



## St Stephen's RCP Weekly Newsletter

*'Every child, every chance, every day!'*

Friday 10th October 2025

**BE READY | BE RESPECTFUL | BE SAFE |**

### A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

This week has been a very busy at school! It has been great to see our children take part in the Holy Rosary - I know how much children love this peaceful and prayerful time together. We have bought each child their own rosary beads and they received them today. These are to be kept in school during the week so children can pray in their classes but they can bring them home on a Friday (please return them on a Monday). It would be lovely for you to pray a decade of the rosary together. Please share any pictures of your family praying the rosary together and send them to your child's class teacher on dojo. You can find youtube videos from Mark 10 Mission to support praying the rosary at home by [clicking here](#).

**Hello Yellow** - Thank you for supporting Hello Yellow Day today! The children looked great in yellow and enjoyed activities throughout the day focusing on their mental health and well-being. Your donations will help lots of people!

**Harvest Collection** - Thank you for your donations this week for our Harvest collection. This really does demonstrate our school value of 'service'. Next week we will collect tins, pasta, rice etc.

**Stay and Pray** - We have two Stay and Pray sessions coming up for parents next week, on Monday it is Y6GB and Tuesday Y6DF. These are short sessions where you can join in your child's 'celebration of the word'. Please wait outside your child's classroom door and you will be invited in when the children are ready. Please do try and join us if you can.

**School Dinners** - If you pre-order your child's meal at home, please can you talk through the menu with them. We are seeing an increasing number of children not wanting the food that has been ordered for them. This makes it difficult for the kitchen staff to accommodate changes on the day. Please do make every effort to pre order meals at home. Thank you for your support.

**Parent's Evening** - On Thursday 23rd October we will be holding our Autumn Term Parent's Evening. Early next week you will receive a booking form to select a time slot for your child. This is a great opportunity for you to find out about how your child is settling into their new classroom and receive their targets for improvement.

**School Places** - We still have a number of places available across our school so if you know anyone who is looking for a new school, encourage them to book a tour and come and join our school family.

Have a lovely weekend with your families, **Mr Lavin, Headteacher**

**Our Values:**  
**St Stephen's**  
**CARES**

**Compassion**



**Ambition**



**Rejoice**



**Excellence**



**Service**



**#TEAMSTSTEPHENS**

**Mission Statement**

*'Love one another, as I have loved you.'* John 13:34

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# HARVEST COLLECTION

During this Harvest season, we are asking our school community to come together to collect for Cornerstones.

Items collected will be donated to the Cornerstones Centre where support is provided for those who are homeless.

We are asking for donations of the following items on the following weeks:

Tea, Coffee, Sugar - Week beginning 6th October

Tins, Pasta, Rice - Week beginning 13th October

Toiletries - Week beginning 20th October

Thank you for supporting our mission to  
'love one another as I have loved you'

*Compassion - Ambition- Rejoice-  
Excellence- Service*





## Dates for your calendar - Autumn 1

### Week Beginning 13th October 2025

| Date            | Event                     |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| <b>13.10.25</b> | 6GB Stay and Pray         |
| <b>14.10.25</b> | 6DF Stay and Pray         |
| <b>16.10.25</b> | 5CP Class Assembly 9:05am |
| <b>17.10.25</b> | Reception and Year 6 Mass |

### Week Beginning 20th October 2025

| Date            | Event                                                                   |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>22.10.25</b> | Y4HB Stay and Pray                                                      |
| <b>23.10.25</b> | Parents Evening                                                         |
| <b>24.10.25</b> | Whole School Mass 10am<br>Fire Safety Day/Afternoon<br>Half Term Begins |





## Hot Chocolate Friday Winner



|                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| <b>Nursery</b> | Millie & Alby |
| <b>RNE</b>     | Olivia        |
| <b>RAB</b>     | Cameron       |
| <b>Y1AL</b>    | Lilianna      |
| <b>Y1LB</b>    | Romie         |
| <b>Y2JL</b>    | Ava           |
| <b>Y2LW</b>    | Jaxon         |
| <b>Y3MD</b>    | Louie         |
| <b>Y3LH</b>    | Rahilla       |
| <b>Y4HG</b>    | Anastazja     |
| <b>Y4HB</b>    | Mahan         |
| <b>Y5CP</b>    | Connor        |
| <b>Y5LS</b>    | Elliott       |
| <b>Y6GB</b>    | Layla B       |
| <b>Y6DF</b>    | India         |

