



St Stephen's RCP Weekly Newsletter
'A world class school for children that want to make the world a better place as God intended.'

Friday 4th November 2022

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

Welcome back to the first newsletter since our return to school following the mid-term break. I hope you enjoyed the break and spending some special time with your families. We have had a great start to the term with lots of exciting things happening around school - I am sure you will enjoy reading all about these in the class summaries later in the newsletter.

Early Years Outdoor Area

If you walk through the Early years area during pick up and drop off, you will notice some of the great improvements being made to the area. Children now have access to a wonderful new space for their mud kitchen.

A big thank you to Mr Allcock and Mr Whittle who have worked so hard to make this area very special for our children. Each morning before school, our hard working EYFS staff will be setting up the outdoor area with resources and activities. We kindly ask you to please monitor your children while waiting for the doors to open in the mornings and not use the equipment out. This will help us get off to a speedy start each morning. Thank you.

School Photographs

On Monday it is individual, and siblings, school photographs. If your child usually comes into school in their PE kit on Monday, we would advise that they come into school in their full school uniform for the day and not their PE kit. We ask that full school uniform is worn, including a school tie.

If you would like a sibling photograph with a child **not attending** St Stephen's, please email alicia.marsland@stsrcp.co.uk with the name/s and class of your child/children in school to enable us to have them ready for the photo. Please queue at the hall after drop off and we will accommodate this. Please bring an umbrella for the queue if it is raining as it will be one family at a time in the hall.

Enjoy your weekend,
Mr Lavin, Headteacher
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Our Values:
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CARES

Compassion



Ambition



Rejoice



Excellence



Service





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Dates for YOUR calendar

Date	Event
05/11/22	4DS Holy Communion
07/11/22	Whole School Geography Day
07/11/22	Individual Photo Day
10/11/22	Year 4/6 Mass
10/11/22	World Science Day
11/11/22	Remembrance Day

Dates for YOUR calendar

Date	Event
12/11/22	4HB Holy Communion
14/11/22	Odd Socks Day
14/11/22	Anti-Bullying/Road Safety Week
14/11/22	Maths Week
16/11/22	3CS/LH Class Assembly
16/11/22	Riddle of the Sphinx - Math Workshop
17/11/22	Year 3 / 5 Mass
20/11/22	PTA Makers Market
22/11/22	Height, Weight & Hearing for Reception & Yr 6
23/11/22	Height, Weight & Hearing for Reception 7 Year 6
23/11/22	2AL Class Assembly
24/11/22	Year 1/2 Mass

Please note that all Class Assemblies will take place in the school hall at 9:05am. Please note masses take place in Church at 10am and parents/carers/families are most welcome to join us.

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Dates for YOUR calendar

Date	Event
27/11/22	Advent Begins
30/11/22	St Andrew's Day
30/11/22	2LS Class Assembly
01/12/22	Yr 6 & Reception Special Friends Mass
01/12/22	Year 4 Retreat
02/12/22	Year 4 Retreat
06/12/22	Nursery Play at 10AM
07/12/22	Reception Nativity at 9:30AM
08/12/22	Christmas Jumper Day
08/12/22	Year 3/5 Mass
08/12/22	Reception Nativity at 9:30AM
08/12/22	Year 1 Carol Concert at 2:30PM
09/12/22	Year 2 Play at 9:30AM
09/12/22	Year 2 Play at 2:00PM

Dates for YOUR calendar

Date	Event
13/12/22	KS2 Carol Service at 2PM in Church
14/12/22	Party Day & Christmas Dinner
15/12/22	Year 1/2 Mass
20/12/22	Whole School Christmas Mass at 10AM
20/12/22	Finish for Christmas at 1:30PM
04/01/23	School Reopens

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Hot Chocolate Friday Winners



