



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

Friday 22nd November 2024

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

Another week has flown by us and it has been another very busy week here at school!

Nursery/ Reception Intake 2025/26

A huge thank you to those who joined us this morning for our EYFS open morning out in the school forest! We have another opportunity to come and have a look around our Early Years setting on Monday evening. Please see the poster on the next few pages and do pass the message on to your friends and family.

Class Assemblies

A huge thank you to Year 4DS and our Year 2 classes for two wonderful class assemblies. It is a privilege to see how confident and articulate our children are and I hope you enjoyed the assemblies. Next up is our Year 3 children on Thursday 28th November 9:05am in the school hall.

Christmas Fair

A reminder that on Sunday it is our PTAs Christmas Fair 11-3pm. It is going to be a great event with lots of stalls on offer. Please do pop along and support if you can. Thank you to our PTA for arranging.

A message from Mrs Herbert, our Music Leader:

Next week, St. Stephen's will be hosting its first ever sponsored sing-a-thon! At St. Stephen's, we aim to give our children a high-quality musical education, which will engage and inspire them to develop both a love of music and their talents as musicians. Music allows our children to express themselves creatively, and plays an important role in their personal development. Music is also vital to our community as Catholics and is central to our worship.

We would be very grateful if you, your family and your friends would sponsor your child to take part in the sing-a-thon. The children will work together to sing their way through the school day, from 9am until 3pm. Classes 3LH, 4DS and 5LS will also perform with their instruments in a special assembly for the rest of the school to enjoy.

All funds raised will go towards purchasing new musical instruments and equipment for the whole school to enjoy. You can donate by scanning the QR code below, or via the sponsor sheet children came home with.

As always, thank you for all your support.

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 25th November 2024

| Date | Event |
|----------|--|
| 27.11.24 | Sing-a-thon |
| 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.

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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**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.



Hot Chocolate Friday Winner



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| Nursery | Marnie & Alba |
| RLS | Eddison |
| RNE | Romie |
| Y1SH | Chester |
| Y1LB | Fabian |
| Y2JL | Frankie |
| Y2AL | Evie-Rose |
| Y3HB | Kaiden |
| Y3LH | Emmanuel |
| Y4DS | Brooke |
| Y4SM | Peyton |
| Y5LW | Donaeo |
| Y5LS | Riley-James |
| Y6GB | Orla |
| Y6DF | Harrison H |

Readers of the Week

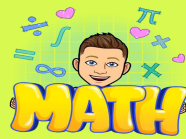


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| Nursery | Inaayah |
| RLS | Ayrah |
| RNE | Erin |
| Y1SH | Jeremy |
| Y1LB | Jake |
| Y2JL | Lin Xi |
| Y2AL | Rosie |
| Y3HB | Deanah |
| Y3LH | Lyne |
| Y4DS | Bruce |
| Y4SM | Bella |
| Y5LW | Bobby |
| Y5LS | Mia-Bella |
| Y6GB | Jenson |
| Y6DF | Lily |





Maths Star



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|----------------|-----------|
| Nursery | Rudy |
| RLS | Elliott |
| RNE | Isobel |
| Y1SH | Isabella |
| Y1LB | Nicholas |
| Y2JL | Harry |
| Y2AL | Sayo |
| Y3HB | Jake |
| Y3LH | Hudson |
| Y4DS | Evelyn |
| Y4SM | Klayson |
| Y5LW | George |
| Y5LS | Lola |
| Y6GB | Lilly-Mai |
| Y6DF | Aoife |

Writing Star



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|----------------|----------|
| Nursery | Matilda |
| RLS | Theodore |
| RNE | Alice |
| Y1SH | Harriet |
| Y1LB | Leo |
| Y2JL | Keziah |
| Y2AL | Deedee |
| Y3HB | Runo |
| Y3LH | Sophie |
| Y4DS | Jensen |
| Y4SM | Charlie |
| Y5LW | Leah |
| Y5LS | Elise |
| Y6GB | Cory |
| Y6DF | Rosie |

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This Sunday is the last in the Church's year. It is the day on which we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. This feast presents a golden opportunity for us to make a new start with Jesus – the Universal King. It is a celebration to which all are warmly invited.

