



## St Stephen's RCP Weekly Newsletter 'Every child, every chance, every day!'

Friday 6th September 2024

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**A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...** Firstly, a huge welcome back to everyone. I hope the summer holidays were enjoyable and that you had a great time with your families. A big welcome to all our new Reception and Nursery children who have joined us this week. It has been wonderful to see you in school exploring your new learning environment. I am sure you are going to achieve great things here at St Stephen's. We have had a lot of new children join us in various year groups - you are all so welcome to our school family and I am sure you will all settle in quickly.

We celebrated a wonderful whole school mass this morning - I was so proud of how well the children behaved and they sang so beautifully. Class masses are detailed on the calendar.

**Just a reminder that we have our 'Classic Car Show' on Sunday 22nd September 11am to 3pm. Lots of fun to be had at different stalls too! Thank you to Gary and our PTA for organising!**

### **Back to school Attendance Challenges:**

We are going to be running two attendance challenges this half term.

**Challenge One:** If your child is in school every day from **Wednesday 4th September to Friday 27th September** then their name will be entered into a draw for an Amazon Voucher. There will be two lucky winners!

**Challenge Two:** If your child is in everyday for the whole half term, they will be entered into a draw for a special prize. Every day in school counts so let's see how many of us can make it to 100%!

### **School Uniform**

It has been great to see the children so smart in their new school uniforms and school PE kits this week.

A reminder that hair below shoulder length needs to be tied back - this is for health and safety reasons. A polite reminder the PE hoodies should not be worn on school uniform days in replace of a school jumper. This hoodie is just for PE days and does not replace our traditional V Neck school jumper.

Also, a reminder that you can purchase our School Tie from the School Office. Years 1 to 6 should be wearing a school tie when wearing a shirt.

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PE Days are as follows:

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### PE Days 2024/25

Autumn Term 1 (Wed 4th September to Fri 25th October)

Please see below for PE Days for **Autumn Term 1**.

A reminder that children can come into school wearing their school PE kit on these days.



| Monday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Tuesday                 | Wednesday        | Thursday                | Friday                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Year 6<br>Year 1<br>5LS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Year 3<br>Year 2<br>5LW | Reception<br>4SM | Year 4<br>Year 5<br>3LH | Nursery<br>Year 6<br>4DS |
| <p>Year 3HB will attend swimming lesson on Friday afternoon until Christmas, then Y3LH will attend until Easter.<br/>(parents will receive further information regarding this).<br/>Year 1 and 2 teachers will inform parents of the day of their second session via Class Dojo.</p> |                         |                  |                         |                          |



**'Fueling World-Class Wellness:  
Thriving in Body and Mind through PE'**

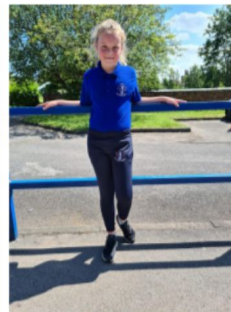


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### Uniform Guidance for PE

There are two ways to order this fantastic kit:

1. Order the whole bundle directly through school (we cannot order individual items). You will need a document called 'PE Kit Order'. Simply fill the form in and email it back to [admin@stsrcp.co.uk](mailto:admin@stsrcp.co.uk) with your details and sizes. Then, on Parent Pay, you will see an item listed 'PE Kit Bundle'. Pay your £28.00 and school will distribute the kit when it is delivered.
2. Alternatively, order directly from <https://topmarksschoolwear.co.uk/> - prices are a little more expensive, however you can order individual items. (if you are unsure of sizes, you can always visit Top Marks School Wear in Ashton)
3. School branded kits are optional, you can purchase them unbranded from elsewhere



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This week we looked again at our School Values with children in Assembly. They have also taken part in difference activities throughout the week to fully embrace them.

## St Stephen's CARES

|                    |                                                |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>C</b> ompassion | Be compassionate in all of our actions         |
| <b>A</b> mbition   | Be ambitious - better ourselves and others     |
| <b>R</b> ejoice    | Be rejoiceful - celebrate the Good News        |
| <b>E</b> xcellence | Be excellent in everything we do - work hard   |
| <b>S</b> ervice    | Be a steward of the Lord - a service to others |

### The St Stephen's Way!

We have also spent a lot of time reminding the children about the St Stephen's Way: **Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Safe** - essentially, our School Rules. Children were able to reflect on what these mean and how they can show them each and every day here at St Stephen's.

The children are fully aware of what it means to be apart of #teamststephens and we are very excited about the year ahead! Children will be placed on their class 'Recognition Board' for demonstrating our values. Each day, we focus on a different value, as outlined below:

### RECOGNITION BOARDS

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | <b>C</b> ompassion |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <b>A</b> mbition   |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>R</b> ejoice    |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <b>E</b> xcellence |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | <b>S</b> ervice    |



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### Meet the Teacher

On **Wednesday 18th September** shortly after pickup, there will be an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher.

