



**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 21st June 2024**

# Be Ready. Be Respectful. Be Safe

A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...I hope you have had a great week! Hopefully this brighter weather continues as we move forward into the final month of this academic year. This week children have been busy completing their end of year assessments, demonstrating all of their learning this year.

I have spent a lot of time this week visiting classes to watch their Religion lessons. It has been a pleasure to see such fantastic work and how much children value their Religion work. I will be watching some more lessons next week and I am really looking forward to seeing more great work! Miss Dempsey and Mrs Ellison have been busy, out and about visiting children who will be joining our St Stephen's family in our Reception class in September. Next week, they will visit our new Nursery children.

I am busy making arrangements for next academic year and just to let you know on Friday 5th July, all children will spend the morning visiting their new teachers, support staff and classrooms.

**Congratulations** - Congratulations to the children in Year 3HB, who made their First Holy Communion last Saturday. It was a beautiful mass and we are all so proud of the children. Tomorrow, children in Year 3LH will make their First Holy Communion - please keep these children in your thoughts and prayers.

**Year 5LW** - Year 5LW traveled to Ordsall Hall on Monday for a Tudor Day experience. The children had a great time and their costumes looked amazing!

**Year 2** - Thank you to our Year 2 children for their wonderful class assembly on Wednesday. The children retold the events of the Titanic. Thank you to those who were able to attend. Next up is Year 1 on Wednesday 26th June at 9:05am in the school hall.

**A reminder that it is 'Break the Rules' Day on Thursday 27th June - please see the poster on the next page for details.**

**A reminder that school is closed on Friday 28th June.**

Enjoy your weekend! **Mr Lavin, Headteacher**

## Our Values: St Stephen's CARES

### Compassion



### Ambition



### Rejoice



### Excellence



### Service



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

# BREAK the RULES DAY



## Rules to be broken include:

1. Wear school uniform
2. Bring a healthy lunch or snack
3. Have neat hair
4. No temporary tattoos
5. No nail varnish
6. No make-up
7. Wear school shoes only
8. Fill your water bottle with water only
9. Teachers! You can join in too! You must wear smart clothes.

Here's how it works:

**When?**  
**Thursday**  
**27th June**



Parentkind  
Member Association

It's back!  
Mr Lavin knows how much the children love break the rules day and how much fun they have, so let's break some rules!

50p a rule break  
Maximum 4 rules can be broken  
Bring your 'fines' in an envelope and give it to your class teacher.

Enjoy choosing which rules to break!

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## Dates for your calendar - Summer 2

### Week Beginning 24th June 2024

Date	Event
<b>26.6.24</b>	Year 1 Class Assembly 9:05am
<b>27.6.24</b>	Break the Rules Day
<b>28.6.24</b>	INSET Day - School Closed

### Week Beginning 1st July 2024

Date	Event
<b>1.7.24</b>	Year 1 and 2 Sports Day 9:30 - 10:30am School Field
<b>1.7.24</b>	Year 3 and 4 Sports Day 1:30 - 2:30pm School Field
<b>2.7.24</b>	Year 5 and 6 Sports Day 1:30 - 2:30pm School Field
<b>3.7.24</b>	Nursery & Reception Sports Day 9:30 - 10:30am School Field
<b>4.7.24</b>	General Election - Nursery Closed
<b>5.7.24</b>	Transition Morning - children will meet their new teachers

### Week Beginning 8th July 2024

Date	Event
<b>8.7.24</b>	Y1 Trip
<b>10.7.24</b>	Year 6 Production 1:30pm Year 6 Production 5:00pm
<b>12.7.24</b>	St Stephen's Got Talent
<b>12.7.24</b>	Summer Fair 3:30 - 5pm

