



St Stephen's RCP Weekly Newsletter

'Every child, every chance, every day!'

Friday 14th November 2025

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

I hope you have had a lovely week! It's been a great one here at school with lots to celebrate!

Remembrance Day

This week, our school came together to honour Remembrance Day. The children created beautiful and thoughtful poppies to mark the occasion — thank you to all our pupils for their creativity and respect. A special thank you goes to our Year 5 classes, who represented the school so wonderfully at the cenotaph, taking part in a short celebration of the word service. We are very proud of the maturity and respect shown by every child as we remembered those who have served and sacrificed.

Mark 10 Mission

We were delighted to welcome Greg from The Mark 10 Mission to our school to lead class Celebrations of the Word. The day began with a wonderful whole-school assembly that set a joyful and prayerful tone. Greg then had a session with each year group throughout the day, helping children to reflect on Scripture and deepen their relationship with Jesus through prayer and worship.

After school, staff took part in an inspiring training session with Greg, exploring ways to develop meaningful Celebrations of the Word in their own classrooms. It was a truly spiritual and uplifting day for our whole school community.

Year 4HG Class Assembly

A big well done to Year 4HG for their fantastic class assembly on Thursday! The children did a wonderful job showcasing their impressive learning across Art, English, History, and Religion — it was clear to see how much effort and enthusiasm they've put into their work this term. Their singing was brilliant too and brought such a joyful energy to the morning.

Thank you to all the parents and families who joined us to support the children — it was lovely to see so many of you there.

We look forward to welcoming the parents of Year 4HB to their class assembly on Thursday 20th November at 9:05am in the school hall.

Girls' Football Success!

Congratulations to our amazing girls' football team for winning their tournament this week! This fantastic achievement means St Stephen's have now won the cup three years in a row — an incredible record!

A huge well done to the whole team for their hard work, teamwork, and determination, and a big thank you to Mr Grantham for his brilliant coaching and support. We are all so proud of you!

Have a lovely weekend, *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 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 11-3pm

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 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

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 RAB Parents
11.12.25	Reception Nativity School Hall 9:30am for RNE 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



Dates for your calendar - Autumn 2

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



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Call us for more info

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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.



Chappell Road, Droylsden



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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	Ohemaa & Isobelle
RNE	Inaayah
RAB	Esmae
Y1AL	Mazeedah
Y1LB	Vivian
Y2JL	Evie
Y2LW	Ivy
Y3MD	Odin
Y3LH	Luke
Y4HG	Deanah
Y4HB	Patti
Y5CP	Boma
Y5LS	Sofija
Y6GB	Joe
Y6DF	Donaao

Readers of the Week



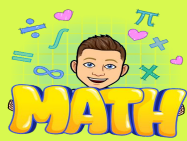
Nursery	Ronnie & Callie
RNE	Jayden
RAB	Cameron
Y1AL	Coby-Ray
Y1LB	Lincoln
Y2JL	Tommy
Y2LW	Fabian
Y3MD	Berrie-Mae
Y3LH	Gabriella-Rose
Y4HG	Jake
Y4HB	Isla
Y5CP	Olivia
Y5LS	Caoimhe
Y6GB	Elise
Y6DF	Noah V

1% BETTER





Maths Star



Nursery	Tiago
RNE	Arthur
RAB	Lily
Y1AL	Flora
Y1LB	Annie
Y2JL	Sienna
Y2LW	Leo
Y3MD	David
Y3LH	Jessica
Y4HG	Adriel
Y4HB	Sam
Y5CP	Clark
Y5LS	Jeremiah
Y6GB	Alisha
Y6DF	Leraya

Writing Star



Nursery	Millie
RNE	Caitlyn
RAB	Alba
Y1AL	Phoebe
Y1LB	Afia
Y2JL	Chester
Y2LW	Betti
Y3MD	Keziah
Y3LH	Thomas
Y4HG	Panagiotis
Y4HB	Ava
Y5CP	Jeremiah
Y5LS	Klayson
Y6GB	Samson
Y6DF	George

