



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

Friday 15th November 2024

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

Happy Friday! I hope you have had a great week! It has been a super busy week here at school with many events taking place! Thank you for the generous donations of bottles for the Christmas Fair today!

Art Showcase

On Tuesday and Thursday children proudly showcased their Artwork to their peers and parents. It was a wonderful opportunity to show you all of the amazing topics we have on offer. Thank you for attending and I know the children were so proud to show off their work.

Stay and Pray

Thank you to our Year 4 children for sharing their 'Celebration of the Word' sessions with their parents this week. Both sessions were really well intended and I am thankful for your continued support with your child's spiritual development.

Anti-Bullying Week

We've had a very busy Anti-Bullying week this year! Children have been exploring the theme 'Choose Respect'. Thank you to our Pupil Parliament for spending time looking at our Anti-Bullying Policy and really considering how to make child friendly. I look forward to sharing their plans with you soon.

Remembrance Day

On Monday we fell silent with the country to mark Remembrance Day. Our Year 5 children walked to the cenotaph to lay a wreath and take part in a celebration of the word session. Thank you children for representing our school so beautifully.

Next week:

- On Tuesday morning, 9:05am, Year 4 DS will present their rescheduled class assembly. Families are welcome to join us then.
- On Thursday 21st November our Year 2 children will be sharing their learning in their class assembly. Please join us at 9:05am in the school hall
- On Friday 22nd November at 10am, Year 1 and 2 will be celebrating mass together. Families are warmly invited to join us.
- On Friday 22nd November 9:30-10:30am, we will be inviting all prospectus Nursery and Reception children and families to join us for an open morning and a Forest School session - please share this with your friends and ask them to contact the school office to book a place.
- On Sunday 24th November, 11am to 3pm, it will be our Christmas Fair. Please do join us if you can.

Have a lovely 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 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

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 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

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 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

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

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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	Sonny & Olivia
RLS	Theodore
RNE	Lincoln
Y1SH	Aurora
Y1LB	Evie
Y2JL	Harper
Y2AL	Keoni
Y3HB	Runo
Y3LH	James
Y4DS	Ebony
Y4SM	Noah
Y5LW	Cleo
Y5LS	Isaac
Y6GB	Tejiri
Y6DF	Chen

Readers of the Week

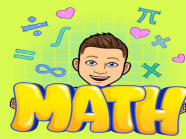


Nursery	Bobby
RLS	Darcy
RNE	Philippa
Y1SH	Brume
Y1LB	Noah
Y2JL	Ylan
Y2AL	Sayo
Y3HB	Kingsley
Y3LH	Aurora
Y4DS	Brooke
Y4SM	Keane
Y5LW	Dolly
Y5LS	Poppy
Y6GB	Farren
Y6DF	Jaime





Maths Star



Nursery	Elsie
RLS	Lena
RNE	Olivia
Y1SH	Evie
Y1LB	Betti
Y2JL	Felicity
Y2AL	Arthur
Y3HB	Henry
Y3LH	Elijah
Y4DS	Conor
Y4SM	Sofija
Y5LW	Hanna
Y5LS	Riley-James
Y6GB	Ellenore
Y6DF	Olivia

Writing Star



Nursery	Lily
RLS	Aryel
RNE	Nehneh
Y1SH	Victoria
Y1LB	Louie
Y2JL	Berrie-Mae
Y2AL	Kendrick
Y3HB	Adriel
Y3LH	Sam
Y4DS	Adam
Y4SM	Oscar
Y5LW	Bobby
Y5LS	Estee
Y6GB	Lucie
Y6DF	Harrison R

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Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus (using the language and imagery of his time) describes the 'earth-shaking' signs of his return at the end of time. The Gospel gives us only images about the end of the world, not a detailed time-table.

Jesus reminds us to look beyond the troubles of the world, to something far more important. Jesus assures us that although many things in the world may change,

Wednesday 13th November 2024

his words will last forever. We can be certain that our faithfulness to God will be rewarded in this life and in the life to come.

Enjoy a very special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **FAITHFULNESS**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



A Word from
Pope Francis

"Let us give thanks for all the blessings which God has bestowed on us, especially for his patience and for his faithfulness."

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 17th November 2024



Jesus said to his disciples, "When the time for the end of the world is near, many things will happen. In those days they will see the Son of Man approaching in the clouds with great power and glory; then he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father."

Adapted from Mark 13:24-32
The 33rd 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

When we grow in faithfulness, others will know that we are people who are reliable and trustworthy, who are loyal and have staying power through both good times and bad times. We can all ask God to help us to grow in faithfulness - it's a gift worth asking for.



Good News for Families

10 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 said to his disciples, "A time will come when I will return and appear in the clouds with power and glory. Then I will send my angels to gather my people from every part of the world. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away - they will remain forever."

