



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

Friday 8th November 2024

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

Welcome back! I hope you had a great holiday with your families. It has been great to have all the children back in school this week! They've settled straight back into their routines well and I know this will continue as the term progresses. Apologies, on the last newsletter I had not added the times for the various Christmas performances - these have now been added to please refer to this updated calendar.

World War 1 Week - We had a special themed week based on World War 1 this week. Each year group took a different aspect/ event that happened and studied it in detail. Some of the work children have produced has been outstanding.

Girls Football - Congratulations to our girls football team, who competed in a Catholic Tameside School Tournament on Tuesday night! The team did great and won the competition! Well done girls!

I just wanted to highlight a few bits for next week:

- Next week it is Anti-Bullying Week. Our children will take part in a variety of activities to celebrate the theme 'Choose Respect'. This week is always so informative for children and help them understand the impact of bullying and the importance of friendship. Our Pupil Parliament, alongside Miss Seville, will have the opportunity to review our Anti-Bullying Policy and add their own views and ideas into it. We kick off the week with 'Odd Socks Day' to celebrate World Kindness Day on **Monday 11th November**.
- **Stay and Pray** - We have two Stay and Pray sessions coming up for parents next week, on Tuesday it is Y4DS and Wednesday Y4SM. These are short sessions where you can join in your child's 'celebration of the word'. Please wait outside your child's classroom door for Y4DS and if your child is in Y4SM, the door that Miss Bowker welcomes the children in in the morning. You will be invited in when the children are ready. Please do try and join us if you can.
- On **Thursday 14th November** we will be holding an Art Showcase for families to come and have a look at some of the great art work children have been completing. Please do feel free to drop into the school hall between 9am and 10am to have a look - I know children would love for you to see their work.
- On **Friday 15th November** we will be having an own clothes day in return for a bottle for the Bottle Tombola for the Christmas Fair on Sunday 24th November 11-3pm.

Have a great weekend, **Mr Lavin, Headteacher**

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

Compassion



Ambition



Rejoice



Excellence



Service



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Dates for your calendar - Autumn 2

Week Beginning 11th November 2024

Date	Event
11.11.24	Anti bullying week World Kindness Day - Odd Socks Day
12.11.24	4DS Stay and Pray 9am
13.11.24	4SM Stay and Pray 9am
14.11.24	Art Showcase
15.11.24	Year 3 and 4 Mass 10am Own clothes day for bringing in bottles christmas fair

Week Beginning 25th November 2024

Date	Event
28.11.24	Year 3 Class Assembly (both classes together) 9:05am
29.11.24	Year 4&5 Mass 10am

Week Beginning 18th November 2024

Date	Event
18.11.24	Year 1 Retreat in school
19.11.24	Nasal Flu
21.11.24	Year 2 Class Assembly (both classes together) 9:05am
22.11.24	Year 1 and 2 Mass 10am
24.11.24	Christmas Fair 11-3pm

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



Dates for your calendar - Autumn 2

Week Beginning 2nd December 2024

Date	Event
02.12.24	3LH Stay and Pray 9am
03.12.24	3HB Stay and Pray 9am
04.12.24	4DS Retreat
05.12.24	4SM Retreat
06.12.24	Christmas Coffee Morning 9:15am Reception and Year 6 Mass 10am

Week Beginning 16th December 2024

Date	Event
17.12.24	KS2 Carol Service 2pm School Hall
18.12.24	Christmas Dinner
19.12.24	Party Day
20.12.24	Whole School Mass 10am School Finishes at 1.30pm

Week Beginning 9th December 2024

Date	Event
10.12.24	Nursery Nativity 9:30am School Hall
11.12.24	Reception Nativity 9:30am School Hall for RLS families
12.12.24	Reception Nativity 9:30am School Hall for RNE families Year 1 Carol Concert 2:30pm School Hall Christmas Jumper Day
13.12.24	Year 2 Christmas Play 9:30am School Hall

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ST STEPHEN'S RC PRIMARY



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Call us for more info



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**Come and explore our Early Years on Monday 25th November
2024 - 3:30-5:30pm.**

We would be delighted to welcome you and your family to St Stephen's and show you around our great school.

If you cannot make this time, please contact the school office to arrange an alternative appointment.

FOREST SCHOOL



EVERY CHILD, EVERY CHANCE, EVERY DAY!

Discover the magic of nature at our Forest School, where learning goes beyond the classroom walls and into the enchanting embrace of the great outdoors. Nestled in a serene woodland setting, our Forest School offers children a unique opportunity to explore, discover, and grow through hands-on activities that foster creativity, resilience, and environmental stewardship.

Guided by our experienced Forest School Leader, children engage in activities such as wildlife observation, bushcraft skills, and ecological projects, all designed to ignite a lifelong passion for nature and learning. Join us at our Forest School, where every day is an adventure, and every child is inspired to reach their full potential.

