



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 18th November 2022

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

Another weekend has arrived! I hope this week has been a great one for you. We've had a jam packed week here at St Stephen's and there are lots of things to celebrate.

Odd Socks Day The week started off with children and staff taking part in the National 'Odd Socks Day'. It was a great day where everyone could celebrate their unique qualities.

Maths Week This week was also National Mathematics Week. Children have taken part in lots of activities throughout the week, celebrating all things Maths. Maths is one of our key priority areas for improvement this year, so it was wonderful to see the children so actively engaged in their work. On Wednesday it was our workshop day - the children had great fun. Thank you to Mr Fitch for organising the week,

Holy Communion Last Saturday the remaining Y4 and Y6 children received the Sacrament of the Eucharist, their First Holy Communion. It was a lovely celebration and I am so proud of the children. Year 3 children begin preparations for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist now. If you haven't expressed your wishes for your child to receive these Sacraments (Year 3 Parents) please contact Mrs Gibson.

Uniform Please remember school ties are part of the school uniform - these can be purchased via the school office. As the weather is changing, please ensure your child comes into school with a waterproof coat - they can also bring in a pair of space trainers to change into for lunch and playtimes if they wish.

Christmas Fair A reminder that it is our PTA and Parish Christmas Fair on Sunday 11am till 3pm. A lot of hard work and time has been given to make this a great success so do please spread the word and come along to support our School and Parish.

Have a great weekend, Mr Lavin, Headteacher

Our Values:
St Stephen's
CARES

Compassion



Ambition



Rejoice



Excellence



Service



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****Reception Places 2023/24****

Come and join teamststephens in September 2023. Applications for Reception places can be made through the Local Authority via:

https://admission.tameside.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

You have until 15th January 2023 to apply! Don't miss out on joining our fantastic school!

If you'd like to find out more about our school, please contact the school office to book in a tour with one of our Senior Leadership Team.

We will be holding an open evening soon - keep an eye out for updates!

We also have places in our current Reception and Year 1 classes!

Share far and wide - St Stephen's is the place to be!



Dates for YOUR calendar

Date	Event
20/11/22	PTA Makers Market
22/11/22	Height, Weight & Hearing for Reception & Yr 6
23/11/22	Height, Weight & Hearing for Reception & Year 6
23/11/22	2AL Class Assembly
24/11/22	Year 1/2 Mas CANCELLED

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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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 - Rec Mrs Finn's Parents
08/12/22	Christmas Jumper Day
08/12/22	Year 3/5 Mass
08/12/22	Reception Nativity at 9:30AM - Rec Mrs Eillison's Parents
08/12/22	Year 1 Carol Concert at 2:30PM
09/12/22	Year 2 Play at 9:30AM for Y2LS parents
09/12/22	Year 2 Play at 2:00PM for Y2AL parents

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

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.

Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 Christmas events will take place in the school hall

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Hot Chocolate Friday Winners



Nursery	James Freddie
RKF	Odin
RNE	Aaliyah
YISH	Harrison
YILB	Myley
Y2LS	Millie
Y2AL	Keane
Y3DM	India
Y3CSLH	Flynn
Y4DS	Chen
Y4HB	Orla
Y5LW	India
Y5DW	Cody
Y6HG	Edwin
Y6DF	Evie

Readers of the Week



Nursery	Evie R
RKF	Lin Xi
RNE	Poppy-Kay
YISH	Isla
YILB	Felix
Y2LS	Lydia
Y2AL	Alex
Y3DM	Daniel
Y3CSLH	Joe
Y4DS	Delilah
Y4HB	Lucie
Y5LW	Annalise
Y5DW	Hanna
Y6HG	Grace
Y6DF	Thomas

Handwriters of the week



Nursery	Chester
RKF	Poppy D
RNE	Luke
YISH	Thomas
YILB	Anastazja
Y2LS	Hudson
Y2AL	Elliott
Y3DM	Penelope
Y3CSLH	Mia-Bella
Y4DS	Ted
Y4HB	Alexis
Y5LW	Divine
Y5DW	Santanna
Y6HG	Elijah
Y6DF	Heidi





Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	Harper
RKF	Noah
RNE	Mary
Y1SH	Bruke
Y1LB	Evelyn
Y2LS	Bruce
Y2AL	Jeremiah
Y3DM	Freddie
Y3CS/LH	Charlie
Y4DS	Rocco
Y4HB	Beau
Y5LW	Ethan
Y5DW	Evan
Y6HG	Jessica
Y6DF	Willow

Sports Superstars

Nursery	Nancy
RKF	Amelia
RNE	Kendrick
Y1SH	Patrycia
Y1LB	Lexie
Y2LS	Saul
Y2AL	Keane
Y3DM	Penelope
Y3CS/LH	Poppy
Y4DS	Evie
Y4HB	Lucy
Y5LW	Blaize
Y5DW	Holly
Y6HG	Fletcher
Y6DF	Ashley

House Points

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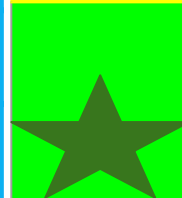
Red
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Yellow
2199



Green
5991



Totals So Far!