## Readers of the Week



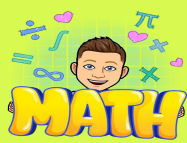
|                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| <b>Nursery</b> | Chance & Rory |
| <b>RNE</b>     | Penelope      |
| <b>RAB</b>     | Pixie         |
| <b>Y1AL</b>    | Alyssa        |
| <b>Y1LB</b>    | Julianna      |
| <b>Y2JL</b>    | Aurora        |
| <b>Y2LW</b>    | Noah          |
| <b>Y3MD</b>    | Ronnie        |
| <b>Y3LH</b>    | Evie-Rose     |
| <b>Y4HG</b>    | Henry         |
| <b>Y4HB</b>    | Milliane      |
| <b>Y5CP</b>    | Hudson        |
| <b>Y5LS</b>    | Harrison      |
| <b>Y6GB</b>    | FiyinfoLuwa   |
| <b>Y6DF</b>    | Isla          |

**1% BETTER**





## Maths Star



|                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Nursery</b> | Damien         |
| <b>RNE</b>     | Caitlyn        |
| <b>RAB</b>     | Tommy          |
| <b>Y1AL</b>    | Dustie         |
| <b>Y1LB</b>    | Hawraa         |
| <b>Y2JL</b>    | Tilly          |
| <b>Y2LW</b>    | Michael        |
| <b>Y3MD</b>    | Lin Xi         |
| <b>Y3LH</b>    | Gabriella-Rose |
| <b>Y4HG</b>    | Linen          |
| <b>Y4HB</b>    | Thomas F       |
| <b>Y5CP</b>    | Thomas         |
| <b>Y5LS</b>    | Roman          |
| <b>Y6GB</b>    | Avaya          |
| <b>Y6DF</b>    | Noah R         |

## Writing Star



|                |            |
|----------------|------------|
| <b>Nursery</b> | Leah-Rose  |
| <b>RNE</b>     | Betsy      |
| <b>RAB</b>     | Thomas     |
| <b>Y1AL</b>    | Chester    |
| <b>Y1LB</b>    | Axel-James |
| <b>Y2JL</b>    | Harriet    |
| <b>Y2LW</b>    | Peyton     |
| <b>Y3MD</b>    | Harper     |
| <b>Y3LH</b>    | Ivy        |
| <b>Y4HG</b>    | Parker     |
| <b>Y4HB</b>    | Sophie     |
| <b>Y5CP</b>    | Kacper     |
| <b>Y5LS</b>    | Emmanuella |
| <b>Y6GB</b>    | Mia Bella  |
| <b>Y6DF</b>    | Bobby      |

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## Attendance League

|      |       |      |       |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| NAM  | 67.9% | Y3LH | 94%   |
| NPM  | 90.4% | Y3MD | 91.5% |
| RNE  | 93.8% | Y4HG | 99%   |
| RAB  | 83%   | Y4HB | 91.5% |
| Y1AL | 98.1% | Y5LS | 93.3% |
| Y1LB | 97.2% | Y5CP | 96.7% |
| Y2JL | 94.2% | Y6GB | 94%   |
| Y2LW | 95.4% | Y6DF | 98.7% |

| St Stephen's Attendance League KS2 |              |          |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| Position                           | Total Points | Position | Total Points |
| 1st: 4HG                           | 9            | 6th: 6GB | 1            |
| 2nd: 6DF                           | 8            | 6th: 4HB | 1            |
| 3rd: 3MD                           | 5            | 7th: 5LS | 0            |
| 4th: 5CP                           | 4            |          |              |
| 5th: 3LH                           | 2            |          |              |

| St Stephen's Attendance League EY and KS1 |              |          |              |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| Position                                  | Total Points | Position | Total Points |
| 1st: 1AL                                  | 9            | 6th: 2LW | 2            |
| 2nd: 1LB                                  | 8            | 7th: NPM | 1            |
| 3rd: RAB                                  | 5            | 8th: 2JL | 0            |
| 4th: NAM                                  | 4            |          |              |
| 5th: RNE                                  | 3            |          |              |



## Religious Education

### GIFT Team Training

On Tuesday, our CARES team (GIFT team and pupil leadership team) went to St John Fisher Primary School to attending training that will help them deliver prayer across school. The children participated in a beautiful celebration of the Word, learnt about St Martin, prayed with art and started to consider an action plan for the year ahead. The children were incredible representatives of our school and we are extremely proud of them!