What did Jesus say would never pass away?

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...

"God is faithful, and if we serve him faithfully, he will provide for our needs."

St Richard of Chichester

A faithful person is a gift to the world. Ask your child what the word 'faithfulness' means to them. Do they know someone who is faithful and who always keeps their promises? It may help your child if you can talk about a person you know to be a faithful friend, and say why.

FAITHFULNESS



To be faithful is to be true to someone or something. How can we grow in faithfulness to God and to each other? Perhaps we can: set aside a few minutes each day to pray to God and ask him to help us grow in faithfulness; follow the teachings of Jesus; keep our promises - making sure that if we tell someone [or we tell God] that we will do something, we do it!

3 Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for being our faithful friend. Please help us to keep growing in faithfulness to you and to one another. Amen.

FINDING THREE

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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

- JESUS RETURN
- APPEAR CLOUDS
- POWER GLORY
- WORDS FOREVER

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY



Find and draw 3 differences, then colour the picture

Cross out the letters **b f k** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

fappekarb rebturfnk globfryk timkfeb

"A _____ will come when I will _____ and _____ in the clouds with power and _____."

Everybody wants a faithful friend and Jesus promises to be ours. Through this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is encouraging the disciples (and us too) to be faithful to him. The faithful promises of Jesus will never pass away - God's love for us will last forever.

This week I will try my best to...
.....
Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley



Attendance

Whole School	95.13%	3HB	93%
Nursery	99.04%	3LH	93.18%
RLS	91.15%	4DS	98.33%
RNE	90.5%	4SM	98.33%
Y1SH	97.62%	5LW	99.14%
Y1LB	90.1%	5LS	88.75%
Y2JL	97.69%	6GB	96.98%
Y2AL	93.75%	6DF	95.31%

St Stephen's Attendance League EYFS & KS1

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 1SH	11	5th: 2AL	2
2nd: Nursery	8	6th: 1LB	1
3rd: RNE	6		
4th: 2JL	5		
5th: RLS	4		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 5LW	14	6th: 4DS	4
2nd: 6DF	8	7th: 3LH	1
3rd: 4SM	7	8th: 3HB	0
4th: 5LS	4		
5th: 6GB	4		



Nursery

We started the week learning all about Remembrance Day.

We had a little walk to the front of school to lay our Poppy wreath that we had made as a class. We then came back to class and observed a 2 minute silence- thinking about the soldiers in the war.

We were excited to showcase our 'Firework' Art this week in the school hall and enjoyed looking at the work our friends from across the school had also produced.

In this weeks Celebration of the Word, we listened to an alleluia as we placed a candle and bible in the centre of our circle, we then passed the Bible around the circle. We know that the Bible is special and that Jesus is the Light of our World.

We have enjoyed singing 'One, Two buckle my shoe' in phonics this week as well as learning the 's' sound. We can identify some objects/pictures that begin with the 's' sound.

We have continued to focus on the book 'Wow! Said the Owl.'

We have enjoyed re-telling the story using a story map and mark making our own Owls in the writing area.

Question- Can you retell the story of 'Wow! Said the Owl' ?

Reception

Another very busy week in Reception! We have started our new topic where we are answering the question "Where is the Magic?" We are reading the story "Room on the Broom" and have immersed ourselves in the text. We have summarised the story, sequenced the story and we have used emojis to think about how characters feel at different parts of the story. We have been trying hard to use the puppets and act out the story using key vocabulary in the reading area and writing story words such as dog, cat and hat in the phonics area.

In maths we have been thinking about the numbers 4 and 5 and are practising our subitising skills. We have also thought about positional language and the special words we use to describe where something is.

We had a lovely trip to church on Tuesday where we learnt all about Baptism and being welcomed into God's family.

The week's just seem to be flying by, we can't believe it will be week 3 of the second half term next week! Thank you to all adults who attended the first VIP sessions this week. We are excited to welcome more families in the coming weeks.

Question: What spell does the witch say to make the new broom?



Year 1

The children have had a busy week. We were surprised to find some vegetables trapped in our garden. The children were keen to create wanted posters to capture the Evil Pea. In English, we used 'Talk for Writing' to create a story map of 'Supertato'. In maths, we have been working on number bonds within 10 and using them to solve addition word problems. In R.E, the children shared their understanding of the symbols used in baptism. They enjoyed acting out a baptism in class. In science, we began our unit on materials. The children identified what objects were made from rock. WE enjoyed Odds Socks day and celebrating our individuality. As part of our Anti Bullying week work we discussed what respect means and how we can show it. We finished the week by designing and making superhero capes.

Question: Can you retell the Supertato story?

