



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

Friday 20th September 2024

BE READY | BE RESPECTFUL | BE SAFE |

A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

I hope this week has been a good one for you especially with the kinder weather!

Meet the Teacher - Thank you for attending the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings on Wednesday evening, if you were unable to attend you should have by now received a copy of the slides and a copy of this terms Curriculum Newsletter. Please do take the time to read the materials as they provide you with lots of information about the term and year ahead.

Stay and Pray Sessions - You will have seen on the calendar dates related to 'Stay and Pray' sessions. These are a special time, where you are invited into your child's classroom to participate in a prayer sessions, lasting around 15 minutes. It is a great way to spend some time in a calm, reflective atmosphere and worship alongside your child. Year 6 start next week and parents are warmly invited (see calendar for dates/future dates). If you wait outside your child's classroom door at drop off, you'll be invited in once the register has been taken.

European Language Day - On Thursday 26th it is European Languages Day. We will be dressing up in colours of the Spanish flag and all classes will have some time to learn some facts about Spanish culture. I am sure it will be a great day. We will asking for a £1.00 donation towards some Spanish dictionaries, **via ParentPay**.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - On Friday 27th September we will join with the nation in holding a coffee morning to raise vital funds for Macmillan. Your generosity always is incredible for this event so can we please request donations of cakes to be sent into school on Thursday 26th September. On Friday, children will have the opportunity to purchase a cake for a small donation of £1.00 to the charity. Parents are warmly invited to the school hall 9 till 9:45am to join us for a hot drink and a cake. I am sure it will be a great event as always.

A few reminders:

- Our annual Classic Car Show takes place on Sunday 11-3pm. It is a great family fun day so please do attend if you can. Thank you to Gary and the PTA for organising this event.
- Ear rings should be stud only, and not loops - children will be asked to remove them.
- Ties are part of the school uniform for years 1 to 6, you can purchase these at the school office.
- We are seeing a number of children bringing lipgloss into school - please remind children to leave this at home!

Have a fantastic weekend and hopefully see you at the Classic Car Show on Sunday 11-3pm! Mr Lavin, Headteacher

**Our Values:
St Stephen's
CARES**

Compassion



Ambition



Rejoice



Excellence



Service



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Dates for your calendar - Autumn 1

Week Beginning 23rd September 2024

Date	Event
23.09.24	6DF Stay and Pray
24.09.24	6GB Stay and Pray
26.09.24	6GB Class Assembly 9:05am European Language Day - Spanish Day Theme - Dress in colour of the Spanish flag
27.09.24	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9:00 to 9:45am School Hall Year 5 & 6 Mass 10am

Week Beginning 30th September 2024

Date	Event
01.09.24	Black History Month Begins
03.10.24	5LW Class Assembly 9:05am National Poetry Day
04.10.24	Year 3&4 Mass 10am

Week Beginning 7th October 2024

Date	Event
08.10.24	Reception Phonics Workshop for Parents - 3.30pm
10.10.24	5LS Class Assembly 9:05am World Mental Health Day
11.10.24	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

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

Week Beginning 21st October 2024

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

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

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.



Hot Chocolate Friday Winner



Nursery	Elsie and Lennie
RLS	Harlow
RNE	Alice
Y1SH	William
Y1LB	Noah
Y2JL	Rose
Y2AL	Muzaffar
Y3HB	Gavriel
Y3LH	Esme
Y4DS	Pippa
Y4SM	Muwaffaq
Y5LW	Leah
Y5LS	Avaya
Y6GB	Lucie
Y6DF	Ted

Readers of the Week

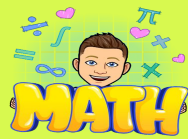


Nursery	Betsy
RLS	Chester
RNE	Lily-Jean
Y1SH	Nancy
Y1LB	Ivy Beau
Y2JL	Amelia
Y2AL	Gabriella-Rose
Y3HB	Runo
Y3LH	Elijah
Y4DS	Millie
Y4SM	Elliott
Y5LW	Isla
Y5LS	Elise
Y6GB	Eva
Y6DF	Lyla





