



St Stephen's RCP Weekly Newsletter

'Every child, every chance, every day!'

Friday 5th September 2025

BE READY | BE RESPECTFUL | BE SAFE |

A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

Firstly, a huge welcome back to everyone. I hope the summer holidays were enjoyable and that you had a great time with your families. A big welcome to all our new Reception and Nursery children who have joined us this week - I've loved watching them exploring their new playground! I am sure you are going to achieve great things here at St Stephen's. We have had a lot of new children join us in various year groups - you are all so welcome to our school family and I am sure you will all settle in quickly.

Thank you for your patience and understanding with the change of classrooms and the ongoing building work. The updates made so far are fantastic and we all look forward to the work at the top end of the school being completed by Christmas (hopefully).

We celebrated a wonderful whole school mass this morning - I was so proud of how well the children behaved and they sang so beautifully. Class masses are detailed on the calendar.

School Uniform

It has been great to see the children so smart in their new school uniforms and school PE kits this week. A reminder that hair below shoulder length needs to be tied back - this is for health and safety reasons. A polite reminder the PE hoodies should not be worn on school uniform days in replace of a school jumper. This hoodie is just for PE days and does not replace our traditional V Neck school jumper. Also, a reminder that you can purchase our School Tie from the School Office. Years 1 to 6 should be wearing a school tie when wearing a shirt.

This week we looked again at our School Values with children in Assembly. They have also taken part in different activities throughout the week to fully embrace them.

St Stephen's CARES

C ompassion	Be compassionate in all of our actions
A mbition	Be ambitious - better ourselves and others
R ejoice	Be rejoiceful - celebrate the Good News
E xcellence	Be excellent in everything we do - work hard
S ervice	Be a steward of the Lord - a service to others

Our Values:
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The St Stephen's Way!

We have also spent a lot of time reminding the children about the St Stephen's Way: **Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Safe** - essentially, our School Rules. Children were able to reflect on what these mean and how they can show them each and every day here at St Stephen's.

The children are fully aware of what it means to be apart of #teamststephens and we are very excited about the year ahead! Children will be placed on their class 'Recognition Board' for demonstrating our values. Each day, we focus on a different value, as outlined below:

RECOGNITION BOARDS

MONDAY	Compassion
TUESDAY	Ambition
WEDNESDAY	Rejoice
THURSDAY	Excellence
FRIDAY	Service



Meet the Teacher

On **Wednesday 17th September** shortly after pickup, there will be an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher.

As in previous years, this is an opportunity for teachers to provide you with some key information about the year ahead, including what the children will be learning and experiencing. It will only be a short meeting so please do not worry if you cannot attend.

For parents in Year 1, Year 4 and Year 6, this will provide you with lots of information about the national assessments your child will take in the summer term.

All the information given will be provided via email and you will receive the usual Curriculum Newsletter. Some of the meetings will be held as a year group, rather than individual classes. We will share the locations nearer the time.

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Communication - We always want to make sure that we have the best methods of communication with parents/carers and I understand that sometimes communication can cause frustration. We always try to do our very best here at school!

Email through our Arbor system and class dojo are our main methods of communication. Please do make sure you have access to the Arbor App and class dojo on your phone. The Arbor app is great as you can see live attendance figures, you can also update your personal records too. Please contact the office if you need support in gaining access to it.

You may have, or will be soon, receiving an invitation to set up 'Class Dojo' where you can communicate with your child's class teacher. This is for everyday notices and messages. Please do be mindful of sending messages in the evening and at the weekend. We will continue to send messages/show updates via our school website and Facebook page - I know you love seeing all of the wonderful things happening at school so please do follow the Facebook group if you can.

As always, we are here to help and support you in any way we can. Talking to the right person in school is important. If you have any general questions or concerns, your first point of contact should always be your child's class teacher, followed by a member of the leadership team before they come to myself.

Key points of contact/roles are as follows:

Mrs Ellison	Early Years Leader (Reception and Nursery)
Mrs Williams	Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for Years 1 and 2
Mrs Gibson	Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Miss Dempsey	Deputy Headteacher / SEND Leader

You will find the calendar dates for the term on the next few pages.

Have a brilliant weekend everyone and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning!

Mr Lavin, Headteacher

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PE Days 2025/26

Autumn Term 1 (Wed 3rd September to Fri 24th October)

Please see below for PE Days for **Autumn Term 1**.

A reminder that children can come into school wearing their school PE kit on these days.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 3 MD Year 6	Year 1 Year 4 Year 5	Reception Year 3 Year 5LS	Year 1 Year 2 Year 4 Year 5CP	Nursery Year 2 Year 6
Year 3LH will attend swimming lesson on Friday afternoon until Christmas, then Y3MD will attend until Easter. (parents will receive further information regarding this).				



**'Fueling World-Class Wellness:
Thriving in Body and Mind through PE'**



COMPASSION



AMBITION



REJOICE



EXCELLENCE

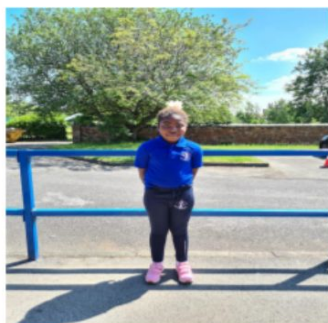


SERVICE

Uniform Guidance for PE

There are two ways to order this fantastic kit:

1. Order the whole bundle directly through school (we cannot order individual items). You will need a document called 'PE Kit Order'. Simply fill the form in and email it back to admin@stsrcp.co.uk with your details and sizes. Then, on Parent Pay, you will see an item listed 'PE Kit Bundle'. Pay your £28.00 and school will distribute the kit when it is delivered.
2. Alternatively, order directly from <https://topmarksschoolwear.co.uk/> - prices are a little more expensive, however you can order individual items. (if you are unsure of sizes, you can always visit Top Marks School Wear in Ashton)
3. School branded kits are optional, you can purchase them unbranded from elsewhere





Friday 5th September 2025

Dates for your calendar - Autumn 1

Week Beginning 8th September 2025

Date	Event
12.09.25	Year 4 and 5 Mass 10am

Week Beginning 15th September 2025

Date	Event
17.09.25	Meet The Teacher 3:25pm
19.09.25	Year 1,2,3 Mass 10am

Week Beginning 22nd September 2025

Date	Event
25.09.25	6GB Class Assembly
26.09.25	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9am School Hall Reception and Year 6 Mass European Languages Day - Spanish Theme Dress Up

Week Beginning 29th September 2025

Date	Event
30.09.25	Y5LS Retreat in school
01.10.25	Y5CP Retreat in school
02.10.25	Y6DF Class Assembly
03.10.25	Year 4 and 5 Mass t 10am

Week Beginning 6th October 2025

Date	Event
09.10.25	5LS Class Assembly 9:05am
10.10.25	Year 1, 2 and 3 Mass 10am

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



Dates for your calendar - Autumn 1

Week Beginning 13th October 2025

Date	Event
13.10.25	6GB Stay and Pray
14.10.25	6DF Stay and Pray
16.10.25	5CP Class Assembly 9:05am
17.10.25	Reception and Year 6 Mass

Week Beginning 20th October 2025

Date	Event
20.10.25	Y4HG Stay and Pray
22.10.25	Y4HB Stay and Pray
23.10.25	Parents Evening
24.10.25	Whole School Mass 10am Fire Safety Day/Afternoon Half Term Begins

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Class Assemblies will take place in this school hall at 9:05am.

'Stay and Pray' sessions will happen in classrooms and class teachers will send you information directly.