Year 2

Another fantastic week in Year 2 - the children are working so hard. In Maths this week, the children have been beginning to exchange tens and ones to support them in addition and subtraction of two digit numbers. In English, we have been focusing on the use of imperative verbs and how to use these to write instructions. The children even made their own disgusting sandwich in the forest and wrote a set of instructions on how they made them! They had lots of fun! In RE we have thought about how we can follow in the light of Jesus. In Geography, we have started our Continents and Oceans unit and have started to explore what a continent is. We have been thinking about respect throughout our anti-bullying week and thought about how we can show it to others. We ended the week in our Celebration of the Word, where we spoke about All Souls month and the children decorated beautiful candles for special people in heaven.

Question: Can you think of a sentence with an imperative verb?

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Year 3

Lots has been happening in Year 3 this week.

On Tuesday we were excited about displaying our artwork in the hall and to see what work other classes have done.

On Wednesday and Thursday, we completed our Design and Technology unit on Iron Age Bread. First we learnt a bit about how modern bread is made and sampled some different varieties. Then we got into small groups and made Iron Age bread. We were excited to taste it.

In RE, we learnt about St Stephen who was the first martyr. We learnt about his life and faith then designed an icon for him.

In English we read the remainder of the story 'Into the Forest' and used emojis to consider the main character's different feelings throughout the story. We also looked at using apostrophes for both singular and plural possession.

In Maths we have practised addition problems where we have to exchange both ones and tens.

This week has been anti-bullying week. The children explored what it means to respect others regardless of our differences.

Question: What does St Stephen teach us?

Year 4

It has been a lovely week in Year Four with lots of opportunities for children to enjoy creating and admiring art. In preparation for the showcase, we spent Monday morning putting together our final piece. The children were able to demonstrate all of the new techniques that they had learnt this unit. The work produced by all was a real testament to their hard work and progress of skill.

As Christmas approaches, the children designed Christmas Cards for Angela Rayner's annual competition. This year's theme was 'Santa's super sleigh' and everyone enjoyed coming up with exciting adaptations that they could make to Santa's sleigh. We also looked at iconic monuments in Droylsden from both the past and present and incorporated those into our overall design.

In school this week, we celebrated Anti-Bullying week. As part of our Stay and Pray sessions, we thought about what the Bible teaches us about kindness and helping others. Then we created a piece of art as a year group which centered all around what it means to be kind.

Question: Give one positive and one negative about slavery in Ancient Egypt.



Year 5

We are extremely proud of the children this week. We started the week with a visit to the cenotaph to pay our respects to those who have fought and lost their lives in conflict. At the memorial, we placed poppy wreaths made by each of the classes, recited the poem 'In Flanders Fields' by John McCrae, said a prayer for those affected by war and held two minutes silence. The children were incredibly thoughtful and respectful and could not have represented the school any better.

In Art, we completed our unit of work, producing maps of our own and creating typography to suit the landmarks and features, as well as incorporating the shading and 3D drawing skills we have developed in previous sessions.

We began the novel Room 13 this week in English by making inferences about the book based on a range of book covers, before reading Chapter 1 and answering comprehension questions. Next week, we will investigate monologues and how they can be used to express a character's inner thoughts and feelings before writing our own.

Finally in Maths, we have considered the importance of using the inverse operation to check calculations. Following this, we solved two step addition and subtraction problems. Next week, we will complete our Addition and Subtraction work and begin our unit on Multiplication and Division by revising factors and multiples, including HCF and LCM.

Question: Why might a novel have a variety of covers?

Year 6

Another busy week here in Year 6! In English, we have continued our learning on Letters from the lighthouse. Initially, we introduced the children to semi-colons, teaching them to identify, use and apply these in their writing. To put this into practice, the children wrote a missing persons report for Sukie - ensuring to include parenthesis and descriptive vocabulary. Following this, we immersed ourselves into the text, using emojis and justifications to plan a letter home to mum from the perspective of Olive. The children have really enjoyed this story so far and have written some excellent letters and edited these ready for publishing next week.

In Maths, we have been revisiting our understanding of fractions. We have been finding equivalents as well as common numerators and denominators as we began to compare and order fractions. Next week, we will begin to add and subtract fractions before moving on to mixed numbers.

We paid our respects to those who fought and lost their lives in conflict by being respectful and completing our two minute silence. The children were very mature and respectful throughout and we were very proud of them. To further understand what life was like in WWI, in History we have been learning about the roles of women and children and their impact in the war effort. We wrote letters to outline changes to our daily life and working in munitions factories. We also began to understand the roles of children and analysed propaganda posters before creating posters of our own to encourage children to 'do their bit'.

Question: Can you list three jobs which women may have undertaken to support the war effort?