Maths Star



Nursery	Arthur
RLS	Nellie
RNE	Lincoln
Y1SH	Noah
Y1LB	Fabian
Y2JL	Declan
Y2AL	Kendrick
Y3HB	Evelyn
Y3LH	Grace
Y4DS	Samuel
Y4SM	Bella
Y5LW	Freddie
Y5LS	Tallulah
Y6GB	Freddie
Y6DF	Harrison R

Writing Star



Nursery	Sonny
RLS	Matias
RNE	Annie
Y1SH	Oreofeoluwa
Y1LB	Evie
Y2JL	Valentina
Y2AL	Sayo
Y3HB	Panagiotis
Y3LH	Lano
Y4DS	Luna
Y4SM	Sofija
Y5LW	Freya
Y5LS	Riley-James
Y6GB	Farren
Y6DF	Harrison H

1% BETTER





Wednesday 18th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus once again reminds the disciples – and us too – that a life of service is the best life to live. Life can be so busy, full of the things we really like doing, that it's quite easy to forget about serving others.

The Church teaches that we grow in the love of God through serving each other. One of the oldest titles for the Pope is 'The Servant of the servants of God'.

This emphasises the importance which the Church places on service. Jesus lived a life of service. Family and school life become more joyful when we follow Jesus' example and live as God intends.

So enjoy your week together – bring peace and joy into your home and community through **SERVING** each other.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



A Word from Pope Francis

"Jesus leads us to go out from ourselves more and more, to give ourselves and to serve others."

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 22nd September 2024



After leaving the mountain, Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was teaching his disciples about what was going to happen to him; he said, "The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again." But the disciples did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. Later, Jesus said to them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" They said nothing because they had been arguing about which one of them was the greatest. So Jesus sat down, called the twelve disciples to him and said, "If anyone wants to be first, they must make themselves last of all and servant of all."

Adapted from Mark 9:30-37
The 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

Come and learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church and say a prayer for your family & friends: all are very warmly invited.

2024 The Year of Prayer: Family Time Prayer & Share ▶

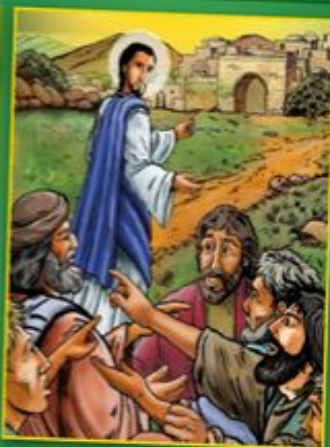
Good News for Everyone

Serving is part of everyday life, particularly family life. It is serving others which makes people truly great, deeply loved and warmly remembered. The happiest people on earth are actually those who serve others.



Good News for Families

TOGETHER TIME



Sunday Gospel Gallery

Imagine you are here with Jesus. What can you see? How do you feel? What does it make you think about?

1 READ & REFLECT! Listen & Learn with Jesus, the Word!

After teaching his disciples about what was going to happen to him (how he would die, but, after three days, rise from the dead), Jesus asked them: "What were you arguing about earlier?" No one answered his question, because they'd been arguing about which one of them was the greatest. So Jesus sat down, gathered his twelve special friends around him and said, "If anyone wants to be first, they must put themselves last of all and become the servant of all."

What did Jesus say that those who wanted to be 'first' must do?

Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why? Spend a few relaxing moments pondering the picture together. Share any thoughts before moving on.

2 SHARE & CARE! Growing in Goodness & Love: This Wednesday's Word...

"To maintain a joyful family requires much from both the parents and the children. Each member of the family has to become, in a special way, the servant of the others." *St Pope John Paul II*

What matters to God is that we care for, love and serve one another. We show our greatness by serving others. Ask your child what 'serving each other' means to them. Which people serve them as Jesus teaches? What do those people do? What happens in a family or community when everyone begins to serve each other? Ask your child if they can remember the last time they served someone.

We can show our faith in God by loving and serving other people in simple and little ways. As a family, consider if there is any person or organisation that could benefit from your physical or prayerful service in this coming week. Perhaps it could be: a charity, your school, a neighbour, an elderly or sick person. Then share ideas about how you might best serve (or offer to serve) them this week.

SERVING



3 Dear Lord Jesus, you **served** others. Please help me to follow your example, so that my home, my school and my community may be filled with your love. Amen.

