looking at how to calculate the perimeter of a rectangle and a grid by counting the sides carefully!

In RE, we are learning about Pentecost and have been reflecting on how the Holy Spirit helped to spread the Good News.

History has been full of excitement this week as the children have been looking into The Anglo-Saxons and researching why their tribes were able to invade Britain and conquer their land.

Question: why is it important to show gratitude for others?



Year 5

A fantastic start to the Summer Term this week! We have been blown away by the children's enthusiasm and positive attitude towards their work. This morning, Miss Birtles' class accompanied Nursery to Mass. The children were fantastic role models and supported the little ones to be respectful and prayerful. Mrs Williams' class look forward to accompanying the children to the next whole school mass.

In English, we have begun our new unit with focus on 'Wonder' by R. J. Palacio. A big thank you to those who have managed to obtain a copy of the novel for the children to follow. We first began by analysing and inferring what we can learn about the story and key themes using the front cover, blurb and precept. With this in mind, the children considered and compared their predictions when focussing on what we have learnt from the characters of Auggie, Jack Will, Julian and Charlotte. Expanding on this further, we have composed detailed character descriptions for Auggie, utilising expanded noun phrases, prepositional phrases and parenthesis.

Maths this week has brought us to the end of our Fractions unit. The children have consolidated their understanding of the key concepts and processes to successfully find fractions of quantities and amounts as well as working systematically to find the whole. Although the children have found this difficult, they have persevered and should be very proud. Next week, we will begin our unit on Decimals and Percentages. This will focus on understanding decimals up to two decimal places and their fractional equivalents.

Question: What have we learnt about Auggie's personality and appearance so far in the story?

Year 6

How are we in the Summer Term already? This year has flown by! The children have returned to school with a positive attitude, ready to work towards their SATs, which will be taking place in May.

In English, the children have written diary entries from the perspective of Romeo or Juliet to recount their first meeting. We were extremely impressed with the children's use of questions, metaphorical and emotive language. We then read on and found out about the deaths of two characters. The children analysed pre written hashtags and matched them to events in the story.

In Maths, we have been completing their unit of working on Statistics. We have been calculating the mean using pie charts and line graphs.

In RE, we explored the Easter Vigil Mass. We learnt about the structure of the Mass, the symbolism of light and read readings that are used during the service. A reminder that SATs boosters are continuing to take place Monday- Thursday at 8.20am. All children are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Question: Why did Tybalt confront Romeo at the beach?