1%
BETTER





Attendance League

NAM	50%	Y3LH	91.4%
NPM	91.8%	Y3MD	93.3%
RNE	98.9%	Y4HG	96.6%
RAB	94.3%	Y4HB	99.5%
Y1AL	100%	Y5LS	98%
Y1LB	96.3%	Y5CP	97.1%
Y2JL	97.4%	Y6GB	98.2%
Y2LW	91.2%	Y6DF	97.4%

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 4HG	18	4th: 5CP	4
2nd: 6DF	13	5th: 3LH	3
3rd: 3MD	5	6th: 5LS	1
3rd: 6GB	5		
3rd: 4HB	5		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 4HG	18	4th: 5CP	4
2nd: 6DF	13	5th: 3LH	3
3rd: 3MD	5	6th: 5LS	1
3rd: 6GB	5		
3rd: 4HB	5		



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NEWSLETTER

THE MARK 10 MISSION

Religious Education

Welcoming Greg to School

Welcoming Greg to St Stephen's!



Prayer of the Week

Dear Jesus,
This month we remember those who
have died.

Please welcome them into heaven
and give peace to everyone who
misses them.

Help us to be kind and loving every
day,
so we can be closer to You.

Amen

Caritas Award

A huge well done to Nathaniel in Year 3 this week. He has really worked hard to keep our playground clean and tidy. A great example of Catholic Social Teaching! Well done, Nathaniel!

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A faithful person is a gift to the world.

When we grow in faithfulness, others will know that we are people who are reliable, supportive and trustworthy, who are loyal and have staying power through both good times and bad times.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus encourages the disciples (and us too) to be faithful to him. Everybody wants a faithful

Wednesday 12th November 2025

friend. Jesus offers to be our faithful friend and invites us to be his. Even though many things in the world may change, the faithful promises of Jesus will never pass away - God's love for us will last forever.

Enjoy a special time together this evening exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **FAITHFULNESS**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



A Word from
the Saints

"God is faithful and if we serve Him faithfully he will provide for our needs." St Richard of Chichester

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 16th November 2025



When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: they will all have been knocked down." And they put to

him this question: "Master," they said, "when will this happen then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?" "Take care not to be deceived," he said, "because many will come using my name and saying, 'I am he' and 'The time is near at hand'. Refuse to join them." Then he said to them, "When you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened. There will be wars, earthquakes, plagues and famines here and there; there will be great signs in the heavens. Before all this happens you will be shunned by all people on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives."

Adapted from Luke 21: 5-19

The 33rd 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

If we choose to be faithful to Jesus, we still need God's help and the help of the Church (the community of the faithful) to stay faithful. We can be certain that our faithfulness to God will be rewarded.



Good News for Families

TOGETHER TIME

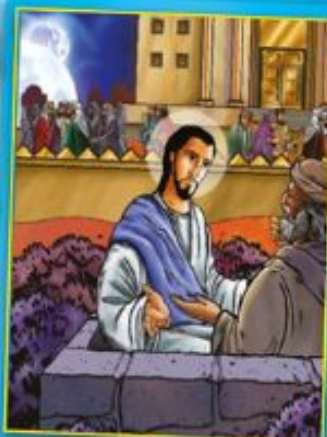


1 READ & REFLECT! Listen & Learn with Jesus, the Word!

Some people were talking about the beautiful stones used to build the temple and about the gifts that had been placed in the temple. Jesus said, "The time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: they will all be knocked down." The disciples asked Jesus when this would happen and he replied, "Before the world ends, many things will happen. People will appear and pretend to be me saying, 'I am the Christ and now is the time!' But do not believe or follow them. And when you hear about wars and earthquakes, do not be afraid; just stay faithful to me."

What were the disciples asking Jesus?

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.



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?

2 SHARE & CARE! Growing in Goodness & Love: This Wednesday's Word...

"Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies." *St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)*

Ask your child what the word 'faithful' means to them. To be faithful is to be true to someone or something. Does your child know someone who is a faithful friend - someone who keeps their promises? What is it like to be in the company of a faithful person? It may help your child if you can talk about a person you know to be a faithful friend, and say why.

How can we grow in faithfulness to God and to each other? Perhaps we can: spend time with God and listen to him through daily prayer; follow the teachings of Jesus by always trying to love our neighbour as ourselves; remember to put others' needs before our own needs; make sure that if we tell someone [or we tell God] that we will do something, we do it!