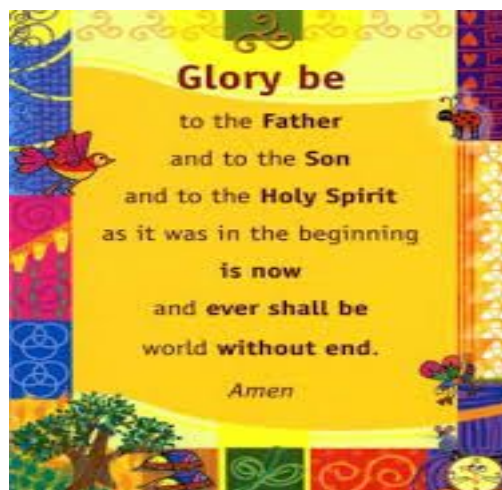
### Caritas Award

This week, we have awarded the Caritas award to Godwin, Y6, for his excellent participation in the GIFT team training. He offered thoughtful and reflective ideas and was a wonderful St Martin!



### Prayer of the Week

The children have been saying the Glory Be daily as part of the Rosary Challenge. This is powerful prayer of praise to the Holy Trinity.





Dear Parents and Carers,

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us how we can live happier lives by giving God what is due to him. But what is due to God in our own lives? Surely our thankfulness would be a good answer to this question.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read about the Samaritan who thanked Jesus. For us too, there are many blessings in life for which we can be thankful and it's always worth giving thanks to God.

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

Being thankful to God puts us in the right frame of mind. It is good for our well-being and helps us to be happy in life.

Enjoy a special *Family Time* together, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **THANKFULNESS**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



**A Word from  
the Saints**

*"In all things recognise the care and wisdom of God, and give God thanks." St Teresa of Avila*

## THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025**



On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, "Jesus! Master! Take pity on us." When he saw them he said, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." Now, as they were going away, they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, "Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner." And he said to the man, "Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you."

Adapted from Luke 17:11-19  
The 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful.  
Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your  
local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.

**2025: The Jubilee Year of Hope!**

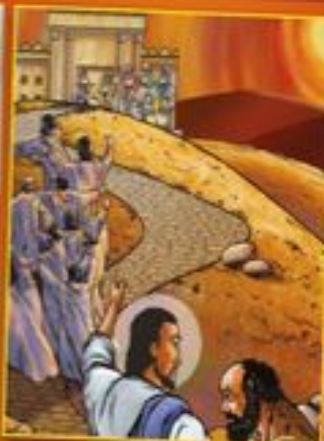
**Having Hope**  
in our **Families**

Thankfulness strengthens our relationship with God and with each other. This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that making the right response to God's kindness, with praise and thankfulness, brings great joy into 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!

On his way to Jerusalem, Jesus went into a village. Ten men with leprosy, a terrible skin disease, stood a long way off. They shouted, "Jesus! Master! Take pity on us." Jesus said, "Go and show yourselves to the priests as the Law teaches us." As they went on their way they were all healed. But only one of the ten, a Samaritan, turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. Jesus said to the man, "Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you."

**How many lepers returned to say thank you?**

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...

"Be thankful for the smallest blessings, and you will deserve to receive greater blessings." Thomas à Kempis

Ask your child what the word 'thankfulness' means to them. You may want to help your child understand what the word 'thankfulness' means to you. Can your child remember a time when they felt really thankful to someone? How did they show their thanks to that person? Each of you name one or two things that (as well as your family) you are most thankful to God for.

Remembering to say 'thank you' to God regularly throughout the day helps love to grow in our hearts. Who else will you remember to thank this week? Perhaps a parent or carer, a family member, a teacher or a friend. How will you do this—perhaps with a hug, kind words, a thank-you note, a prayer, a gift, or by offering them your help? Even a small act of kindness can mean a lot.

