



**St Stephen's RCP Weekly Newsletter**  
*'Every child, every chance, every day!'*

Friday 27th March 2026

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**A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...**

I hope you are all well and have had a great week! It has been another busy and very successful week here at St Stephen's. I hope you enjoyed Parent's Evening last night and had great discussions with your child's class teacher. If you were unable to attend please do make contact with your child's class teacher who will be more than happy to meet with you!

**Swimming Gala Success**

Firstly, I would like to apologise for missing the opportunity to congratulate our swimming team in my previous newsletter. They delivered a fantastic performance at the swimming gala and we are incredibly proud of their effort, teamwork and sportsmanship. A special well done to the boys' team, who won the competition - a brilliant achievement!

**CAFOD Big Lent Walk**

Our children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the CAFOD Big Lenten Walk. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and commitment to a meaningful cause. Thank you so much for your generous donations and continued support.

**Year 6 Class Assembly**

A big thank you to Year 6DF for leading such a brilliant class assembly! The children spoke with confidence and showcased their learning beautifully - an excellent effort from all involved.

**Easter Bonnet Parade & Egg Competition**

Unfortunately, we had to postpone today's Easter Bonnet Parade due to weather conditions. We understand that this may cause inconvenience for families, and this is never a decision we take lightly. Unfortunately, our contingency plan was not suitable today due to health and safety considerations. We are pleased to confirm that the parade will now take place on Monday. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

In Key Stage Two, we were really impressed by the creativity in the 'decorate an egg' competition. I'm sure the children thoroughly enjoyed making them. Thank you for giving up your time at home to support these wonderful creations.

**St Joseph's Penny Boxes**

Please return any St Joseph's Penny Boxes to school on Monday so we can count the donations and send them off to CARITAS. Thank you very much for your continued support for our Lenten appeal.

**Team GB Athlete Visit – KS2 Inspiration!**

This week, we were delighted to welcome Team GB swimmers Edward Mildred and Evan Jones to St Stephen's, where they delivered an inspiring assembly for our Year 3, 4 and 5 pupils.

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**Excellence**



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## A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN CONTINUED...

They shared their journeys in swimming, including competing at Commonwealth and World level, the dedication needed to succeed, and the importance of maintaining good nutrition. Pupils also enjoyed taking part in warm-up exercises led by the Team GB physiotherapist, giving them a real insight into athlete preparation. It was a fantastic opportunity that truly inspired our children.

### **Year 5 – Show Racism the Red Card Workshop**

Year 5 and 6 children, including members of Pupil Parliament, attended the Show Racism The Red Card celebration day at Curzon Ashton. They met Winston, who they learned about in school, and created a piece of fabric artwork, celebrating individuals who have overcome racism and made a difference. Their work will be displayed at Portland Basin Museum. We are very proud of how they represented our school and promoted such an important message.


### **Living Out Catholic Social Teaching**

These experiences reflect our commitment to Catholic Social Teaching, particularly:

- **Human Dignity** – recognising the value of every person
- **Solidarity** – working together and supporting one another
- **The Common Good** – promoting fairness, respect and inclusion

We are proud to see our pupils living out these values each day.

### **Important IT Update**

On Monday, we will be moving over to a new IT system in school as part of ongoing improvements to our services. Please be aware that after 2:00pm on Monday, staff will not be able to access or check emails until Tuesday morning. Therefore, if you have anything urgent, please contact the school office directly on 0161 370 2071  rather than using email or ClassDojo. Thank you for your understanding and support during this transition.

### **End of Term Message**

As this is the final newsletter of the term, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and commitment to your child's school life.

A special thank you to the staff of St Stephen's, who continually go above and beyond for your children.

Wishing you all a Happy and Holy Easter when it arrives.

A final reminder that school closes on Thursday 2nd April at 1:30pm and reopens on Monday 13th April for the Summer 1 term.

All the calendar dates for Summer 1 can be found later in the Newsletter.

Have a wonderful weekend, Mr Lavin, **Headteacher**

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**#TEAMSTSTEPHENS**

### Mission Statement

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

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## ☀️ Nursery September 2026 Intake ☀️

We're excited to share that we have places available in our Nursery Class for September 2026! 🎉

We would love to welcome you and your family to St Stephen's, show you around, and give you a feel for our happy and nurturing school community 😊

Please get in touch with the school office to arrange a visit—we can't wait to meet you! 📞 ✨



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# EASTER

## Camp



*St Stephen's R.C Primary*

Chappell Road, Droylsden, Manchester M43 7NA

Tuesday <sup>7<sup>th</sup></sup> April - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April  
9.00 - 3.00 pm

EGG MOVE  
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Age  
5-11



MULTI-SPORTS

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**Dates for your calendar - Spring 2**