Nursery	Nancy Phoebe
RKF	Rose
RNE	Maisie
YISH	Oscar
YILB	Kaiden
Y2LS	Luna
Y2AL	Hollie
Y3DM	Patrick
Y3CSLH	Daisy
Y4DS	James
Y4HB	Cory
Y5LW	Harvey
Y5DW	Carter
Y6HG	Simona
Y6DF	Charlie

Readers of the Week



Nursery	Noah B
RKF	River
RNE	Ivy
YISH	Bruke
YILB	Annie
Y2LS	Tamunoboma
Y2AL	Elliott
Y3DM	Donaeo
Y3CSLH	Avaya
Y4DS	Anabelle
Y4HB	Freddie
Y5LW	Dolton
Y5DW	Santanna
Y6HG	Ruby
Y6DF	Beatrice

Handwriters of the week



Nursery	Lilly
RKF	Declan
RNE	Aaliyah
YISH	Milliane
YILB	Linen
Y2LS	Ebony
Y2AL	Kingston
Y3DM	Serenity
Y3CSLH	Lola
Y4DS	Harrison H
Y4HB	Lacey
Y5LW	Annalise
Y5DW	Hanna
Y6HG	Alfie
Y6DF	Olivia





Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	Harper
RKF	Amelia
RNE	Myla
Y1SH	Patrycja
Y1LB	Arabella
Y2LS	Millie
Y2AL	Emmanuella
Y3DM	Oscar
Y3CS/LH	Charlotte
Y4DS	Harrison R
Y4HB	Declan
Y5LW	Oscar
Y5DW	Teddy
Y6HG	Ronan
Y6DF	Louis

Sports Superstars

Nursery	Michael
RKF	Declan
RNE	Maisie
Y1SH	Sophie
Y1LB	Bella
Y2LS	Eliza-Rose
Y2AL	Ethan
Y3DM	Bobby
Y3CS/LH	Lola
Y4DS	Aoife
Y4HB	Farren
Y5LW	Keira
Y5DW	Teddy
Y6HG	Jayden L
Y6DF	Heidi

House Points

Blue
16,323 

 Red
13,856

Yellow
7474 

 Green
16,513

Totals So Far!

Blue 59,097
Green 53,553
Red 45,494
Yellow 61,899



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Attendance

Whole School	96.2%
Nursery AM	80.6%
Nursery Full Day	100%
RKF	94.7%
RNE	93.5%
Y1SH	95.8%
Y1LB	94.4%
Y2LS	97.8%
Y2AL	95.8%
Y3DM	93.8%
Y3CSLH	97.7%
Y4DS	100%
Y4HB	97.8%
Y5LW	97.9%
Y5DW	97.5%
Y6HG	98.8%
Y6DF	90.4%



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Attendance Challenge!

If you are in school everyday this Half term then your name will be entered into a draw for a **100%** very special prize!

100%

Good Luck!



St Stephen's Attendance League

St Stephen's Attendance League EYFS & KS1

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 1LB	15	5th: RKF	4
1st: NurFD	15	5th: RNE	4
2nd: 1SH	11	6th: 2AL	1
3rd: 2LS	9		
4th: NurAM	6		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y4HB	14	6th: Y3DM	4
2nd: Y5LW	12	7th: Y5ES	3
3rd: Y4DS	11	8th: Y3LH/cs	2
4th: Y6DF	7		
5th: Y6HG	6		

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Religious Education

Sacramental Programme

We are looking forward to our celebrating our two First Holy Communion Masses over the next two weeks. Please keep our children in your prayers.

Lord Jesus Christ, bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be the step toward a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.
Amen

In November we Remember

November is the month in which we pray for departed Holy Souls and celebrate Remembrance Sunday. In school the children will be developing a deeper understanding of why it is important to remember and pray for those who have died including those who have died in service of our country. In class, the children will have a book of remembrance and we will be praying together as a school community.