## THANKFULNESS



## 3 Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for blessing us in so many ways. Help us to be always thankful to you and to show our thankfulness by loving those around us. Amen.

### FINDING THREE

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| S | U | H | D | S | U | S | E | J | H | N |
| T | D | E | K | N | A | H | T | L | D | E |

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | HEALED   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | RETURNED | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | THANKED  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | JESUS    | <input type="checkbox"/> |

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

Cross out the letters **u b m** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

**bamfu tuhrebmw thumankbed febemfu**

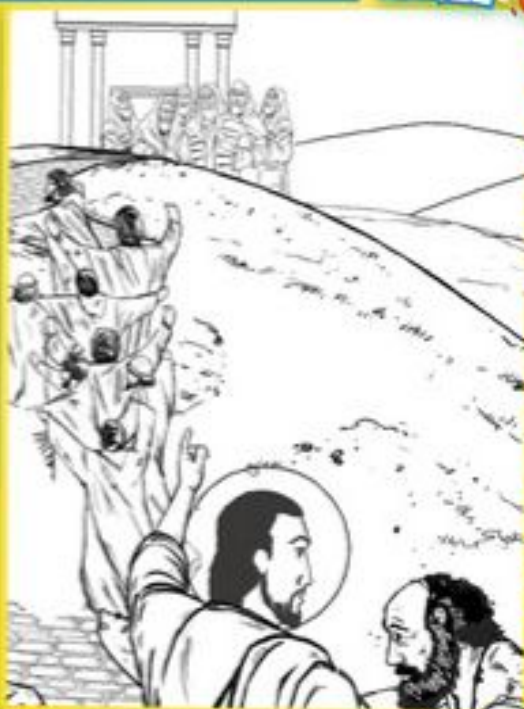
"The Samaritan \_\_\_\_\_ himself \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus and \_\_\_\_\_ him."



It is always good for us to be thankful to God for the blessings of his love, for our lives, our talents, our families, our school and for the love of those around us.

This week I will try my best to...

Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley





## Nursery

This week in Nursery we have enjoyed singing our rhyme of the week 'Humpty Dumpty' we have loved creating actions for this rhyme, listening to different sounds from the rhyme and clapping syllables of words in the rhyme.

We are also working hard to listen to the initial sound in our own names.

Our Maths focus this week has been matching.

We have made comparisons between objects using size, colour and shape.

We have also enjoyed singing our Math's focus song '5 Little Speckled Frogs.'

On Wednesday we took part in our weekly Story makers session with Tameside Library, we enjoyed dancing, listening to a story and taking part in a dough disco! In our weekly Celebration of the Word session this week, we continued to look at the special items on our class altar.

We know that a bible is a Special book with stories of Jesus in it. We enjoyed singing our special songs 'Magic Penny' and 'If I were a Butterfly'.

We are working very hard to learn our morning and dinnertime prayers.

*Question- Can you clap the syllables of your own name?*

## Reception

What a bright and bubbly week we've had in Reception! The classroom has been filled with smiles and sunshine as we celebrated Yellow Day — thank you to everyone for dressing up so brilliantly in yellow!

In celebration of the word this week we talked about the importance of saying "thank you" and when we can use kind words to show appreciation, linking this to our school value of respect. In Literacy, we continued enjoying our class book *My Grandpa*, thinking about the special relationship between grandparents and grandchildren. The children are doing a fantastic job recalling parts of the story and talking about their favourite moments. A big thank you to everyone who sent in those lovely family photos for our next RE lesson — they will look wonderful in our classroom photo album.

In Phonics, we learned our new sounds h, b, f, and l, and the children are becoming much more confident at blending and spotting these sounds in words. In Maths, we explored repeated patterns and learned new vocabulary such as *repeat*, *next*, and *continue*. The children even took their learning outside to hunt for real-life patterns in the playground! It's been a week full of fun, learning, and bright yellow happiness — we're so proud of how enthusiastic and curious the children have been.

*Be Ready. Be Respectful. Be Safe*



## Year One

It's been another jam-packed week in Year 1!

Our highlight of the week was our walk to Droylsden Library on Tuesday. The children enjoyed looking at the books, and they received compliments from the librarian about their excellent behaviour.

In R.E we have been learning Pope Francis' message of Laudato Si. We have created pledges about how we can look after our common home, the earth.

