



St Stephen's RCP Weekly Newsletter
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Friday 5th July 2024

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

I hope you have had a great week! It's been very busy this week with lots of events going on!

Sports Days - Sports Day(s) have been a huge success and I hope you enjoyed the new format and watching your child compete in all of the games. Year 3 and 4 and EYFS Sports Days unfortunately had to be called off due to the bad weather. The new date is for Y3/4 is Thursday 11th July at 9:15am and EYFS 2pm on Thursday 11th July. Thank you to Mr Grantham and all of the staff who have worked hard to organise this event for our children.

Year 3LH - As there was not a newsletter last week, I didn't get the opportunity to publicly congratulate the children of Y3LH who made their First Holy Communion. It was a wonderful mass and the children looked incredible. Please keep all of our year 3 children in your prayers.

Year 4DS/Year 5LW - Thank you so much to the children in Year 5 and Year 4 who showcased their learning from their music lessons this year! We certainly have some very talented children here at school!

Bounce-a-thon - A reminder that Monday 8th July is our school 'bounce-a-thon', organised by our amazing PTA. All classes will have a time slot to bounce, in the hope we can continue the bouncing all day! It is going to be a really exciting day! We are asking the children to be sponsored and all funds raised will go towards projects across the school. You can make donations by online by clicking the link below, or just bring the money on the day. **All children can wear PE kit on Monday.**

Tuesday 9th July - On Tuesday we will be having an **own clothes day** in return for a bottle donation for the Summer Fair. Also, if you have any teddies that you do not want anymore, these can be donated too. Thank you for your support.

Summer Fair - A reminder that it is our summer fair on Friday 12th July. Lots of fun to be had!

Parent Governor - We currently have two parent governor positions to fill on our local governing board. The role plays an important role in developing the strategic development of our school.

No special qualifications are needed, and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the local governing boards work. Training is available for all local governors and there is an expectation that those new to being a local governing board member undertake induction and safeguarding training.

You would be required to attend 6 meetings across the year, one each half term, and visit the school to keep up to date with our school improvement strategy.

If you would like to speak to me to discuss the role in more detail, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment. If this role interests you and you would like to apply, please submit a short personal statement of 250 words to support your nomination by Monday 15th July 2024. Please email this to admin@stsrcp.co.uk. If we receive more than two applications, we will move forward with a ballot where all parents will have the opportunity to cast their vote.

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN CONTINUED...

Transition/Staffing Arrangements

This morning children visit their new classrooms and teachers. The arrangements are on the next page of the newsletter. Children had a great time and are very excited for September! We also welcomed our new Nursery and Reception children this morning. It was lovely to see them exploring their new environment alongside their families. We cannot wait for them to join us in September.

Some staffing updates:

Miss Partridge, our Nursery teacher, will leave St Stephen's at the end of the year. We thank her for her hard work in making sure our youngest children receive the best possible foundations for their school journey. Miss Taylor will join the teaching team and be teaching Nursery next academic year. We wish her well in this position.

Mrs Cooper (Year 2 Teaching Assistant) will be retiring at the end of the year. Mrs Cooper has been a dedicated member of the team for many years; her kind, supportive care for our children will be very much missed. We wish her well for the future.

Mrs Gibson (Assistant Head/Year 6 teacher) will begin her maternity leave at some point in September. We wish her well for the arrival of her new baby girl.

Mrs Bacigalupo returns from maternity leave and will be teaching in Year 1 again next academic year. Miss Frater, support staff, will also return from maternity leave.

Mrs Frimston will be retiring from St Stephen's at the end of the year. Mrs Frimston has worked at St Stephen's for 48 years and has deep rooted connections, and friendships, within our school community. No amount of words will sum up what Mrs Frimston means to our school. She has worked tirelessly to support our children and families, offering them a listening ear, a gentle warm response, and even a biscuit or two. I know how much she is going to be missed by the entire community and we will ensure she is given the send off she deserves.

Enjoy your weekend!