AT ST STEPHEN'S



EYFS Open Morning, including a Forest School Session.

**Friday 22nd November 2024
9:30-10:30am.**

If you would like to attend, please contact the school office to reserve a place!

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Hot Chocolate Friday Winner



Nursery	Betsy & Arthur
RLS	Alyssa
RNE	Aahil
Y1SH	Harriet
Y1LB	Lula
Y2JL	Poppy
Y2AL	Deedee
Y3HB	Felix
Y3LH	Lano
Y4DS	Anaya
Y4SM	Adora
Y5LW	Daisy
Y5LS	Jacob
Y6GB	Travis
Y6DF	Anabelle

Readers of the Week

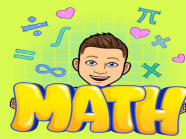


Nursery	Imoleoluwa
RLS	Harlow
RNE	Afia
Y1SH	William
Y1LB	Nicholas
Y2JL	Frankie
Y2AL	Aaliyah
Y3HB	Evelyn
Y3LH	Bruke
Y4DS	Ruby
Y4SM	Jacob
Y5LW	Amelia
Y5LS	Daisy
Y6GB	Reece
Y6DF	Aoife





Maths Star



Nursery	Layla-Mai
RLS	Lua
RNE	Natalia
Y1SH	Darcie
Y1LB	James
Y2JL	Harry
Y2AL	Luke
Y3HB	Arabella
Y3LH	Milliane
Y4DS	Grace
Y4SM	Emmanuella
Y5LW	Patrick
Y5LS	FiyinfoLuwa
Y6GB	Eva
Y6DF	Sam

Writing Star



Nursery	Ellis
RLS	Dustie
RNE	William
Y1SH	Chester
Y1LB	Bella
Y2JL	Amelia
Y2AL	Gabriella-Rose
Y3HB	Lexie
Y3LH	Esme
Y4DS	Alex
Y4SM	Jeremiah
Y5LW	Angel
Y5LS	Charlotte
Y6GB	Beau
Y6DF	Scarlett

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Dear Parents and Carers,

God wants us to trust and depend on him, and to share our gifts of time, talent and money to help others. When used well, our gifts help us to find our purpose in life and to improve the lives of those around us.

This Sunday's Gospel shows us that even the smallest of good deeds, done with love, does not escape Jesus' attention. The widow's gift was so little that, in some ways, it would hardly make much difference.

Wednesday 6th November 2024

But Jesus reminds us that the amount we give is not as important as the love with which we give a gift.

The Wednesday Word is a weekly gift from your school – to you and your family. Enjoy a very special time together exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **GIFT**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



A Word from Pope Francis

"Life is a precious gift, but we realise this only when we give it to others."

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 10th November 2024



Jesus said, "Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted with respect in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are

the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive." He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over but she, from the little she had, has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on."

Adapted from Mark 12:38-44

The 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful.
Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.

2024 The Year of Prayer: Family Time Prayer & Share

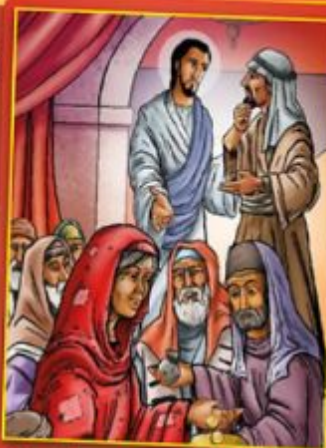
Good News for Everyone

We are all unique and valuable to God. Out of His love for us, God has entrusted us with individual gifts to bring to the world – gifts to be shared. The value of our gift is greatly increased when given with love. Sharing our gifts, with love, brings us closer to God.



Good News for Families

TOGETHER TIME



Sunday Gospel Gallery

Look at this Sunday's Gospel picture. What can you see? How do you feel? What does it make you think about?

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

Jesus sat down opposite the Temple treasury and watched the people putting their donations into the box for offerings. He noticed that many rich people were giving a lot of money. Then a poor lady, who was a widow, came up and put in two small coins that were only worth a penny. When Jesus saw this, he said to his disciples, "This poor widow has given more to the collection than all the others. The rich people gave money that they could easily spare. This poor widow has very little money and she needs all of it to live on. Yet she has given everything she had."

How much did the poor widow put into the treasury and what did Jesus say about it?

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...

"Whatever gifts and talents we are given by God are to be shared with the entire community." *St Baldwin of Canterbury*

GIFT



Ask your child what the word 'gift' means to them. When did they last give or receive a special gift - one given with love. (Remember that the best gifts cannot be bought - gifts such as love, friendship, kindness, forgiveness and patience). What was that gift and how did it make them feel? It may help your child if you can tell them about a gift that you recently gave or received.

