



St Stephen's RCP Weekly Newsletter

'Every child, every chance, every day!'

Friday 24th October 2025

BE READY | BE RESPECTFUL | BE SAFE |

A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

WOW! I cannot quite believe we have come to the end of the Autumn 1 Term, and what a term it has been!

The building work is progressing well and everything is on track to be completed at the end of December.

Our youngest children have settled in so well to our school routines and we all cannot wait to see them flourish over the terms to come. All children continue to work super hard and I am proud of their achievements so far this year.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support and to thank the staff of St Stephen's for their continued hard work in providing the very best for your children.

Parent's Evening - I hope you found this week's Parent's Evening useful and that you are clear about how well your child is doing, and their areas for development. If you were unable to attend, please contact your child's class teacher who will be more than happy to arrange a meeting.

Class Assembly/Stay and Pray Sessions - Thank you parents/carers for attending our class assemblies and Stay and Pray sessions this term. It lovely to share these special moments together. Next terms assemblies/ stay and prays are in the calendar on the next page.

Calendar Dates - On the next page, you will find all calendar dates for the Autumn 2 Term, including all Christmas events. Any further dates that are added will be highlighted in a different colour.

Individual Photographs - On Monday 3rd November (the day we return after the mid-term break), children will have their school photograph taken.

If your child has PE that day, please send their kit in with them separately and they can get changed in the classroom. Please ensure children are in full school uniform, including a tie for Years 1-6. We will have spare uniform on hand if anything is forgotten.

If you would like a sibling picture with a child who does not attend our school, please bring your children to the hall at 8:30am.

And for now, it is time for a well deserved rest for us all.

I hope you have a wonderful break with your families, and we look forward to welcoming all children back to school on Monday 3rd November 2025.

Take care,
Mr Lavin, Headteacher

Our Values: St Stephen's CARES

Compassion



Ambition



Rejoice



Excellence



Service



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Mission Statement

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

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Dates for your calendar - Autumn 2

Week Beginning 3rd November 2025

Date	Event
03.11.25	Return to school
03.11.25	Individual School Photographs
07.11.25	Whole School Mass @ 10am

Week Beginning 10th November 2025

Date	Event
10.11.25	EYFS Open Morning for prospective new parents for Nursery and Reception 2026
11.11.25	Y3 Sacramental Programme Parent Meeting @ 3:30pm Y3LH Classroom
12.11.25	Whole School Celebration of Word Event with Mark 10 Mission
13.11.25	Y4HG Class Assembly @ 9:05am School Hall
14.11.25	Y1, 2 and 3 Mass at 10am
14.11.25	Own Clothes Day in return for a bottle for the Christmas Fair

Week Beginning 17th November 2025

Date	Event
17.11.25	Y4HG Stay and Pray
20.11.25	Y4HB Class Assembly @ 9:05am School Hall
21.11.25	Y4 and 5 Mass at 10am
23.11.25	Y3 Sacramental Mass @ 10:30
23.11.25	Christmas Fair

Week Beginning 24th November 2025

Date	Event
24.11.25	Y5LS Stay and Pray
24.11.25	EYFS Open Evening for prospective new parents for Nursery and Reception 2026
25.11.25	Y5CP Stay and Pray
27.11.25	Y3 Class Assembly 9:05am School Hall
28.11.25	Reception Mass @10am
28.11.25	Y6 Safety Squad in School



Dates for your calendar - Autumn 2

Week Beginning 1st December 2025

Date	Event
01.12.25	Y4HG Retreat in School
02.12.25	Y4HB Retreat in School
05.12.25	Y1, 2 and 3 Mass at 10am
05.12.25	Pupil Parliament Christmas Coffee Morning 9:15am School Hall

Week Beginning 15th December 2025

Date	Event
16.12.25	KS2 Carol Service 2pm in Church
17.12.25	Christmas Dinner Day
18.12.25	Christmas Party Day - Own Clothes
19.12.25	Whole School Mass at 10am
19.12.25	Christmas Holiday starts 1:30pm
06.01.26	School Reopens

Week Beginning 8th December 2025

Date	Event
09.12.25	Nursery Nativity School Hall 9:30am
10.12.25	Reception Nativity School Hall 9:30am for RNE Parents
11.12.25	Reception Nativity School Hall 9:30am for RAB Parents
11.12.25	Year 1 Carol Concert 2:30pm School Hall
11.12.25	Christmas Jumper Day
12.12.25	Y2 Play 9:30am School Hall



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CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST



ST STEPHEN'S RC PRIMARY



EVERY CHILD, EVERY CHANCE, EVERY DAY!