As in previous years, this is an opportunity for teachers to provide you with some key information about the year ahead, including what the children will be learning and experiencing. It will only be a short meeting so please do not worry if you cannot attend. **For parents in Year 1, Year 4 and Year 6, this will provide you with lots of information about the national assessments your child will take in the summer term.**

All the information given will be provided via email and you will receive the usual Curriculum Newsletter. Some of the meetings will be held as a year group, rather than individual classes.

The details are outlined below:

| Year Group | Venue                   |
|------------|-------------------------|
| Nursery    | Nursery Building        |
| Reception  | Reception Classes       |
| Year 1     | Year 1 Building         |
| Year 2     | Miss Leigh's classroom  |
| Year 3     | Mrs Herbert's classroom |
| Year 4     | Miss Scaife's classroom |
| Year 5     | Mrs Williams' classroom |
| Year 6     | Miss Birtles' classroom |

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**Communication** - We always want to make sure that we have the best methods of communication with parents/carers and I understand that sometimes communication can cause frustration. We always try to do our very best here at school!

Email through our Arbor system and class dojo are our main methods of communication. Please do make sure you have access to the Arbor App and class dojo on your phone. The Arbor app is great as you can see live attendance figures, you can also update your personal records too. Please contact the office if you need support in gaining access to it.

You may have, or will be soon, receiving an invitation to set up 'Class Dojo' where you can communicate with your child's class teacher. This is for everyday notices and messages. Please do be mindful of sending messages in the evening and at the weekend. We will continue to send messages/show updates via our school website and Facebook page - I know you love seeing all of the wonderful things happening at school so please do follow the Facebook group if you can.

As always, we are here to help and support you in any way we can. Talking to the right person in school is important. If you have any general questions or concerns, your first point of contact should always be your child's class teacher, followed by a member of the leadership team before they come to myself. Key points of contact/roles are as follows:

|                     |                                                                   |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Miss Dempsey</b> | Deputy Head responsible for SEND/ Safeguarding/Behaviour and EYFS |
| <b>Mrs Healey</b>   | Assistant Headteacher responsible for Year 1 and 2                |
| <b>Mrs Williams</b> | Assistant Headteacher responsible for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6          |
| <b>Mrs Khan</b>     | School Business Manager                                           |

Have a brilliant weekend everyone and I look forward to seeing you all on the gate on Monday morning!

*Mr Lavin*  
**Headteacher**

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



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# Dates for your calendar - Autumn 1

## Week Beginning 9th September 2024

| Date            | Event                  |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| <b>13.09.24</b> | Year 4 and 5 Mass 10am |

## Week Beginning 16th September 2024

| Date            | Event                     |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| <b>18.09.24</b> | Meet The Teacher 3:25pm   |
| <b>19.9.24</b>  | 6DF Class Assembly 9:05am |
| <b>20.9.24</b>  | Year 1,2,3 Mass 10am      |
| <b>22.9.24</b>  | Classic Car Show 11am-3pm |

## Week Beginning 23rd September 2024

| Date            | Event                                                                  |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>23.09.24</b> | 6DF Stay and Pray                                                      |
| <b>24.09.24</b> | 6GB Stay and Pray                                                      |
| <b>26.09.24</b> | 6GB Class Assembly 9:05am<br>European Language Day - Spanish Day Theme |
| <b>27.09.24</b> | Macmillan Coffee Morning 9am School Hall<br>Year 5 & 6 Mass 10am       |

## Week Beginning 30th September 2024

| Date            | Event                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <b>01.09.24</b> | Black History Month Begins                       |
| <b>03.10.24</b> | 5LW Class Assembly 9:05am<br>National Poetry Day |
| <b>04.10.24</b> | Year 3&4 Mass 10am                               |

## Week Beginning 7th October 2024

| Date            | Event                                                |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>08.10.24</b> | Reception Phonics Workshop for Parents - 3.30pm      |
| <b>10.10.24</b> | 5LS Class Assembly 9:05am<br>World Mental Health Day |
| <b>11.10.24</b> | Year 1&2 Mass 10am                                   |

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



## **Dates for your calendar - Autumn 1**

### **Week Beginning 14th October 2024**

| <b>Date</b>     | <b>Event</b>              |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| <b>14.10.24</b> | 5LW Stay and Pray         |
| <b>15.10.24</b> | 5LS Stay and Pray         |
| <b>17.10.24</b> | 4DS Class Assembly 9:05am |
| <b>18.10.24</b> | Reception and Year 6 Mass |

### **Week Beginning 21st October 2024**

| <b>Date</b>     | <b>Event</b>                                                            |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>24.10.24</b> | 4SM Class Assembly 9:05am<br>Parents Evening                            |
| <b>25.10.24</b> | Half Term Begins<br>Whole School Mass 10am<br>Fire Safety Day/Afternoon |

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Class Assemblies are on a Thursday this year and will take place in this school hall at 9:05am.

'Stay and Pray' sessions will happen in classrooms and class teachers will send you information directly.