When we share our individual gifts, our families and communities are enriched. As a family, name each other's special gifts - the gifts from God that money can't buy. Then each of you decide how, in this coming week, you can use your gifts to show your love for God and for the good of others. Perhaps you can: forgive someone; be generous and give something to a good cause; cheer someone up; draw a picture for someone you love; give the gift of your smile to someone.

3 Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for the many gifts you have given us. Please help us to be generous and cheerful in all we do for you and for each other. Amen.

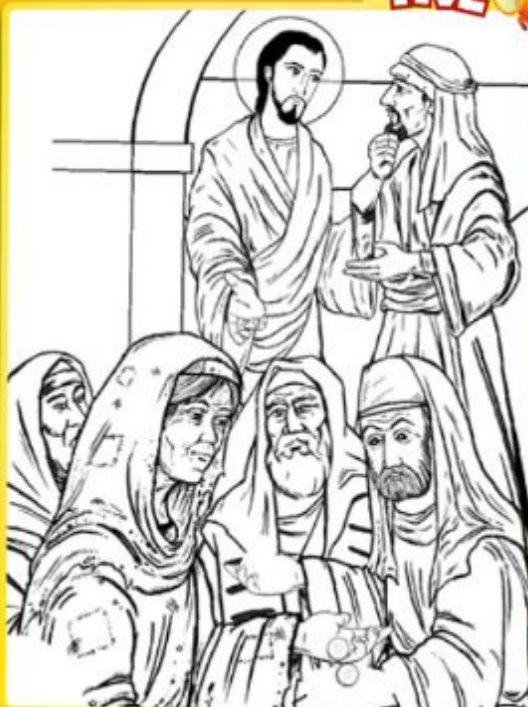
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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TEMPLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	PEOPLE DONATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	POOR WIDOW	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	GAVE EVERYTHING	<input type="checkbox"/>

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY



Find and draw 5 differences, then colour the picture

Cross out the letters **a u m** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.
agimoven moutheras coullmectiona uwimdowa

"This poor _____ has _____ more to the _____ than all the _____."

Our happiness comes from giving, just as much as it comes from receiving. Each one of us has special gifts which we can use to help make the world a better place. God wants us to use our own gifts to help people who are in need - people around us and all over the world.

This week I will try my best to...



Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley



Attendance

Whole School	94.69%	3HB	92%
Nursery	93.45%	3LH	92.05%
RLS	98.4%	4DS	94.17%
RNE	99.5%	4SM	97.62%
Y1SH	98.81%	5LW	96.55%
Y1LB	90.63%	5LS	91.25%
Y2JL	90.28%	6GB	95.69%
Y2AL	94.71%	6DF	95.31%

St Stephen's Attendance League EYFS & KS1

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 1SH	9	5th: 2AL	2
2nd: RNE	6	6th: 1LB	1
3rd: Nursery	5		
4th: 2JL	4		
5th: RLS	4		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 5LW	11	6th: 4DS	2
2nd: 6DF	8	7th: 3LH	1
3rd: 4SM	5	8th: 3HB	0
4th: 5LS	4		
5th: 6GB	3		



Nursery

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back after the half term break this week.

Everyone has settled back into the nursery routine really well and we look forward to an exciting term ahead!

We have learnt all about Diwali this week at Nursery, we know that it is a special time for many people and that it is the festival of light. We have been very creative and decorated Diya lights and looked at some lovely Rangoli patterns before drawing our own.

We loved learning all about Bonfire Night- exploring lots of different sounds made by fireworks and creating some fantastic Firework paintings for our class Art display.

This week phonics we have been learning the rhyme 'Down at the Station' and made some actions for this rhyme also.

Question- What did the Owl say in our new class story?

Reception

We have been so happy to welcome the children back in school this week. It has been lovely finding out about their half term adventures.

We have enjoyed learning about Bonfire Night this week and why we celebrate it each year. We have learnt the story of The Gunpowder Plot and retold it using our Talk for Writing skills. We have been looking at shapes in our environment and the shapes that fireworks make when they explode in the sky. We have been getting very creative and making our own fireworks in the make and do area.

We really enjoyed our Geography day on Friday and created our own maps and talked about times we went of holiday and how we got there.

We also took part in World War 1 week and learnt about why we wear poppies at this time of year. We practised the 2 minutes silence and thought about being thankful.

Question: How do we know if a shape is a triangle?