Mr Lavin
Headteacher

Our Values:
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CARES

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Ambition



Rejoice



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If your child is currently in this class	Your child will move to this class teacher in September 2023	New Class Names
-	Miss Taylor will be our new Nursery teacher	NST
Nursery	Your child will either be taught by Mrs Ellison or Miss Smith	RNE or RLS
Reception Mrs Ellison (RNE)	Mrs Healey	Y1SH
Reception Miss Smith (RLS)	Mrs Bacigalupo	Y1LB
Year 1 Mrs Healey (Y1SH)	Miss Leigh	Y2AL
Year 1 Miss Leishman (Y1JL)	Miss Leishman will take her class to Y2	Y2JL
Year 2 Miss Leigh (Y2AL)	Mrs Herbert	Y3LH
Year 2 Miss Seville (Y2LS)	Mrs Bilić	Y3HB
Year 3 Mrs Bilić (Y3HB)	Miss Scaife	Y4DS
Year 3 Mrs Herbert (Y3LH)	Mr Meleady	Y4SM
Year 4 Mr Meleady (Y4SM)	Miss Seville	Y5LS
Year 4 Miss Scaife (Y4DS)	Mrs Williams	Y5LW
Year 5 Mrs Williams (Y5LW)	Miss Birtles	Y6GB
Year 5 Miss Birtles (Y5GB)	Mr Fitch	Y6DF

You will have the opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher and hear about all of the fantastic things they'll be getting up to at 'Meet the Teacher' early September.



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Dates for your calendar - Summer 2

Week Beginning 8th July 2024	
Date	Event
8.7.24	Y1 Trip
8.7.24	PTA Bounce-a-thon
9.7.24	Own clothes day in return for a bottle for the Summer Fair
10.7.24	Year 6 Production 1:30pm Year 6 Production 5:00pm
11.7.24	Y3/Y4 Sports Day at 9:15am
12.7.24	St Stephen's Got Talent
12.7.24	Summer Fair 3:30 - 5pm

Week Beginning 15th July 2024	
Date	Event
15.7.24	End of Year Reports Sent Home
15.7.24	Nursery Trip
16.7.24	Outdoor Classroom Day
17.7.24	Nursery Graduation 9am
18.7.24	Year 6 Leavers Mass 1:30pm
18.7.24	Year 6 Prom - 5-7pm
19.7.24	Whole School Mass 10am
19.7.24	Finish for Summer @ 1.30pm

****Tuesday 9th July****

We will be having an own clothes day in return for a bottle for the summer fair. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

New dates from last weeks calendar are highlighted in yellow

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Hot Chocolate Friday Winner



Nursery	Olivia & Alyssa
RLS	Lula
RNE	Maverick
Y1SH	Evie -Rose
Y1JL	Harry
Y2LS	Bella
Y2AL	Hudson
Y3HB	Kacper
Y3LH	Emily
Y4DS	Tarandeep
Y4SM	Evianna
Y5LW	Ralph
Y5GB	James
Y6HG	
Y6DF	

Readers of the Week

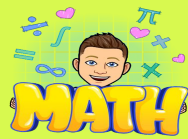


Nursery	Lily-Mae
RLS	Noah T
RNE	Orefeouwa
Y1SH	Gabriella Rose
Y1JL	Odin
Y2LS	Linen
Y2AL	Ava
Y3HB	Alex
Y3LH	Ember
Y4DS	Angel
Y4SM	Layla W
Y5LW	Reece
Y5GB	Lyla
Y6HG	
Y6DF	





Maths Star



Nursery	Natalia
RLS	Gadiel
RNE	Noah B
Y1SH	Huckleberry
Y1JL	Cornelia
Y2LS	Adriel
Y2AL	Harrison
Y3HB	Brooke
Y3LH	Charlie
Y4DS	Joshua
Y4SM	Avaya
Y5LW	Travis
Y5GB	Scarlett
Y6HG	
Y6DF	

Writing Star



Nursery	Ocean
RLS	Ivy
RNE	Harriet
Y1SH	Muzaffar
Y1JL	Sienna
Y2LS	Felix
Y2AL	Elijah
Y3HB	Bruce
Y3LH	Ethan
Y4DS	Vanellope
Y4SM	Luca
Y5LW	Gustavo
Y5GB	Olivia
Y6HG	
Y6DF	