### Week Beginning 15th July 2024

Date	Event
<b>15.7.24</b>	End of Year Reports Sent Home
<b>15.7.24</b>	Nursery Trip
<b>16.7.24</b>	Outdoor Classroom Day
<b>17.7.24</b>	Nursery Graduation 9am
<b>18.7.24</b>	Year 6 Leavers Mass 1:30pm
<b>18.7.24</b>	Year 6 Prom - 5-7pm
<b>19.7.24</b>	Whole School Mass 10am
<b>19.7.24</b>	Finish for Summer @ 1.30pm

**New dates from last weeks calendar are highlighted in yellow**



## Hot Chocolate Friday Winner



<b>Nursery</b>	Chester & Fifi
<b>RLS</b>	Jaxon
<b>RNE</b>	Sienna H
<b>Y1SH</b>	Evie-Rose
<b>Y1JL</b>	Finley
<b>Y2LS</b>	Gavriel
<b>Y2AL</b>	Harrison
<b>Y3HB</b>	Millie
<b>Y3LH</b>	Jeremiah
<b>Y4DS</b>	India
<b>Y4SM</b>	Noad
<b>Y5LW</b>	Jenson
<b>Y5GB</b>	Naomi
<b>Y6HG</b>	Dominion
<b>Y6DF</b>	Oscar

## Readers of the Week

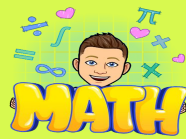


<b>Nursery</b>	Bessie
<b>RLS</b>	Cole
<b>RNE</b>	Levi
<b>Y1SH</b>	Luke
<b>Y1JL</b>	Ronnie
<b>Y2LS</b>	Henry
<b>Y2AL</b>	Niall
<b>Y3HB</b>	Conor
<b>Y3LH</b>	Alex
<b>Y4DS</b>	Oscar
<b>Y4SM</b>	Mia Bella
<b>Y5LW</b>	Freddie
<b>Y5GB</b>	Aoife
<b>Y6HG</b>	Megan
<b>Y6DF</b>	India





## Maths Star



<b>Nursery</b>	Darcy
<b>RLS</b>	Leon
<b>RNE</b>	Ava
<b>Y1SH</b>	Sayo
<b>Y1JL</b>	River
<b>Y2LS</b>	Arabella
<b>Y2AL</b>	Grace
<b>Y3HB</b>	Ebony
<b>Y3LH</b>	Bella
<b>Y4DS</b>	Isla
<b>Y4SM</b>	Samson
<b>Y5LW</b>	Farren
<b>Y5GB</b>	Lleyton
<b>Y6HG</b>	Desta
<b>Y6DF</b>	Eddie O

## Writing Star



<b>Nursery</b>	Layla-Mai
<b>RLS</b>	Michael N
<b>RNE</b>	Noah B
<b>Y1SH</b>	Rosie
<b>Y1JL</b>	Amelia
<b>Y2LS</b>	Annie
<b>Y2AL</b>	James
<b>Y3HB</b>	Adam
<b>Y3LH</b>	Lani
<b>Y4DS</b>	Noah V
<b>Y4SM</b>	Evianna
<b>Y5LW</b>	Emelia
<b>Y5GB</b>	Harrison H
<b>Y6HG</b>	Khaceriah
<b>Y6DF</b>	Ethan