FINDING FIVE

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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

- DISCIPLES
- ARGUING
- JESUS HEARD
- QUESTIONED TAUGHT
- SERVE OTHERS

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

Cross out the letters **d w k** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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Jesus said, "If _____ wants to be _____,

they must _____ the _____ of all."



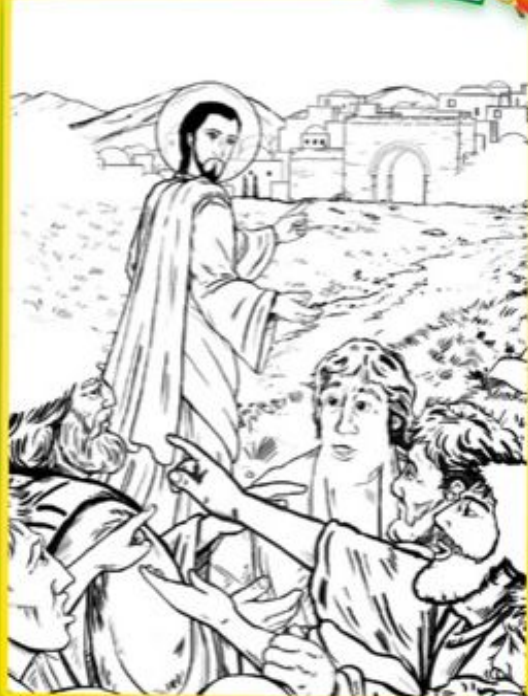
Serving others helps to make the world a much better place. God lives in each one of us, so it's good to remember that when we're serving one another, we're serving God too!



This week I will try my best to...



Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley





Nursery

What a busy week in Nursery!

We have loved exploring our outdoor area this week and took advantage of the fantastic weather we have had. The children enjoyed the mud kitchen, water area and dressing up and dancing on our stage area.

In our Maths sessions we have focused on colours especially red, blue and yellow we have loved finding objects around the classroom that are these colours.

In Phonics we have focused on the rhyme '1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive' we have loved singing this song, doing the actions and listening to different sounds.

Our topic work this week focused on our feelings and emotions we were confident to talk about emotions during circle time and we loved listening to the story 'Colour Monster' this helped us to think carefully about our emotions and the times when we might feel sad, excited and happy.

Question: When do you feel happy?

Reception

We have had another fantastic week in Reception!

We have continued reading our class book "What Makes Me a Me?" and we spoke about what makes us precious and unique. We followed this up in our Religion lessons.

On Monday, we had a visit from our special friends from Year 6. We enjoyed an afternoon of getting to know them.

In maths, we have continued our learning with 10-frames, recognising numbers and counting to 5. We also read the story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and talked about the number of characters.

In Phonics, we have been recapping last weeks sounds 's' 'a' 'p' and 't' and have learnt four new sounds 'i' 'n' 'm' 'd'. The children have been working really hard!

Question: What makes you precious?



Year 1

We have enjoyed another great week in year one. In English this week, we continued our work on Bumblebear. We completed speech bubbles for Norman and wrote sentences about different parts of the story. In Maths, we have been counting on from any number within 10 and have started looking at one more than. Children have been working hard to recognise numbers as words. In Science this week, we identified and labelled parts of the body and used mirrors to look closely at facial features. In History, we learnt about King Charles III and watched his coronation. In R.E, we discussed how families can be different but still care for each other. Children have also been working more independently to complete their five rainbow challenges. We also had our first forest school session where children enjoyed some waggly dancing and playing the role of a bear or a bee. To finish the week, we had a lovely mass all about kindness.

Question: Who is our reigning monarch?

Year 2

We have had a very busy week in Year 2! In English, we have continued our sentence building work around I Want My Hat Back and started to identify sentences written in the first person. We use emojis to describe characters' emotions and the children shared some rich, exciting vocabulary. In Maths, we have been flexibly partitioning 2 digit numbers and Miss Leigh and Miss Leishman are very impressed with the children's fluency when doing this. In R.E, we studied Genesis 1 in depth and looked at the meaning of the scripture as believers. In Science, we looked at the diet of mammals and sorted animals into herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. We ended our week with a beautiful mass. Thank you to all our readers - you did an amazing job for your first time reading our bidding prayers.