In English, we have continued to write our 'I like it when' sentences with increased independence.

In Maths, we have been looking at fact families and number bonds within 10.

In History, we learnt about who Queen Victoria was and completed a quiz about her.

With Mrs Nourine in Science, the children participated in a food tasting activity whilst learning about senses.

We ended the week with a beautiful Mass and Hello Yellow day!

**Question: How can we look after our common home?**

## Year Two

Yet another busy week in Year 2!

In Maths, we estimated on a numberline before comparing and ordering objects and numbers. We also counted in 2s, 5s and 10s, exploring and identifying patterns and making generalisations.

In English this week, we planned and wrote recipe poems for the Young Writers' competition. Those selected will be published in the next book. As part of our grammar work, we wrote dictated sentences, ensuring they were punctuated correctly and included the spellings we have practised in Phonics. The children also punctuated paragraphs, identifying simple sentences and adding capital letters and full stops.

RE this week has focused on stewardship. The children wrote poems about God's creation and identified actions which can help and harm the Earth, before pledging to be stewards for God's creation.

Finally, we enjoyed a fun-filled and enriching trip to Droylsden Library. The children learnt about all the different areas of the library, explored different authors and genres of books and selected books of their own to take home. It has been particularly rewarding to hear that many children have already planned their next visit to the library with their family.

**Question: How can we be stewards for God's creation?**

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## Year Three

This week in Maths, we began a new unit of learning addition and subtraction. We added ones and tens to hundreds using tens frame and place value charts to support our answers.

In English this week, we have been focusing on single clause sentences. Children identified the subject and the verb in several sentences. They also completed a task using the correct punctuation in each sentence.

For RE this week, we have explained what it means to be made in the image and likeness of God. Children discussed how we are all in God's image but we are all unique. Children displayed ways of showing God's image, some of our examples were by using kind words and showing love to our family.

3LH enjoyed a trip to Droylsden Library and both classes took part in a poetry in motion workshop from a theatre company. The children thoroughly enjoyed hearing familiar poems being performed.

**Question: How did the stone age people survive?**

## Year Four

This week has flown by. The children have worked very hard. Perhaps the highlight was the 'Poetry in Motion' performance which we enjoyed on Wednesday. It was great to see so many well-known poems performed in a fun and engaging way.

In History this week we began to look at the lives of Cleopatra and Tutankhamun, thinking about why they are such significant historical figures. In RE, we looked at a canticle written by St Francis of Assisi which we compared to the story of God's Creation.

In Maths we have begun to look at adding and subtracting 3 digit numbers, initially without exchanges. In one of our PE sessions we have been exploring movement linked to an Egyptian theme. The children did a great job of inventing poses to match Egyptian vocabulary.

**Question: Why did St Francis call the moon his sister?**



## Year Five

Another fantastic week for Year 5!

In Maths the children have started their next block of work on Addition and Subtraction. They are currently revisiting the column method and securing their knowledge of exchanges. In English the children have been forming their own compound sentences based on their knowledge of the ancient Maya. In History we learnt about the Mayan game of Pok-ta-Pok and the myths and facts surrounding it. We looked to see if there were any similarities to any of the sports we play today, and found out they still play Pok-ta-Pok and even have a World Championship.

The children also had a special visit from 'Poetry in Motion' and enjoyed hearing a mix of old and new poems.

**When did the Mayans first start to play Pok-ta-Pok?**

## Year Six

Year Six have continued to work incredibly hard this week in all areas of the curriculum! In Maths, we have been looking at division and how we interpret and display remainders. This has been through using the short division method, with next week being the start of our recap on long division! The children particularly loved the challenge presented in their "Pathways" activity on Thursday.

In English, we have been looking at compound and complex sentences, including the use of conjunctions to extend and uplevel our writing. This will allow us to produce more engaging pieces of writing with varied sentence types throughout.

In R.E., we focused on the Ten Commandments. Firstly, this involved interpreting what they actually mean. We then moved on to rewording them so that the meaning remained in place but they were worded more positively in line with our school rules.

We also started our World War Two unit in History, exploring the reasons that the war started and how Adolf Hitler came to power. The children have produced some excellent letters from the perspective of German citizens.

**Question: Which event made Britain and France declare war on Germany in 1939?**