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Attendance

Whole School: 92.1%

Nursery AM	93.3%	3HB	96.3%
Nursery Full Day	90.2%	3LH	85.8%
RLS	82.8%	4DS	94.9%
RNE	94%	4SM	86.2%
Y1SH	89%	5LW	96.1%
Y1JL	95.4%	5GB	96.1%
Y2LS	95.2%	6HG	92.9%
Y2AL	90.6%	6DF	94.5%

St Stephen's Attendance League EYFS & KS1

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 2LS	59	5th: 2AL	16
2nd: NurFD	34	6th: RNE	9
3rd: 1JL	29	7th: RLS	3
4th: NurAM	22		
5th: 1SH	18		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 5GB	60	6th: Y6DF	11
2nd: Y5LW	49	7th: Y4DS	8
3rd: Y3HB	38	8th: Y6HG	3
4th: Y3LH	17		
5th: Y4SM	12		



Religious Education

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the children who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 22nd June.

For those parents/ guardians of children who are in the current Year 2 classes, please check your emails for information regarding registering your child for the Sacramental Programme for next academic year.



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

God, thank You for this day! Thank You for the birds and the animals, the flowers and the trees, the lakes and the streams, and the sun that rises and sets over them each day. Thank You for creating everything we see! Thank You for the life we live, and for making each person different. Thank You for Jesus, who died for us so that we can go to heaven one day just for believing in Him. What an amazing God You are!

In Jesus' Name,
Amen



Nursery

Nursery have had a lovely week.

We have continued our story 'The flying bath.' The children have worked hard bringing the story to life by creating actions. They have taken part in lots of continuous provision around the story and our topic water.

Unfortunately, sports day didn't go ahead this week but the children enjoyed lots of outdoor play and obstacle courses. They were super creative and began asking for additional equipment to create their own course.

In Maths, we have looked at what comes before and what comes after. The children have blown me away with how quickly they picked this up and have been using a lot of mathematical language during play such as "3 is one more" or "5 comes after 4."

This morning Nursery went to Reception for their transition morning. We had a few nervous faces however they really enjoyed being in Reception and loved meeting their new teachers. They are definitely ready to move up in September.

Question: Who does the flying bath help?

Reception

We have had another great week in Reception! We have loved learning about the sea creatures from our new text "Commotion in the Ocean." We have been describing and creating our favourites. We visited the school fish tank to tell them all about the other sea creatures that live in the ocean.

In maths, we have continued our learning on repeating patterns and focused on the unit of repeat.

In RE we are learning about Jesus and how he is a good friend. In our last session, we shared food with our friends, and this week we designed and decorated biscuits to give to a friend.

We have had a lovely morning today in Year 1 with our new teacher. We are definitely Year 1 ready and cannot wait to move classes.

Question: What is the unit of repeat in this repeating pattern?





Year 1

We have had a lovely week completing our work and challenges. In English we have enjoyed our new story "The Day the Crayons Quit". We have been writing sentences about how the crayons felt and we read a poem about what crayons could draw. We enjoyed finding the rhyming words and adjectives that describe.

In maths we have been partitioning two digits numbers and using mathematical symbols to compare two numbers. In science we have been monitoring our seeds in the poly tunnel. In RE we continue to focus on how we can change our hearts and used the story of Levi the tax collector to help us.

We had a lovely morning meeting our new teachers and are looking forward to continuing our learning journey next year.

Year 2

We have had a wonderful week in Year 2.

We started our week with Sport Day on Monday. The children showcased their sporting talents and showed great support for each other. They also didn't let the rain dampen their spirits.

In Maths, we have now completed our time unit and are very proud of the children's' efforts to tell the time intermittently throughout the school day.

In English, the children have been thoroughly enjoying reading the Twits and completing their work. We have had some interesting character descriptions of Mr and Mrs Twit.

During our Geography lessons, we have continue to study Nigeria. We completed a data handling activity as we compared the climate of Manchester to the climate of Kano. We then explored the landscape of Nigeria where the children thoroughly enjoyed looking at the plants and animals of the country.

