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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN

...We've made it! The end of the half term and the end of the Autumn Term! I am sure everyone is ready now to have a break with their loved ones over Christmas and New Year. The calendar for Spring 1 is on the next page. Thank you to our Key Stage 2 children for their wonderful Advent Service on Tuesday afternoon. It was a beautiful reflection on the true meaning of Christmas. The singing was outstanding. And, a big thank you for attending - it was so lovely to see such a huge crowd!

Building Work

I am pleased to confirm that the majority of the building work has now been completed, and we will be able to use the new spaces from the start of the spring term, following the Christmas break. Thank you very much for your patience while the work has been carried out. I have worked hard to keep disruption to a minimum.

I am fully committed to providing the very best classroom environments for our children and am delighted with what we have achieved so far. There is still some fencing work to be completed at the front of the school in January; however, this should cause minimal disruption.

The building project has involved relocating the main school office to the upper part of the school, creating new office spaces, and adding two new Year 6 classrooms. This work has also freed up additional space within the school, which is incredibly beneficial.

From January, access to the main school office will be via the Pupil Entrance gate on Chappell Road. There will no longer be access to the school through the current gate where parents/visitors buzz to enter the office.

Classroom Arrangements

- **Year 6** - Mr Fitch's class will move into the new extension you will have seen being built and will enter directly through their new classroom door. Miss Birtles' class will move into a newly created classroom and will enter through the new grey door.
- **Year 1** - Year 1 will move back into the outdoor building, Mrs B will be located on the left-hand side of the building, and Miss Leigh on the right-hand side.
- **Mrs Williams' Class** - Mrs Williams will move onto the Key Stage 1 corridor and will enter via the white door near the Early Years corridor.

Please do not worry - there will be plenty of staff available to direct you on Tuesday 6th January. Thank you for bearing with us as we move resources and settle everyone into their new classrooms.

Thank you

I would like to thank you for your support this term. It's been jam packed and I hope you have enjoyed attending the various productions and nativities. Christmas is always such a special time in school and I hope we were able to share some of those experiences with you. I would like to thank our school staff, who yet again have gone above and beyond for our children - enjoy a well deserved break. **A reminder we return to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026.**

I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and all the very best for the new year ahead. **Mr Lavin, Headteacher**

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

Compassion



Ambition



Rejoice



Excellence



Service



Mission Statement

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

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Dates for your calendar - Spring 1

Week Beginning 5th January 2026

Date	Event
05/1/26	School Closed INSET Day
06/1/26	School Reopens
08/1/26	Y5 Anti Racism Workshops
09/1/26	Whole School Mass @10am

Week Beginning 2nd February 2026

Date	Event
02/2/26	Y2 RE Retreat Day
05/2/26	Y1AL Class Assembly @ 9:05am School Hall
06/2/26	School Closed INSET Day

Week Beginning 12th January 2026

Date	Event
15/1/26	Y2LW Class Assembly @ 9:05am School Hall
16/1/26	Year 1, 2 and 3 Mass @ 10am

Week Beginning 9th February 2026

Date	Event
09/2/26	Children's Mental Health Week
10/2/26	Safer Internet Day
11/2/26	Y3, 4, 5 Music Performance - Parents Welcome 9am School Hall
12/2/26	Reception Classes Assembly @ 9:05am
13/2/26	Reception/Y6 Mass @10am
13/2/26	Water Safety Day
13/2/26	Half Term begins 3:15pm

Week Beginning 19th January 2026

Date	Event
22/1/26	Y2JL Class Assembly @ 9:05am School Hall
23/1/26	Year 4 and 4 Mass @ 10am

Week Beginning 26th January 2026

Date	Event
26/1/26	Y3LH Stay and Pray 9am Y6GB Class Retreat
27/1/26	Y3MD Stay and Pray 9am Y6DF Class Retreat
29/1/26	Y1LB Class Assembly @ 9:05am School Hall
30/1/26	Year 1, 2 and 3 Mass @ 10am