Mass Times

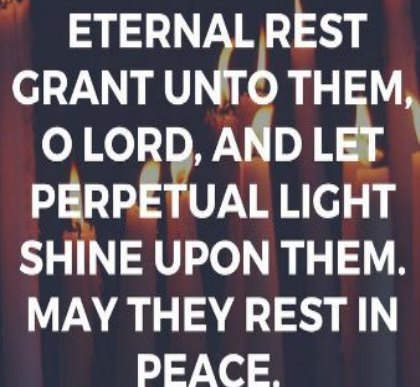
Our Parish Priest is Father B. Wilson.

For information regarding Baptism, please contact Father Wilson directly.

For information regarding Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, please contact Mrs Gibson:
hannah.gibson@stsrcp.co.uk

Mass Times:
Saturday Vigil : 5.30pm
Sunday: 10.30am

Prayer of the Week



ETERNAL REST
GRANT UNTO THEM,
O LORD, AND LET
PERPETUAL LIGHT
SHINE UPON THEM.
MAY THEY REST IN
PEACE.

AMEN

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Nursery

We have had a busy first week back at Nursery. Our new story is 'Wow, said the Owl' which we are already enjoying. We have drawn owls thinking about the body parts, using lines and circles. We have also collaged using feathers and leaves, and made owls using playdough. We explored the forest and listened for owls, then worked out why we would not be able to hear them during the daytime. We did hear and identify lots of other sounds, including other birds. We have also been talking about and comparing size this week, in Mathematics.

Reception

What a lovely first week back we have had in Reception. It has been wonderful seeing the children excited to learn. Thank you to the parents who attended our phonics workshop. It was great to see you all and we hope you found the time useful.

We have started our new theme, 'Magic!' which the children have really enjoyed. We have been following instructions to make a magic wand, mixing potions, writing potion lists and role playing in our potion shop! In Literacy we have been reading a poem called "10 things found in a wizard's pocket!" The poem has really captured the children's imaginations and they came up with their own magical and spooky ideas!

In Maths, we have been thinking about the words 'more' and 'less' and what they mean. We have been looking at quantities and comparing two amounts. Our teachers have been asking us how we know there is more or less. We have been practising our special STEM sentences to help us, for example, "8 is more than 4 and 4 is less than 8."

We have also enjoyed taking part in World War 1 week in school. We learnt about poppies and their importance at this time of year. We worked hard to create our own poppy pictures which will be displayed in our classroom.

Question: Can you remember 3 things the wizard found in his pocket?



Year 1

We have had a very exciting first week back in year one! As you may have heard, we were visited by an Evil Pea who destroyed our classroom. After his visit, we made wanted posters to try and catch him. Luckily, the posters worked and Evil Pea has gone into hiding. In maths this week, we continue our work on number bonds within 10, working systematically to find them all. We have started to apply our knowledge to addition problems and children are working hard to improve fluency. As part of World War One week, we discussed the animals used in the war, focussing on Stubby the dog. We read the story by Michael Foreman and produced writing about what Stubby would have seen, heard, smelt and felt during the war. We then produced some Stubby artwork using purple Poppies. In R.E, we have started our topic on 'Belonging', completing our check in activity to assess what we already know about Baptism. In Science, we have started to think about what animals do to prepare for winter. As always, the children have been working hard in continuous provision to complete all of their challenges.

Question: Can you find all of the number bonds to 10?

Year 2

We have had yet another busy week in Year 2 this week.

In English the children have been excellent detectives, making inferences from given items and making predictions about our new text, 'The Mystery of the Missing Cake'. The children have created some excellent written work using their precursive writing and have been working hard to extend their ideas.

In Maths, the children have been investigating different fact families within 20. We have been exploring the idea that addition number bonds can be commutative. We are thrilled with the children's use of vocabulary in their Maths lessons.

In History, we have now completed our Great Fire of London unit. The children have explored the question, 'What happened after the Great Fire of London?' and have produced some beautiful double page spreads.

On Tuesday, we attended a whole school mass. The children conducted themselves brilliantly as we celebrated the day of 'All Saints'.