Call us for more info

0161 370 2071

Come and explore our Early Years on:

Monday 10th November 2025 - 9:30 till 10:30am
(please ring the office to book this event)

Monday 24th November 2025 - 3:30 till 4:30pm

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.



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St Stephen's PTA Beauty Advent Raffle

*Win one of 5 highly sought after
beauty Advent calendars*



Prizes

- 2x P Louise Advent calendar, contents worth over £700 each
- 1x Sephora Advent calendar, contents valued at over £1000
- 1x Glossybox Advent calendar, contents valued at over £600
- 1x Charlotte Tilbury Advent calendar, contents valued at over £250

Tickets cost £4 each, 3 for £10 or 7 for £20

Payments can be made by one of the following methods

In person at
Tuck Shops/
Christmas Fair
by cash or card

Via bank transfer to
St Stephens RC Primary Parent
Teacher Association
Sort code: 30-96-26
Account: 51626760

Via PayPal to
Alexkilleen1@gmail.com

For bank transfer/PayPal use your name as reference
then teach out to the PTA confirming contact details and
payment method to receive tickets

**The winners will be drawn at the Christmas Fair
on Sunday 23rd November 2025**



Hot Chocolate Friday Winner



Nursery	Tobenna
RNE	Caleb
RAB	Noah
Y1AL	Autumn
Y1LB	Erin
Y2JL	Oreofeoluwa
Y2LW	Cole
Y3MD	India
Y3LH	Huckleberry
Y4HG	Arabella
Y4HB	Raya-Mae
Y5CP	Adam
Y5LS	Keane
Y6GB	Poppy
Y6DF	Mehrsam

Readers of the Week



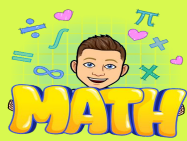
Nursery	Isobelle
RNE	Luca
RAB	Eleanor
Y1AL	Chester
Y1LB	James
Y2JL	Jeremy
Y2LW	James
Y3MD	Cornelia
Y3LH	Kendrick
Y4HG	Evelyn
Y4HB	Sophie
Y5CP	Ebony
Y5LS	Alex
Y6GB	Jacob
Y6DF	George

1% BETTER





Maths Star



Nursery	Mary
RNE	Jack
RAB	Arla
Y1AL	Lilianna
Y1LB	William
Y2JL	Nancy
Y2LW	Phoebe
Y3MD	Berrie
Y3LH	Leon
Y4HG	Myley- Dean
Y4HB	Leo
Y5CP	Eva
Y5LS	Oscar
Y6GB	Davina
Y6DF	Moise

Writing Star



Nursery	Georgie
RNE	Bobby
RAB	Tommy
Y1AL	Lua
Y1LB	Ocean
Y2JL	Ava
Y2LW	Isabella
Y3MD	Scarlett
Y3LH	Bailey
Y4HG	Henry
Y4HB	Isabelle
Y5CP	Lydia
Y5LS	Tegan
Y6GB	Frances
Y6DF	Zoe

1%
BETTER





Attendance League

NAM	71.4%	Y3LH	94.8%
NPM	95.7%	Y3MD	95.1%
RNE	94.3%	Y4HG	99.5%
RAB	92.1%	Y4HB	90.5%
Y1AL	96.6%	Y5LS	93.3%
Y1LB	92.6%	Y5CP	95.8%
Y2JL	91.7%	Y6GB	98.2%
Y2LW	89.5%	Y6DF	97%

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 4HG	15	5th: 6GB	3
2nd: 6DF	11	6th: 4HB	1
3rd: 3MD	5	7th: 5LS	0
4th: 5CP	4		
5th: 3LH	3		

St Stephen's Attendance League EY and KS1

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 1AL	12	4th: 2LW	4
2nd: 1LB	10	5th: NAM	3
3rd: RAB	5	5th: 2JL	3
3rd: NPM	5		
3rd: RNE	5		



Religious Education

Rosary Challenge

MARK 10 MISSION
ROSARY CHALLENGE
RECORD SHEET
The Rosary Challenge is to pray a decade of the Holy Rosary, each weekday in October.