FAITHFULNESS



3 Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for being our faithful friend. Please help us to keep growing in faithfulness to you and to one another. Amen.

FINDING THREE

Y O D P G M A N Y Y T D
W T J E S U S B A W K L
D H A Y J N P U T T G U
D I S C I P L E S B G F
N N K B G D W E N E M H
E G E F K D L U S E J T
A S D O Y P P S S B O I
R S G N I H T C D T I A
B A A C N G N P G Y D F
Y M S T A Y B R A E N B
J I G F A I T H F U L I
D E K S A J T D D Y T D

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

☒ DISCIPLES ☒
☐ ASKED ☐
☐ MANY THINGS ☐
☐ STAY FAITHFUL ☐
☐ JESUS ☐
☐ NEARBY ☐

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

Cross out the letters **C W S** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

fawicthfuls cnoswt smewc wafracids

Jesus said, "Do _____ be _____;
just stay _____ to _____."

To be a faithful person is to be loyal and to keep our promises. We can ask God to help us to grow in faithfulness - it really is a gift worth asking for.



Find and draw 3 differences, then colour the picture.

This week I will try my best to...

Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley



Nursery

On Monday, Nursery took part in Geography Spatial awareness day. We explored maps, discussing what they are used for and where you would find one. We loved looking at a map of the world and finding different countries on our class globe.

On Tuesday, we took part in a special celebration of the word for Remembrance Day, we have been learning new words and their meanings- Poppy- Wreath- 2 minute silence- soldiers. We were very respectful when taking part in a 2 minute silence and we can confidently talk about the importance of Remembrance day.

On Wednesday, we welcomed Greg from Mark 10 Mission to our school, we were honoured to join with our friends in Reception and take part in a special Celebration led by Greg learning about Psalm 23- 'The Lord is my Shepherd'. We especially loved singing with Greg 'He is the Vine (Banner over me is love)'.

On Thursday we took part in Michael Rosen Day- we loved listening to his story 'We're going on a Bear Hunt!' and we joined in with the actions and sounds within the story. We have had a fabulous week, full of learning. Have a great weekend!

Question- Why do we wear Poppies for Remembrance day?
Can you remember the actions to 'He is the Vine (Banner over me is love)'?

Reception

Another jam-packed week in Reception! It has absolutely flown by.

In Literacy, we created a story map for our story "The Leaf Thief" and used actions to help us retell it. The children then had a go at making their own story maps, and they did such a fabulous job! In Maths, we've been exploring the numbers 4 and 5 — thinking about the different ways we can represent them and how they are made up of smaller numbers. The children have enjoyed using practical resources to show their understanding.

In RE, we reflected on how each and every one of us is a gift from God. We thought about what makes us special and what gifts God has given us. The children loved passing around a special gift box and sharing why they are a gift. We also enjoyed a Celebration of the Word with Greg from The Mark 10 Mission, who helped us think about The Good Shepherd. Thank you, Greg! On Tuesday we took some time to remember the fallen soldiers. We made a cross out of poppies and were very respectful during the two minute silence. Thank you, Reception!

We're very excited that our Reception VIP sessions begin next week — please check the Dojo post for your child's date. We've also set up an event on Dojo for this year's Nativity, so please take a look.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Our WONDER question: I wonder who the shepherd is in "The Good Shepherd"?

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Year One

What an exciting week it has been with lots of special theme days! We kicked off the week with Spatial Sense Day in Geography where we explored different maps, learnt the four compass points and created a map of our own classroom.

The highlight of our week was our visit from Mark 10 Mission's Greg. We participated in a beautiful Celebration of the Word; all the children were extremely respectful.

On Thursday, to celebrate Michael Rosen day, we joined an online webinar where he was able to share some of his work.

In R.E, we learnt about Mary's visit to Elizabeth and how we say the words from this special event in the Hail Mary prayer.

In English, we have been identifying and writing the subject of sentences.

In Maths, we have been adding and subtracting one or two and finding a part.

We ended the week with a beautiful Mass; all the children were extremely well-behaved.