Question: What happened after the Great Fire of London?

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Year 3

This week in Year 3 we have had a huge focus on the 'Christmas Truce' from WW1. We have watched videos, listened to recounted diaries and analysed different sources. Using this learning, we have created art work, written diary entries and answered comprehension questions to check our understanding.

In English, we have begun our new class book of 'The Dark'. Over the next few weeks we will be using this text to write in a variety of different forms.

In Maths we have looked at methods for exchanging and borrowing in column addition and subtraction. The children have worked extremely hard at firstly understanding the concept and then applying it to their problem solving.

In RE, this week has been our 'Judaism' week. We have looked at the different elements of a synagogue and also the daily roles and duties of a Rabbi.

In Science we have looked at the different soil types. The children worked really hard at understanding the different layers of soils and also the properties of different types of soil.

Question- There are 5 layers of soil...Can you name any of them?

Year 4

It was lovely to welcome the children back to school this week. Everyone was refreshed and ready to begin another term.

As we entered into the month of November, we dedicated some time this week to remembering those that fought for our country. As a school, we focused on events surrounding World War One. In Year Four, we learnt about the event that triggered the start of WW1 - the assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand. To begin with, the children were given a booklet of photographs and newspaper clippings from the time of the assassination. They used these to help them answer questions and find out what happened. The children really enjoyed being detectives! They were extremely interested in the story and couldn't believe it was true.

Following on from this, we wrote a diary entry from the point of view of the Archduke's bodyguard. Through his eyes, they re lived the day's events and described how he felt.

On Tuesday of this week, the whole school attended church to commemorate All Saint's Day. It was lovely to have the whole school together.

Question: How did Britain become involved in WW1?

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Year 5

All of the children have been working incredibly hard this week. On Monday, we held a Science day, where we completed our learning about Forces. We investigated the relationship between Mass, Weight and Gravity, conducted a fair test into the effects of air resistance on a range of differently-shaped objects and explored the use of pulleys, levers and gears in everyday life.

In Maths, we began our Multiplication and Division unit, identifying multiples and factors, as well as common multiples and factors. The children also used their knowledge of times tables to find the lowest common multiple (LCM) and highest common factor (HCF).

In English, we completed our final piece of writing for Shackleton's Journey, producing a balanced argument exploring whether the crew should remain at Patience Camp or use the life boats to sail to Elephant Island. The children used adverbials of time, modal verbs and causal conjunctions to structure their formal writing. Next week, we will be moving on to our new text - Room 13 by Robert Swindells.

To complete our work in History on the Maya, the children learned about Pok-Ta-Pok (one of the earliest ball games). They wrote instructions about how to play the game, including the rules and the religious significance of the game. The children also investigated a range of Maya artefacts, making inferences about their use, who would use them and justifying their opinions.

Question: Which parts of the body can not be used to pass the ball in Pok-Ta-Pok?

Year 6

What a great start to the term we have had! Today we were lucky enough to have Safety Squad in school teaching us about keeping safe online, anti social behaviour, first aid and fire hazards. The children behaved fantastically and engaged maturely and enthusiastically with all the activities.

We started our new text, Letters from the Lighthouse, in English this week. This is a text set during World War 2 and has focuses upon the evacuation of two children. In History, we explored what evacuation was and thought about how children felt when they were evacuated. We put ourselves in the shoes of these children and imagined we were being evacuated from our homes. We were allowed to choose 10 items to take with us- this was extremely challenging! We then created posters to persuade families to evacuate their children or to persuade families to take in evacuees. We also participated in a Now Press Play session to immerse ourselves into what life was like for children during World War 2. In Maths we have been focusing upon long multiplication and we have been multiplying 4 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers. The children have showed great determination and resilience whilst doing this- Well done Year 6!

Question: What items did children take with them when they were evacuated?

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THIS WEEK IN PICTURES



It's been another remarkable week!
Here are some photographs to show some wonderful learning experiences...



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