On Friday, the children had their transition morning with their new class teacher. They had an excellent morning and we know that they are more than ready to now go into Year 3.

Question: How would you describe Mr Twit using a simile?



Year 3

This week the children have really enjoyed our work on the book *Stuart Little*. They wrote a LOST poster where they had to describe Stuart's friend, Margalo, a little wren who has become Stuart's friend.

In Maths, we have completed our unit on Money. This involved recognising how to change pounds into pence and vice versa. The work also included adding and subtracting amounts of money as well as multi-step problems which involved calculating amounts of money and giving change.

In History we have read all about Boudicca and the rebellion she led against the Romans. The children had to create a WANTED poster as one of the Romans, describing her and giving reasons as to why she needs to be arrested.

In Art, we started the unit, 'Telling Stories Through Drawing and Making.' This involved reading a poem and being inspired to draw. The poem we chose was all about Boudicca's final battle.

In Religion, we have continued with our unit on Choices. This week we looked in detail at the story of The Prodigal Son. The children had to think carefully about the events from the point of view of each character. We talked about the meaning behind this parable.

Question: If a book cost £2.20, how much change would I get from £5?

Year 4

In English this week, we have been drafting and writing diary entries from the point of view of Maxwell, in our text, *The Lost Happy Endings!* The children got the chance to get into the shoes of another character and had some brilliant vocabulary ready to use! We also prepared short hashtag summaries of different chapters to consolidate our knowledge of the text.

We are almost finished our topic of Decimals in Maths and are looking forward to pushing on and getting this finished over the next couple of weeks! The children have successfully been making a whole with tenths and hundredths.

In RE, we reviewed the sacrament of Reconciliation and different definitions of key vocabulary within the topic such as 'absolution' and 'confession'. In Geography, we learnt about the different activities you can do in the Alps as a tourist and had a look into the famous Lucy Walker and what made her famous as a mountaineer!

Lastly, the children all got to meet their new Y5 teachers on Friday and seemed to enjoy the time together, getting to know them and prepare themselves for the move up to UKS2! We wish the children lots of luck next year and know that they will all do brilliantly!

Question: what was Lucy Walker famous for wearing when she climbed the Matterhorn?



Year 5

This week has been a wonderful week of celebration in Year 5. Firstly, the children were fantastic at our Sports' Day on Tuesday and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship, as well as a competitive spirit. 5LW also performed superbly at their assembly on Wednesday and the children received Ministry training from Father Celestine on Thursday. Finally, on Friday, the children enjoyed a fun-filled transition morning in Year 6 with their new teachers. We are confident they will be incredibly happy and successful next year.

In English, we have begun our unit of work on Chak De India! The children made predictions about the film, identified the main events, composed sentences with a wide variety of sentence structures and wrote a character description for Kabir Khan.

We also continued our Shape unit in Maths this week. The children identified position and direction in a range of contexts, defined and recognised acute, right-angle, obtuse and reflex angles, as well as estimating and measuring angles using a protractor. This work will continue next week.

Finally, in History, the children investigated the Black Death, identifying the symptoms, treatments and causes, as well as producing a fact file of information. Next week, the children will use this information to create double-page spreads, before moving on to Victorian medicine and the significance of vaccinations on our society.

Question - Can you name the three different types of plague?

Year 6

It's been an extremely quiet week in Year 6 as the children have been visiting their various high schools across the week. We have loved hearing the children's stories upon their return and seeing their excitement for the next stage in their learning journey.

For the children who have been in school, we have been making props for the Year 6 production next week. A reminder that tickets for the show must be purchased via Parent Pay.

On Tuesday, we had our final sports day! The children's behaviour and sportsmanship was outstanding and the event was enjoyed by all. A huge thank you to Mr Grantham for organising.

Next week, we have a number of special events for the Year 6 children taking place:

Tuesday: Dress rehearsal of Beauty and the Beast (please can all costumes be in school for Tuesday).

Wednesday: Beauty and the Beast Production (1.30pm and 5pm).

Thursday: Leavers' Service with Emmaus Trust (please sign and return permission slips).

Have a wonderful weekend- we look forward to having our full cohort of children back with us next week!