The Gospel reminds us that Jesus' kingship is not one of political power, crowns and splendour, but one of peace and truth. He is not an earthly king – his kingdom is heaven.

Wednesday 20th November 2024

Jesus stands up for God's true values of love and forgiveness and leads us into the truth. He also reveals to us the truth about ourselves.

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 **LEADER**.

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, leading us on our journey towards eternal life."

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 24th November 2024



At Jesus' trial, Pilate called Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus replied, "Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?" Jesus replied, "Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my followers would have fought to prevent my being handed over. But my kingdom is not of this kind." "So you are a king then?" said Pilate. "It is you who say it," answered Jesus. "Yes, I am a king. I was born for this; I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice."

Adapted from John 18:33-37
Christ the King, 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

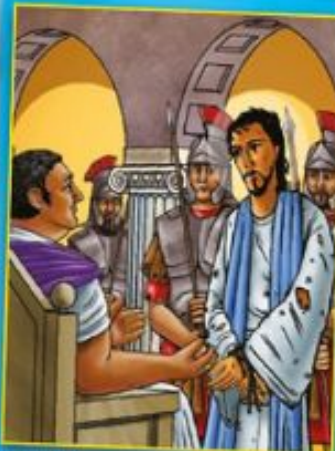
Good News for Everyone

Jesus' leadership really does help family relationships to thrive.
Jesus' truth has stood the test of time and leads us into the joys of everlasting life. Choosing to be formed and led by Jesus provides a secure foundation for our lives.



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!

At Jesus' trial, Pilate asked Jesus: "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world." "So you really are a king then?" said Pilate. "Yes," said Jesus. "I was born for this. I came into the world to speak up for the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice."

What did Jesus say he was?

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...

"When Jesus dwells in us as our friend and leader, we can bear all things." *St Teresa of Avila*

LEADER



Ask your child which people they know to be good leaders - in the family, at school or in the community. What is it that makes those people good leaders? It may help your child if you can talk about the qualities which make a person a good leader (e.g. trustworthy, inspiring, supportive, a good role model - someone who is wise, truthful and uses their authority to help others).



Jesus leads us in the ways of truth and love. True leaders always help people to follow good and right ways. Each of you name a special leader that you are grateful for (perhaps a family member, a teacher, a priest, Jesus). Think of a way in which you can help that leader (e.g. by praying for them or by listening to what they have to say and trying to follow their leadership). Choose one way in which you will try to be a leader in this coming week, setting a good example for others - showing them good and right things.

3 * Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for **leading** us in the way of truth - to help God's kingdom of love to grow in our hearts, in our homes and in our schools. Amen. *

FINDING FIVE

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER **ACROSS** OR **DOWN**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | JESUS KING | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | SPEAK TRUTH | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | LISTEN VOICE | <input type="checkbox"/> |

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS **BACKWARDS** OR **DIAGONALLY**

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J U S U S E J I K E P
F K M T U C O I J L E
S K I P S V E G H I A
L V O I C E V T C S K
I I G L T R U T H T D
S G S A C R F B K E E
P N L T T L C T G N K
W I M E E V K A E P S
P K C G V N M B L M A



Find and draw 5 differences, then colour the picture

Cross out the letters **d m c** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

bomdrnc ckidmng Pidlamtec Jedsumcs

"So you really are a _____ then?" said _____.

"Yes," said _____. "I was _____ for this."



Pope Francis is the current leader of the Catholic Church and the 266th Pope in its history. Pope Francis continues to remind everyone that God's love is for all people, regardless of who they are or where they come from.



This week I will try my best to...



Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley



Attendance

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|--------------|------|-----|-----|
| Whole School | 93% | 3HB | 89% |
| Nursery | 90% | 3LH | 94% |
| RLS | 86% | 4DS | 96% |
| RNE | 91% | 4SM | 92% |
| Y1SH | 100% | 5LW | 90% |
| Y1LB | 93% | 5LS | 90% |
| Y2JL | 98% | 6GB | 92% |
| Y2AL | 92% | 6DF | 98% |

St Stephen's Attendance League EYFS & KS1

| Position | Total Points | Position | Total Points |
|--------------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| 1st: 1SH | 14 | 5th: 2AL | 2 |
| 2nd: Nursery | 8 | 6th: 1LB | 2 |
| 3rd: 2JL | 7 | | |
| 4th: RNE | 6 | | |
| 5th: RLS | 4 | | |

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

| Position | Total Points | Position | Total Points |
|----------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| 1st: 5LW | 14 | 6th: 5LS | 4 |
| 2nd: 6DF | 11 | 7th: 3LH | 2 |
| 3rd: 4SM | 7 | 8th: 3HB | 0 |
| 4th: 4DS | 6 | | |
| 5th: 6GB | 4 | | |



Nursery

It's been a fab week in Nursery and all our children have worked so hard. We have enjoyed the nursery rhyme 'Hey, Diddle, Diddle!' in phonics and loved our new phonics game- What's in the box?- we have been focusing on the 'a' sound and we know some words which begin with this sound.

In Maths we have focused on the number two. We are able to show different ways of making number two and recognise the number two in our environment. We have been very creative this week and created some lovely Owl art work for our class display, we spoke about the different features of Owls and know that they have big eyes and have lovely brown coloured feathers.

We enjoyed a lovely afternoon in the school forest with Mrs Artingstall on Tuesday, we had an Owl hunt, made Owl sounds, had a yummy hot chocolate and listened to 'Owl Babies' read by Miss Taylor.

We have wrapped up warm this week and loved exploring the ice outdoors. Next week we have an exciting week planned- we will continue to focus on Owls and we will celebrate our very own class Owls Birthday! (Olive the Class Owl will be 2!) We have lots of fun activities planned to celebrate.

Question- Can you say 2 Facts about an Owl?

Reception

The children in Reception have been working their socks off this week. They have produced some amazing writing. Some children have even been writing SENTENCES on their own! We are so very proud of you all and how hard you are working.

In Literacy, we have been retelling our "Room on the Broom" story using a story map and actions. Our favourite part is when the witch says "DOWN!" In maths we have been thinking about what makes up the quantities of 4 and 5.

We are in full nativity mode as well, the children are doing so well learning their lines, songs and dance moves. It's definitely going to be a good show. Parts were sent home and the clothes you need to provide for their costumes. If you are unsure, please just ask.

Thank you again to the parents who supported our VIP sessions this week. The children love welcoming you into class and it's great that you get to see their amazing work.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Question: How many ways can we make 5?

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Year 1

Year One started the week with a lovely religious retreat with Mrs Famer. The children explored what God's love is and what it means to them. They then painted a picture to represent this. In English this week, we sequenced the story of supertato using pictures and captions. We then generated adjectives to describe Supertato, before putting these into punctuated sentences. In Maths, we learnt about how to subtract by crossing out and how to subtract using a number line. In Geography, we continued learning about the UK, focusing on capital cities. In our R.E lesson, we looked at the symbolism of the baptism candle and how it represents the light of Christ in our lives. We finished the week with a lovely Mass with Year Two.

Question: What is the capital city of England?

Year 2

How talented our Year 2 children are! We have been working hard preparing for our class assembly and we loved performing it to you yesterday afternoon! The children really enjoyed learning about the Great Fire of London, and this was reflected in the children's enthusiasm when practising for our assembly.

Well done to all children!