Year 1

We have had a lovely first week back in school and the children have settled back into routines with ease. As part of World War One week, the children have been learning about the purple poppy and how it commemorates the efforts of animals in service. Children wrote about Stubby the dog, who served in WW1. In maths this week, children have been solving addition problems within 10 by using number bond facts. Increasing children's addition recall within 10 will really help them as we complete more reasoning tasks. In science we have started to look at the seasons, with a focus on autumn and changes in our environment. We discussed what changes happen in autumn and went on an autumn walk. As part of spatial sense day, we made a map of the classroom and learnt the points on a compass.

In R.E this week, we looked at some more key features of baptism and watched a video of a real baptism. We have also been learning about the significance of remembrance in our faith.

Question: Who was Stubby?

Year 2

What a fantastic first week back we have had! We have had lots of theme days this week and completed lots of exciting activities across the curriculum.

On Monday, we finished our final piece of artwork and we used pen, pencil and wax crayons to complete observational drawings of nature. We can't wait to share our work with you on our showcasing event on Thursday!

On Wednesday, we made Greek Salads for our food technology unit. The children taste-tested different types of foods including olives (not many were a fan of these), feta, hummus and tzatziki. We then designed our own Greek Salads and practised cutting with a knife before making some delicious dishes of our own to take home.

On Thursday, we completed some work surrounding World War I. We learnt about Edith Cavell and wrote a diary entry describing a day in her life as a nurse. We then created a 'red cross' out of poppies to commemorate nurses during WWI.

Today, we completed our Spatial Sense unit and engaged in fieldwork activities to understand maps of our school and the local area.

In R.E, we have been looking at Matthew's Gospel of the Baptism of Jesus and we analysed it as believers before re-telling it in the style of a timeline using scripture.

Question: Who baptised Jesus?



Year 3

We have had a great start to the new half term.

As part of World War 1 week, the children learnt about The Truce on Christmas Eve 1914. We discussed the conditions and feelings of the soldiers in the trenches then the children wrote a letter home to their family, describing the events of that day.

In Art, we completed our final piece of charcoal work. The children worked in small groups to create a Stone Age wall. This included drawing Stone Age figures and creatures. We used a cardboard box as a cave so the children then stuck their cave paintings inside the box.

In English, we have continued with our story, 'Into The Forest' by exploring the importance of the forest as a setting. The children chose a particular tree from the story to focus on. They had to gather words and phrases to describe it which then lead to them writing a full description. The children's work was very detailed and effective.

In Maths we have begun to learn how to add and subtract using a formal method. Most of the children are doing a great job of learning their three times tables too.

Question: How many parts of a tree can you name?

Year 4

Welcome back to Year 4!

The children have settled back into the school routine and their learning well this week.

As it has been World War One week, the children have been learning about the Archduke of Austria, Franz Ferdinand and his assassination and how this instigated the beginning of the world war. We looked at key facts about the archduke and completed a diary entry from the point of view of his bodyguard as well as creating our own portraits of Franz Ferdinand - there were some wonderful pieces of work.

We have also been rounding off our work on Jesus' family in RE, Ancient Egypt and Slavery in History and completed Spatial Sense Day on Friday looking at reading and interpreting maps correctly, which the children persevered well with. Next week, we are looking to continue on with our new English and Maths unit and both Year 4 classes have their Stay and Pray sessions.

Question: when do WW1 start and end? Can you remember the dates?



Year 5

We have had a great first week back this week!

We have been very creative within our curriculum this week and have shown that we have some budding artists in Year 5.

We have been looking closely at the life of Sarah Parker Remond and considered her work towards the abolition of slavery. We have focused on her visit to Manchester and the meaning of Abolition. The children then created their own portraits of her using collage techniques and linked their study of typography to create some striking artwork.

Continuing with our artwork, we have been looking closely at typography and created our own typefaces using natural objects alongside metallic screws, bolts and fixings.

As it is Remembrance Sunday this coming Sunday, we have also completed our study of WW1. The children took part in a carousel of activities, using various sources to depict what life was like in the trenches during the war. They then used this information to write a letter home from a soldier's perspective to a loved one.

In Maths, we continued our study of addition and subtraction but used our rounding skills to make estimates and then found the accurate answers using a formal written method. We ended our week with a Geography 'Spatial Sense' Day. Here we studied relief maps and created 3d models of our own. .

Question: What was life like in the trenches in World War One?

Year 6

This week in Year 6 we have been extremely busy. In Maths, we have finished our unit on Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division. This involved looking at the order of operations and using known facts to help us with more complex problems.

In English, we have started to read "Letters from the Lighthouse". So far, we have been introduced to Olive and Cliff, who have been evacuated to Devon. We have looked at impressions of the characters and the evidence that shows this.

We have also been looking at Anne Frank in History, with a brief introduction to The Holocaust for context. This was extremely interesting despite being a sombre topic.

Finally, we have also managed to fit in some Art this week! We have been analysing graphic design on food and drink packaging.

Question: Where did Anne Frank hide whilst writing her diary?