Blue 62,889
 Green 59,544
 Red 47,550
 Yellow 64,098



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Attendance

Whole School	94.9%
Nursery AM	55.6%
Nursery Full Day	85.4%
RKF	90.8%
RNE	94.5%
Y1SH	99.3%
Y1LB	97.2%
Y2LS	97%
Y2AL	94.9%
Y3DM	96%
Y3CS/LH	92.9%
Y4DS	99.1%
Y4HB	94%
Y5LW	97.6%
Y5DW	98%
Y6HG	96.3%
Y6DF	95%



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 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	19	6th: RKF	4
2nd: NurFD	15	6th: RNE	4
3rd: 1SH	14	7th: 2AL	1
4th: 2LS	1		
5th: NurAM	8		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y5LW	15	5th: Y3DM	5
2nd: Y4HB	14	6th: Y5DW	4
2nd: Y4DS	14	7th: Y3LH/cs	2
3rd: Y6DF	10		
4th: Y6HG	9		

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Religious Education

Christ the King

On Sunday, the Liturgical year will end as we celebrate Christ the King.

Jesus never wanted to be king of countries and armies. He wants to be the King of our hearts and our lives.

There are many references to Christ as King in the Bible: **'King of Kings and Lord of Lords' Revelation 19:16.**



Questions to ask at home?
How is Jesus like a King?
How is Jesus different to an earthly King?



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

Dear God,

Thank you for being the kind of King who doesn't want gold and power and treasure, but a King who wants our hearts and love. Thank you for being a King who wants to give everything that is good to His people, and to us, his children.

Thank you for having Christ the King go to the cross for each one of us, to wash away our sins.

And thank you for the home He is preparing for us in Heaven.

Amen.

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Nursery

This week in Nursery, we extended the story of Wow said the Owl. We all drew something else that we thought Owl would like to see during the daytime. The children used the repeated phrase from the book to include their own ideas. When at the allotment, we went on a colour search! With a friend, the children loved searching for plants, flowers, fruit and objects of different colours. They worked together and took turns to tick off on their clipboard. We also went on a hedgehog hunt in the forest. We thought about different places that nocturnal animals may go to sleep during the day. In Mathematics, we have continued to work on our careful counting skills, slowing down and touching each object as we count.

Reception

In Reception this week we have continued to read "Room on the Broom." We have focused on the structure of the story and can say what happens at the beginning, middle and the end. We have also started to use language to describe the characters. We are really enjoying delving deeper into the story. In maths we have been focusing on positional language. We have been putting out St Stephens bear in different places and describing where he is: "he is on the chair" "he is under the table."

We really enjoyed our "Riddle of the Sphinx" session on Wednesday. Dr Colorado Smith was so cool and we loved our time with him. We are really developing into great mathematicians!

Question: Where are the Pyramids?



Year 1

Another very busy week for Year 1! As part of Maths week, we took part in an exciting "Riddle of the Sphinx" workshop, where children applied different mathematical concepts and worked together to make different shapes out of their bodies. We continue with addition in our usual maths lessons using part-whole models, and have introduced the concept of subtraction. In English this week, we have been generating adjectives to describe the characters from our story 'Supertato', before putting them into sentences. Some children have been using 'and' to join two clauses. In our Geography topic, we have identified different types of weather and matched them to the correct symbols. In R.E, some children shared pictures of their own baptism with the class. We then discussed the rituals of baptism and matched these to the correct images. In Computing, we have used the shape and line tools to create a piece of artwork in the style of Piet Mondrian. For our Music lesson this week, we have started practicing songs for our carol service. The children continue to work hard to complete their weekly challenges- well done! Completed challenges have been sent home as usual.

Question- Ask your child about their challenges.

Year 2

We have had a great week this week in Year 2.

During Maths week, we have been continuing with our Mastery Maths sessions and the children have enjoyed finding generalisations surrounding odd and even numbers. We have also been looking closely at known number facts and working out other related facts we can find.

On Wednesday, the children thoroughly enjoyed the Riddle of the Sphinx workshop. Here we looked at multiplication, word problems and finding different possibilities. We are proud of how the children showed resilience during the task. They also explored different shapes and how to make them.

We have also been working through our levels on Numbots to help us with our fluency in Maths.

In Science, we have been continuing to look at how exercise impacts our bodies. We completed an experiment considering heart rate and different exercises.

In Music this week, we have started to learn some of the songs for our Christmas performance. Mrs Grantham has been working hard to teach us all the choreography to accompany the songs.

In RE, we have studied the sacrament of Baptism and explored different signs and symbols along with their meanings.

Question: How does exercise impact heart rate?

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Year 3

This week has been a fun filled maths week with a range of different activities. In class, we have now completed our addition and subtraction unit and moved onto our final autumn unit of multiplying and dividing. In our 'Riddle of the Sphinx' workshop, our focus was on time. The children had to solve time problems in class to complete our part of the riddle. The children have also spent a large amount of time on TT-Rockstars earning coins for our school.

In our Guided Reading this week, we have looked at texts linked to our English book 'The Dark'. We have read a short story named 'Smoot' and also a poem called 'The Shadow'. The children have really enjoyed responding to the questions.