In English, we have been building our knowledge of subordinating conjunctions and writing them in speech bubbles to describe characters' thoughts. We have also created a story map re-telling The Disgusting Sandwich in preparation to write a diary entry from the perspective of the badger. In Maths, we have been adding 2 digit numbers crossing a tens' boundary, using manipulatives to help us. In R.E, we have started our Advent unit and we have labelled the parts of an Advent Wreath. We ended our week with a beautiful Mass and the children were extremely respectful as always!

Question: Name the 3 subordinating conjunctions that we have learnt this week.

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Year 3

We have had another busy week in Year 3. On Wednesday, we were honoured to be asked to sing a special hymn, commissioned by the Bishop of Salford Diocese, as part of the 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee. We went to church and were recorded singing our hymn on the altar. The children sang beautifully and all the teachers were proud of their excellent behaviour.

In RE, we finished our unit of work on Promises by looking at some of the important items used at a Baptism (such as a white garment, a candle and the Oil of Chrism) and finding out about their meaning. We thought about the ways in which we can 'let our light shine brightly', and the children came up with some lovely ideas about how they can bring their own light to dark places, by being kind to others or helping out at home.

In English, we have now completed our book 'Into the Forest' and we have written a recount of the events of the story from the boy's point of view. We tried hard to use dialogue in our recounts, using inverted commas.

In Maths, we are continuing to work hard on subtraction, and this week we have been subtracting three digit numbers, crossing both the tens and hundreds boundary. It has been tricky work but we are now getting the hang of it!

Question: What are the countries of the United Kingdom and their capital cities?

Year 4

It's been another productive week in Year Four.

In English, we are still working on our book, 'Change Sings', and have answered different questions in response to the story and discussed what change means to us. The children have had some very reflective and thoughtful answers to this which has been lovely to see. Next week, the children are going to start planning their own poem about change before upgrading it and publishing it.

In Maths, we have finished off our unit of Area and are making our way through Multiplication and Division; using our knowledge of times tables to support our learning. The children have found recalling their knowledge on 3s, 6s and 9s a little tricky at times so please can you keep encouraging the children to practise their times tables at home

We are preparing to start our new unit on Rivers in Geography and will be studying the water cycle and how water travels through it.

In RE, our new unit is about Belonging and being called and we have been reading the story of Samuel and how he was called by God to do many great things in his life.

Question: What is the name of the Holy Book in Judaism?



Year 5

We have had a wonderful week in Year 5.

This week in English, we have continued to study Room 13. The children have looked carefully at the use of subordinating conjunctions and relative pronouns to help create complex sentences. They have then used this information to write a short character description of Mrs Evans.

In Maths, we have now concluded our unit of work based on addition and subtraction. The children have been comparing calculations and balancing calculations by finding missing digits. We are very proud of the children's resilience and hard work.

In Geography we have started our in depth study of Brazil. We have located Brazil on a map, considered the bordering countries and the regions within Brazil itself. We have also looked at the landscape of Brazil closely.

How would you describe Mrs Evans and why?

Year 6

We have had a very productive week again in Year 6. The children have been busy working their way through a Mock SATs week, demonstrating all the progress they have already made so far this year. We have been so proud of the way they have conducted and applied themselves throughout the week - well done Year 6!

In Maths, we have continued to look at Fractions this week. Our primary focus has been on adding and subtracting mixed numbers. This required the children to understand equivalence and be able to convert between improper fractions and mixed numbers.

Our English work has centred around Olive and Cliff settling into life in Budmouth Point. The children wrote honest postcards from Olive's perspective, ensuring that their handwriting was immaculate. We have also started our new R.E. topic - Vocations and Commitment. This began by looking at the jobs Jesus had and moved on to looking at the roles priests play in our community. This gave us a better understanding of their roles and responsibilities, as well as an appreciation of the training and dedication required for the role.

What did Olive really think about the journey to Budmouth Point?