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BETTER**

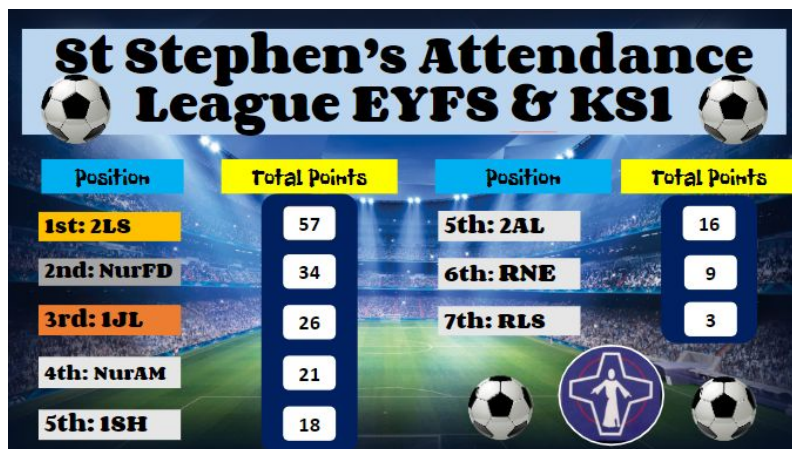




## Attendance

Whole School: 92.9%

Nursery AM	97.5%	3HB	89.6%
Nursery Full Day	95.6%	3LH	90.4%
RLS	81.7%	4DS	95.8%
RNE	91.3%	4SM	88.4%
Y1SH	96.5%	5LW	94.8%
Y1JL	100%	5GB	96.9%
Y2LS	95.8%	6HG	91.4%
Y2AL	92.3%	6DF	92.9%





## Religious Education

### First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the children who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 15th June. Please keep in your prayers the 14 children who receive the Sacrament of Eucharist on Saturday 22nd June.



### Mass Times

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

Our Parish Priest is Father B. Wilson. We are thrilled to have Father C supporting our parish and school as Father Wilson recovers from his illness.

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

### Prayer of the Week

Lord Jesus,  
Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist.

Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to You for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

Amen



## Nursery

Nursery have had a lovely week. With the sun shining we have been able to do lots of outdoor learning. While outdoors the children have loved finding bugs and making them new homes. Bugs are a firm favourite for a lot of our children in Nursery and it's lovely to see how caring the children are when handling them.

The children have adapted really well being in Reception, getting familiar with the surroundings ready for September. The children are showing just how ready they are in our phonics sessions; they are working hard on identifying rhyming words, words that start with the same sounds and oral blending.

We have also done lots of preparation for our Graduation this week which is on Wednesday 17th July - more information will follow shortly.

Question -

Cat, Log, Bat - Which two words rhyme?

Stream, Cloud, Star - Which two words start with the same sound?

## Reception

Such a lovely week of learning, as always, in Reception. We have been retelling our story "Somebody Swallowed Stanley" using Talk for Writing. We have created new actions for new words. We can now share the story with our friends.

In maths, we have completed our unit all about manipulating shapes. We have been making pictures using 2D shapes and using all of our shape knowledge to describe shapes and their properties.

We are really enjoying our new planting area in our outdoor learning space. Mrs Artingstall was so kind and gave us seeds to plant. We can't wait to see our seeds start to grow.

Question: What shape am I?

I have 4 corners

I have 4 sides

My sides are all equal in length





## Year 1

Well done Year 1 on another fantastic week. The children have completed their end of year assessments and have worked so hard, with great resilience. They should all be proud of themselves! Outside of assessments, the children have been learning about what it means to say sorry in RE, and thought about the choices they can make. We also learnt the story of Zacchaeus, and thought about the importance of his story. In Science, we have continued to learn plant parts, and thought about how to plant seeds and care for them in the summer. We went to the allotments and planted our own seeds, which we will be measuring the growth of at a later date! In their Rainbow Challenges, the children have been revising position and direction within Maths, and consolidated their Phonics knowledge. We ended the week by attending Mass on Friday, where the children sang and behaved beautifully. Well done to our Year 1 readers, who read for the first time in Church.

**Question: Can you think of a way to say sorry to somebody?**

## Year 2

This week the children have been completing their end of year assessments. They worked extremely hard to showcase everything they have learnt this year and we are ever so proud of them.

Alongside the assessments, the children have produced some excellent work.

In Maths, we have been studying our time unit and have learnt to read o'clock; half past and quarter to, as well as 5 minute intervals past the hour.

In English, we have been reading about the life of David Attenborough. We have been looking carefully at key moments in his life to plan a biography.

In Religion, we have been considering rules and their importance. We have discussed rules in school, at home and at extra-curricular clubs. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their rules with their friends.

On Wednesday, we shared with you our Year 2 assembly about the Titanic. The children read clearly and sang beautifully. We hoped you enjoyed our sign language too.