JOYFUL MYSTERIES

☐ THE ANNUNCIATION ☐ THE VISITATION ☐ THE NATIVITY ☐ THE PRESENTATION ☐ FINDING IN THE TEMPLE

LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

☐ BAPTISM IN THE JORDAN ☐ WEDDING AT CANA ☐ PREACHING OF THE KINGDOM ☐ THE TRANSFIGURATION ☐ INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

☐ AGONY IN THE GARDEN ☐ SCOURGING AT THE PILLAR ☐ CROWNING WITH THORNS ☐ CARRYING OF THE CROSS ☐ THE CRUCIFIXION

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

☐ THE RESURRECTION ☐ THE ASCENSION ☐ DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ☐ ASSUMPTION OF MARY ☐ CROWNING OF MARY

The children have loved participating in the Rosary Challenge this year.

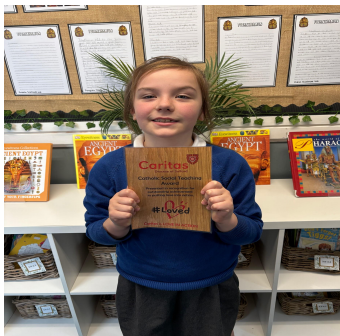
During the remainder of October, why not say a decade of the Rosary as a family at home? The children will be bringing their Rosary Beads home with them today.

The website for the Rosary challenge is:

<https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/rosary-challenge>

Caritas Award

This week, Mr Lavin asked the children to think about how they could be stewards of creation. He asked them to consider litter within our school environment. Numerous children have worked hard this week picking up litter however, Bella (4HG) make a huge effort to collect litter during all of her break and lunch! A great steward of creation!



Prayer of the Week

Thank you, God, for the time to rest from school.

Help me have fun and learn to play in new ways.

Bless my family and friends.

Amen



Wednesday
22nd October

Good News for Families
TOGETHER TIME 

1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

There were some people who thought they were better than everyone else. One day Jesus told them a story.* Two men went into the Temple to pray. One of them was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, 'I thank you, God, that I am not greedy, dishonest, and unfaithful like other people, and particularly that I am not like this sinful tax collector here. I fast twice a week and always give money to the Temple.' The tax collector stood some distance away, not even daring to raise his eyes to heaven, but he bowed his head and said, 'God, have mercy on me, for I am a sinner.'* Then Jesus said, "It was the tax collector who was pleasing to God, not the Pharisee. Those who praise themselves and think they are better than others will be humbled, but if you humble yourself then you will be praised by God."



From the Gospel of Sunday 26th October Cf. Luke 18:9-14. (The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **HUMBLE**.



To colour the picture for this Sunday's Gospel, please see the back page.





"When we live humbly, God takes our small efforts and creates great things." Pope Francis (Pope from 2013-2025)

Whose prayer was pleasing to God: the humble tax collector's or the proud Pharisee's? This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that we should be humble - especially when we pray. Ask your child what the word 'humble' means to them. (Parent help - humble people do not think that they are better or more important than others; they are honest about their weaknesses and not afraid to say 'sorry' to God if they have done wrong). Who does your child know who is talented, but does not boast or show-off? It may help your child if you give an example of a humble person that you know.