Question: Why do you believe that God created the world?



Year 3

This week has been amazing. The children are really stepping up to the challenge of Year 3 work.

In English, we considered the bear's difficult dilemma of whether to stay in the forest or to leave for the city. The children had to use persuasive techniques to get the bear to move away from his habitat. On Monday both classes had Forest Schools sessions where they explored music-making in the woods. They created their own rhythms and created a composition with percussion instruments.

Maths was more challenging this week as we looked at how three digit numbers could be partitioned in different ways. The children are becoming more confident in their understanding of numbers and what they are made up of.

In Science, we continued to look at the Skeleton but this time we focused on the functions of different bones. The children had to decide whether bones are used for protection, support or movement.

In RE, we looked at the Holy Family as an example of how we should live in harmony. The children studied a painting of the Holy Family and wrote about the qualities they possessed.

Question: What is the function of the skull?

Year 4

It's been a lovely week in Year Four and we have been enjoying getting stuck in to our new topics.

In English, we finished reading The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors. The story has been very popular amongst the children. This week, we have been writing in character as one of the warriors. The children wrote some excellent warrior speeches and we are looking forward to performing them for each other next week.

We began our History topic 'How did slavery impact the achievements in Ancient Egypt?' We learnt some important facts about who the Ancient Egyptians were and even translated some hieroglyphics.

In Science, we grouped animals based on whether they were vertebrates or invertebrates.

In maths, we continued our unit on place value. The children have been estimating using number lines and comparing numbers to 10,000.

In RE, we continued to learn about the genealogy of Jesus, specifically Abraham's story. The children wrote a letter to Abraham's son, Isaac telling him why it is important to trust in God.

Question: What is $\frac{3}{4}$ of 1000?



Year 5

What a fantastic week we have had in Year 5 this week!

In English, we have been continuing our study of 'Saving The Butterfly'. The children have now established a good understanding of the symbolism presented in the book. They have used this to create excellent, contrasting diary entries from the perspective of the two characters. We were blown away by the language choices used.

During our Maths lessons, we have continued to look at place value to 1,000,000. We have explored powers of 10 and considered how we use place value to apply this to more difficult mathematical questions.

This week we have also started our History unit. This half term we will be studying the Ancient Maya. We have looked closely at where the Maya lived and labelled them on a map.

During our music lessons, 5LS have continued to learn how to play the tenor horn. Miss Seville was immensely proud of their efforts this week as they read musical notations to play a song with a backing track. 5LW will be looking at 'Living In A Prayer' in coming weeks. We can't wait to hear their efforts.

We have also taken part in our 'Celebration of the Word' session this week. The children showed great respect and created a prayerful atmosphere.

Finally, we would like to thank all those that were able to attend the 'Meet the Teacher' on Wednesday. The information was also sent out via Class Dojo and email for those that couldn't make it. We hope you found it useful.

Question- How did the viewpoint of the brother and sister differ in 'Saving The Butterfly'?

Year 6

A fantastic week here in Year 6! A big thank you to all of the parents who came to watch 6DF's class assembly on Thursday and a huge well done to the children, they did a brilliant job of showcasing their work completed so far this half term as well as teaching us what it means to be compassionate - linking key individuals to our CARES values. Children in 6GB look forward to their class assembly this Thursday (26.09.24) and welcome their families to attend for a 9:05am start in the hall.

This week in English, we have been continuing our work on 'The Final Year', analysing the poem 'Oh, so ya wanna know about The Beast, right?' before planning and writing first-person narrative from the perspective of the Beast. Next week, we will edit our writing, with use of editing strips, before publishing these for display.

In Maths, we have expanded on our knowledge of place value with focus on powers of 10, comparing and ordering integers as well as rounding. The children have worked extremely hard and we are very proud of their achievements.

Next week, we have our '**Stay and Pray**' sessions which we welcome parents to attend.

These will be child-led Celebration of the Word sessions which the children are looking forward to sharing with you. These will take place in your child's classroom and will last around 15 minutes. Parents can come into class with their children in the morning and the session will take place following registration at 8:55am. The dates are as follows:

6DF - Monday 23rd September 2024

6GB - Tuesday 24th September 2024