On Friday, we attended a lovely mass where the children showed great respect and thank you to the children who led the readings and bidding prayers.

We then concluded our week with a Design and Technology day. We have started to evaluate different puppets; practised sewing a running stitch to combine two pieces of material and designed our own hand puppets to create next week.

Question: What did David Attenborough receive from a friend which changed his life?

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## Year 3

**All the children have worked extra hard this week as it has been assessment week. We are very pleased with the effort they all put into completing the papers.**

**The most exciting thing this week was our Forest Schools session on Thursday. The activities were based around our book 'Stuart Little.' The children enjoyed making up and acting out short stories in groups with forest animals as their characters. In English we continued reading the book, working on using direct speech in our writing and including all the necessary punctuation. Most children also inserted narrative between the speaking parts.**

**In Maths we have continued with our work on Fractions by looking at fractions of amounts.**

**In our Religion lessons we began our new topic entitled, 'Choices.' This week the children had to look at a range of scenarios involving choices and decide how they would make a decision which might affect themselves and others. We talked about using our conscience and asking God to guide us.**

**Mrs Herbert's class have been preparing excitedly for their First Holy Communion this Saturday.**

**Question: How do you find a third of any number?**

## Year 4

**It has been Assessment Week in school this week and the children have completed reading, SPAG and maths papers. The children have worked really hard and we are very proud of them!**

**In RE, we have continued our unit 'Building Bridges' in which the children have been learning about The Sacrament of Reconciliation. We studied scripture and discussed how we could apply its message to our actions. This week's lessons focused on conscience and contrition. The children thought about how their conscience could help guide them towards making good choices and how it can aid them when reflecting on their actions each day. We then thought about what it means to be truly sorry and how this is only way to really build bridges in their relationships with others.**

**Miss Scaife's class completed their final pieces in Art. Year Four have been learning about illustration of stories. We chose to illustrate an extract from the story 'Beowulf'. The children's interpretations of the monster, Grendel were great and they demonstrated some lovely drawing skills.**

**Question: What is the top of a mountain called?**



## Year 5

Class 5LW had an excellent time on their trip to Ordsall Hall on Monday, enjoying a range of Tudor workshops and activities. A fantastic way to celebrate and consolidate the children's learning.

As always, we have enjoyed another busy week here in Year 5. As it has been assessment week, the children have been completing a range of papers. We have been blown away by the children's efforts and positive attitudes. They have worked extremely hard and should be very proud of themselves.

In English, the children have begun writing their persuasive letters to Kellogg's ensuring to include a range of persuasive techniques, modal verbs and cohesive devices. Next week, we will move to edit and publish these before beginning our new unit on 'Chak De! India'.

In RE, we have delved into our unit on 'Freedom and Responsibility', looking at the differences between the two and considering how these link to our lives. Following this, we looked at scripture from the book of Exodus and learnt about the Ten Commandments. Analysing the importance of each one, we hosted a debate on the most relevant commandment for the children's lives today. The children had some excellent ideas and remained respectful throughout. Well done Year 5!

**Question: What is the definition of responsibility and how does this relate to you?**

## Year 6

We have been rehearsing for the play this week. The children are doing a fantastic job at considering their stage presence and supporting one another. Please could we continue to ask that any lines and songs are practiced at home as the children's homework.

This week in Science we have focused upon the heart. We have labelled the main parts of the heart and learnt how blood travels through the heart.

In History, we have explored Anglo Saxon and Tudor crime and punishments. The children loved exploring the gruesome Tudor punishments and were excellent at analysing primary and secondary resources.

Our RE topic this term focuses on the Sacrament of the Sick. We have read and analysed the story of Jesus healing the blind man this week and considered how Jesus has healed lives in a variety of ways.

The children have began the 'fiver challenge' this week. This is a business enterprise project in which they have to develop a business with only £5 and make a profit. Next week the children will complete market research regarding their product.

**Question: Can you explain to me your fiver challenge product and why you chose it?**