"God speaks to those who are truly humble of heart" St Pio of Pietrelcina

God is pleased with those who are humble. A humble person knows that all good comes from God and that any talents we have are gifts from God. As a family, name one of each other's special God-given gifts, something that you admire in the other person. Then each of you name a gift that you are especially grateful for - it could be a quality, skill or attitude. Decide on a way that you will use that gift to help someone in this coming week. You may like to finish this evening's special Family Time in humble prayer, each thanking God for the gift that he has given you to share with others (please see the prayer below).

O my God, I thank you for the gift of [Each person name their gift], which you have given to me. Help me always to serve you **humbly** and use my gift to make the world a better place. Amen.

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



**PHARISEE
TEMPLE**

**TAX
COLLECTOR**

**HUMBLE
PEOPLE**

**PLEASE
GOD**



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

S	P	R	O	T	C	E	L	L	O	C
A	P	H	A	E	L	B	M	U	H	M
C	T	X	A	P	E	O	P	L	E	P
O	E	G	O	R	L	B	L	G	O	D
L	M	E	D	H	I	S	E	M	E	T
L	P	H	A	R	I	S	E	E	X	H
E	L	H	U	B	A	R	E	C	T	U
C	E	G	A	E	T	E	L	E	L	M
T	A	T	L	E	L	P	M	E	T	B
O	H	P	M	D	O	G	E	S	A	L
R	P	P	L	E	A	S	E	G	X	E

Cross out the letters

a k c
in the 4 jumbled words to find 4 real words.

tahkecn Gakocd kawilcl chaumkble

"If you _____ yourself _____
you _____ be praised by _____."

This week let's make a special effort to: say sorry to each other if we have done wrong; praise other people's strengths and successes; regularly remember to thank God for our own gifts.

This week I will try my best to...



Write a promise & **draw** a big smile on Smiley





Nursery

What a fantastic last week of Autumn Term One we have had!

In our phonics sessions we sang the rhyme 'A Sailor went to Sea'.

We continued our focus on rhyming words and initial sounds in words. We played lots of listening games this week and followed instructions too.

We began the week by celebrating 'Diwali' we know that it is the festival of light! We loved taking part in creating rangoli patterns, listening to music and learning key facts about this festival.

On Thursday, we celebrated Superhero day! We loved coming into Nursery dressed as our favourite Superhero/hero for the day. We listened to Superhero Stories, completed puzzles and sang and danced to superhero songs. We have a fantastic day full of excitement with our friends and teachers.

Today we have enjoyed learning all about 'Fire Safety' we know who to ring in case of a fire.

We know that we need to keep safe around fire.

Wishing everyone a wonderful half term holiday, we have had a great first half term in Nursery, building relationships, exploring our nursery environment, becoming independent and making lots of new friends.

Thank you for your continued support- The Nursery Team.

Question- What is the number you should ring in an emergency?

Reception

WOW! What an amazing first half term in Reception!

We can't believe how quickly the time has flown and how much progress the children have made. We are so proud of each and every one of them — well done, Reception!

This week, we've celebrated in true superhero style! The children have loved exploring all things *superheroes* — reading a variety of stories, including *Supertato*, and even creating their very own potato heroes. In maths, we've been busy sorting, recognising, and matching numerals and quantities. In RE, we began thinking about Baptism and what it means to be welcomed into God's family. On Friday afternoon, we also learned all about **fire safety** — how to stay safe, what to do in an emergency, and the important number to call if we ever need help: **999**. The children were fantastic listeners and shared some really sensible ideas!

A **huge thank you** to all our families for your continued support during a very difficult time. Your kindness and understanding have meant so much to us and will never be forgotten. Thank you also to Mrs Dixon and Mrs Goldthorpe for everything they do for our class.

We wish you all a wonderful and well-deserved half term break — see you in November!

Question: If you had any superpower, what would it be?

Be Ready. Be Respectful. Be Safe



Year One

We have now reached the end of Autumn 1, and what a fantastic half term it has been! We are so proud of the progress that all children have made and we loved sharing this with you at Parents' Evening last night.

This week, we have been completing our units across the curriculum. In History, we compared Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria. We also learnt who our Prime Minister is. To celebrate Black History Month, we learnt about Olaudah Equiano and discussed what is meant by 'freedom'.