In Science we have looked at the muscles and joints in our bodies and how they work. We then moved onto working on how our body uses nutrients to keep us healthy.

In Geography this week we have analysed the different layers of our planet.

Question- What are the 4 layers on planet Earth?

Year 4

Another varied and exciting week in Year 4. Maths Week saw Year 4 looking at shape and perimeter. In our workshop for 'The Riddle of the Sphinx', the children had to make a range of perfect 2D shapes with cones. Team work was of vital importance and the children did a great job of supporting one another. In class, they had to choose the right path to take to prevent the Doctor falling into the Snake Pit. This was a tricky problem as they had to work out the perimeters of three paths. The children worked hard and found the correct answers.

This week we have begun our new English unit which is based on the book 'A Christmas Carol.' We have looked a little at the background of the story and talked about the contrasts in society which were so evident at that time. We looked at an extract from the original work to get a clear picture of the character of Scrooge.

In Art the children were excited to begin their creation of an Egyptian Death Mask. We have looked carefully at the death mask of Tutankhamun and are recreating that design using papier mache.

Question: What other stories did Charles Dickens write?

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Year 5

Maths Week has been amazing! The children have participated in Maths challenges all week, showing enthusiasm, interest and resilience. On Monday, we were challenged to solve a range of mathematical problems in our webinar.

To solve the 'Riddle of the Sphinx' on Wednesday, we used formulae to convert imperial measurements to metric in our workshop with Dr Colarado Smith, as well as exploring regular polygons.

In class, we explored spirals in nature. We learnt about concentric circles, as well as the circumference, diameter and radius of a circle. We then investigated Archimedean, Baravelle and Fibonacci spirals, using spirals in our artwork.

Throughout the week, we have continued our novel 'Room 13' in English. We used images of Whitby Abbey to write simple, compound and complex sentences. We also learned about the features of emails and explored the 'pros' and 'cons' of using emails to communicate.

To top off the week, 5LW won the 'England Rocks' Class Challenge on TTRS, whilst Eddie Turner won the individual challenge. We can't wait to enjoy our prize!

Question - In what year did we start using metric measurements in the UK?

Year 6

Wow! We have absolutely loved Maths Week in Year 6. We've been lucky enough to participate in a range of mathematical activities and experiences. We began the week with an engaging webinar where we had to solve a range of mathematical problems in groups. On Wednesday, we solved the 'Riddle of the Sphinx' in a workshop where we learnt about shape and measure with a focus on volume. Yesterday, we participated in a Now Press Play experienced in which we had to use mental maths skills to solve a mystery. We have even explored how Maths can be used to create art by using multiplication and line knowledge. It has been a great week!

In Guided Reading we continued our mathematical theme and read two biographical texts about Alan Turing and Katherine Johnson. We discussed the prejudice both mathematicians faced and their amazing achievements in relation to mathematics.

We have continued reading Letters from the Lighthouse in English this week. We have been using evidence from the text to answer questions about the characters and we have started looking at how dialogue can be used to move a story forwards.

Question: How would you solve the volume of a cube or a cuboid?

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Pupil Voice Maths Week 2022

I really liked solving the Egyptian Mummy project as it was a fun way of doing Maths in a game.
Scarlett Year 6

I have enjoyed problem solving this week. I liked drawing the hieroglyphics!
Olivia Year 5

I have enjoyed practising number bonds to 10 on numbots!
Elliot Year 2

I liked going online and listening to the questions with my group.
Daisy Year 5

I loved the Riddle of the Sphinx!
Harrison Year 1

I personally thought that Maths week was engaging as the whole school did it. It was inspiring as it helped the children to understand how problems were solved.
Willow Year 6

I thought the art was peaceful and it was a fun way of doing Maths
Grace Year 6

I loved the Mummy bit!
India Reception

I really liked the assembly and the games!
Lucie Year 4

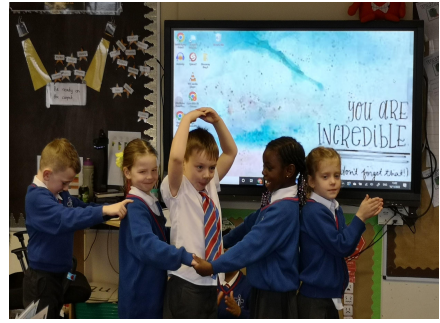
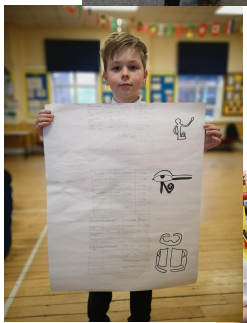
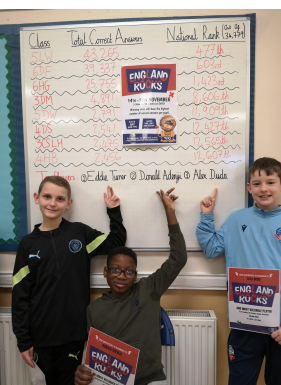
I liked playing on TTRS!
Great Year 3



THIS WEEK IN PICTURES



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



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