Question: What did Mary tell Elizabeth during The Visitation?

Year Two

This week has been a week of special events and themed days! The week began with our Spatial Sense Day in Geography where we explored aerial and ground views and their relationship to maps. We labelled aerial views of our school and surrounding area and identified routes from school to local landmarks.

Tuesday saw us mark Remembrance Day by producing our own poppies and observing two minutes silence at 11am. We also held a Celebration of the Word to reflect on this important day and the sacrifices made by all those involved in conflicts around the world.

On Wednesday, we welcomed Greg from the Mark 10 Mission, who led an inspiring whole school assembly before working with year 2 to consider the messages within the Gospel reading John 10: 11-13.

Finally, on Friday, we celebrated Mass in church themed around spreading peace. All of the children were respectful and sang beautifully. We are incredibly proud of their achievements.

Question: How can aerial views help us to understand maps?

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Year Three

We have had an exciting and busy week in Year 3 this week.

On Monday it was Spatial Sense Day, and we enjoyed learning about 4 figure grid references and studying the physical and human geographical features of Droylsden.

On Tuesday, we participated in activities for Remembrance Day and made a beautiful poppy. We also wrote a diary entry from the point of view of a World War One soldier during 'The Truce', a true event which saw German and British soldiers holding a truce on Christmas Day in 1914 and playing football together.

On Wednesday, we were lucky enough to meet Greg from the Mark 10 Mission, who led us in a beautiful Celebration of the Word in the hall. The children enjoyed their time with him, and Greg commented on how thoughtful the children's questions were. In art, we have started to explore the medium of charcoal and enjoyed making light and dark lines, smudging the charcoal to make varying shades.

Can you name a physical and human geographical feature of Droylsden?

Year Four

This has been an extra busy week in Year 4.

Today we enjoyed a full day at the Aviva Studios in Manchester where we took part in two poetry workshops led by two well-known children's poets - Matt Goodfellow and Ruth Awolola.

On Wednesday the children were excited to meet Greg from Mark 10 Mission. He led a Celebration of the Word for Year 4 which was very inspiring.

On Remembrance Day, each child made a poppy and wrote prayers and messages of gratitude on the petals. 4HG had their class assembly on Thursday. The children enjoyed showing their beautiful work to family and friends.

In Maths we continued with our unit on the area of rectangles. The children had to draw their own shapes with given areas. They have also been working hard on their 8 times table. Monday was Spatial Awareness Day which saw the children looking at symbols and keys on Ordnance Survey maps as well as learning about coordinates on map grids.

Question: What is the difference between a square and a rectangle?

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Year Five

What a busy week we have had in Year 5!

The week started with our Spatial Sense Day, where the children learnt all about Relief maps and Contour lines (not the make up ones, which was the first answer to the question! :)). They investigated the terrain of Greater Manchester and created their own 3D layer map.

We created poppies to be taken to the local Cenotaph, the children wrote their own poems on the back and planted them in ground, they looked fantastic!

We also had a workshop from Greg at Mark10 mission, which the children really enjoyed, they got to listen to his story and ask questions.

Amongst all that action we have also been looking at present and past participles and expanded noun phrases in English, Prime numbers and factors in Maths, Investigated air resistance in Science and continued looking at the 10 Commandments in RE.

How many factors does a Prime number have?

Year Six

Year 6 have had a busy and exciting week! We started with a visit from *Magistrates in the Community*, where the children learned about the justice system, the role of a magistrate and how our choices can lead to different consequences. They listened brilliantly and asked some very thoughtful questions.

In English, the children worked hard on writing multi-clause compound and complex sentences before using their knowledge of Jewish children in WWII to create a model plan and contribute to the first two paragraphs of a non-chronological report. Next week, they're looking forward to writing paragraphs of their own, utilising what we have learnt.

In Maths, the children showed great determination as they continued learning about fractions, practising adding and subtracting them and tackling mixed numbers with growing confidence.

We also enjoyed a thoughtful Celebration of the Word with Greg from the Mark 10 Mission, where the children shared respectful and insightful reflections. We're very proud of their efforts. Well done Year 6!

Question: How are you going to be more like Jesus this week?

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