We have also completed our Art unit about Spirals and we created our own snail drawings using oil pastels. We also observed the patterns of seashells and drew these using a continuous line. In Maths, we have been using part-whole models to consolidate our understanding of number bonds within 10.

In Computing, we sorted objects into technology or not technology.

To end our week, we learnt about the importance of Fire Safety, and how to look after ourselves in event of a fire.

Question: Who is our Prime Minister? Is he a monarch?

Year Two

This week has seen us conclude a number of units of work across the curriculum in Year 2.

In RE, we completed our Creation and Covenant unit of work by exploring the symbols of Baptism and recognising the importance of this sacrament in our religious life.

In Art this week, we investigated the artwork of a number artists, including Andy Goldsworthy. Following this, we collected natural objects from around the school grounds before creating outdoor sculptures. Using these objects, we created continuous line and observational drawings, experimenting with shading and a range of media e.g. pencil, charcoal and ink.

As part of Fire Safety day, the children learned about how to remain safe around fire, ahead of Bonfire Night. They also discovered what to do in the event of a fire in the home.

Finally, in Computing, we sorted devices into those which help us communicate and those which perform a particular job.

It has been a very busy and fun-filled half term. We can't wait to discover what the next half term will bring. Well done to all the children on successfully settling into year 2 and for all their hard work.

Question: What does the water symbolise in Baptism?



Year Three

What a busy and exciting half term it has been in Year 3!

In RE, we've been exploring stewardship, and how we can care for our environment. Our learning was deepened through Laudato Si', Pope Francis' letter reminding us that we all share a responsibility to care for our common home – the Earth.

In Maths, Year 3 have been concentrating on addition and subtraction. We have been practising how to add and take away using different methods, like number lines and column methods.

This week in English we have focused on compound sentences. Children have identified the subject, verb and coordinating conjunction. They have enjoyed spotting conjunctions in reading texts and creating their own compound sentences to share with the class.

Question: Where is Skara Brae?

Year Four

This week, 4HB were very excited to do their 'Stay and Pray' on Wednesday morning. The children planned and prepared this independently and participated really well.

As this is the last week before the half term holiday, we have spent time completing some of our units.

In History as part of our unit on Ancient Egyptian slavery, the children learnt about modern slavery. We then compared the experiences of slaves in these two contexts.

In Religion we have been looking at how important it is for us to be stewards of God's creation by looking after our natural environment and taking care of one another. In English we completed our final piece of writing which was about Tutankhamun.

In Maths we are nearing the end of our unit on addition and subtraction. We have also been working hard on our recall of the 12 times table.

Question: What does the term 'find the difference' mean in maths?



Year Five

We've had a brilliant end to the half term! In English, the children have been showcasing their writing skills by using compound, complex, and simple sentences to create factual pieces all about the Maya. In Maths, we successfully completed our addition and subtraction unit, finishing with some tricky challenges involving finding missing numbers. In History, we completed our learning about the Maya, and the children impressed us with the depth of knowledge they have gained. We also studied Sarah Parker Remond, learning about her incredible work as an abolitionist, and produced some striking artwork inspired by her life. On Friday, we focused on an important topic — fire safety — discussing how to stay safe in different situations. It's been a fantastic half term of learning and creativity. We wish everyone a restful and enjoyable break!

Question- Why do we remember Sarah Parker Remond?

Year Six

What a fantastic way to end the half term! In Maths, we have completed our unit on Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division by concentrating on multi-step problems and reasoning from known facts to speed up our calculations. Even though these are often the most difficult questions and concepts to master, the children have shown great resilience throughout.

Our English work has been all about writing independently. The children have been demonstrating the content that we have focused on this half term, especially varying our sentence types and applying the correct punctuation. They produced some excellent recounts of a war scene and were very creative with their emotive writing in particular. In R.E., we looked at scripture from Matthew's gospel and assessed the importance of the ten commandments in relation to the greatest commandment. We have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in The Rosary Challenge and will continue to use our new rosary beads throughout the year.

Question - What is the greatest commandment?

Be Ready. Be Respectful. Be Safe