Week Beginning 30th March 2026	
Date	Event
30/03/26	Whole School Lent Retreat
01/04/26	Y5 Passion Play 9:15am
02/04/26	Whole School Mass 10am
02/04/26	School closes for Easter 1:30pm



## Dates for your calendar - Summer 1

### Week Beginning 13th April 2026

Date	Event
<b>13/04/26</b>	Back to school
<b>17/04/26</b>	Whole School Mass @ 10am

### Week Beginning 20th April 2026

Date	Event
<b>23/04/26</b>	Year 4HG Assembly
<b>23/04/26</b>	St George's Day - wear red/white
<b>24/04/26</b>	Year 1, 2 and 3 Mass @ 10am

### Week Beginning 27th April 2026

Date	Event
<b>30/04/26</b>	Year 4HB Assembly
<b>01/05/26</b>	Crowning of Our Mady Mass at 10am
<b>01/05/26</b>	Holy Communion Year 3

### Week Beginning 4th May 2026

Date	Event
<b>04/05/26</b>	Bank Holiday - School closed
<b>05/05/26</b>	Y1LB Stay and Pray 9am
<b>06/05/26</b>	Year 1AL Stay and Pray 9am
<b>07/05/26</b>	Year 3 Class Assembly (together)
<b>07/05/26</b>	Nursery closed for Polling Day
<b>08/05/26</b>	Year 4 and 5 Mass at 10am
<b>10/05/26</b>	Class Car Show

### Week Beginning 11th May 2026

Date	Event
<b>11/05/26</b>	Y6 SAT Grammar Paper
<b>12/05/26</b>	Y6 SAT Reading Paper
<b>13/05/26</b>	Y6 SAT Maths Paper 1 and 2
<b>14/05/26</b>	Y6 SAT Maths Paper 3
<b>15/05/26</b>	Whole School Mass for Ascension



## Dates for your calendar - Summer 1

Week Beginning 18th May 2026	
Date	Event
18/05/26	PTA Bounce-a-thon
20/05/26	Y6 PGL
21/05/26	Y6 PGL
22/05/26	Y6 PGL
22/05/26	Whole School Mass for Pentecost @ 10am
22/05/26	Road Safety Day
22/05/26	Half Term



## Hot Chocolate Friday Winner



<b>Nursery</b>	Ella & Isobelle
<b>RNE</b>	Elsie
<b>RAB</b>	Imoleoluwa
<b>Y1AL</b>	Lucas
<b>Y1LB</b>	Axel-James
<b>Y2JL</b>	Jeremy
<b>Y2LW</b>	Jake
<b>Y3MD</b>	Scarlett
<b>Y3LH</b>	Kendrick
<b>Y4HG</b>	Arabella
<b>Y4HB</b>	Raya-May
<b>Y5CP</b>	Ebony
<b>Y5LS</b>	Aart
<b>Y6GB</b>	Laicee
<b>Y6DF</b>	Cleo

## Readers of the Week

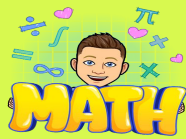


<b>Nursery</b>	Lyla & Callie
<b>RNE</b>	Yousuf
<b>RAB</b>	Marnie
<b>Y1AL</b>	Theodore
<b>Y1LB</b>	Kofi
<b>Y2JL</b>	Aurora
<b>Y2LW</b>	Ivy
<b>Y3MD</b>	Lin Xi
<b>Y3LH</b>	Deedee
<b>Y4HG</b>	Jacob
<b>Y4HB</b>	Jack
<b>Y5CP</b>	Anaya
<b>Y5LS</b>	Alex
<b>Y6GB</b>	Samson
<b>Y6DF</b>	Vanellope





## Maths Star



<b>Nursery</b>	Faheemah & Georgie-Joe
<b>RNE</b>	Favour
<b>RAB</b>	Roman
<b>Y1AL</b>	Autumn
<b>Y1LB</b>	Erin
<b>Y2JL</b>	Nancy
<b>Y2LW</b>	Faaizah
<b>Y3MD</b>	Keziah
<b>Y3LH</b>	Leo
<b>Y4HG</b>	Arabella
<b>Y4HB</b>	Thomas F
<b>Y5CP</b>	Pippa
<b>Y5LS</b>	Lillie-Mae
<b>Y6GB</b>	Elise
<b>Y6DF</b>	Oscar

## Writing Star



<b>Nursery</b>	Elsa & Alaragh
<b>RNE</b>	Luca
<b>RAB</b>	Harvey
<b>Y1AL</b>	Coby-Ray
<b>Y1LB</b>	Elliott
<b>Y2JL</b>	Ava
<b>Y2LW</b>	Michael
<b>Y3MD</b>	Declan
<b>Y3LH</b>	Bobby
<b>Y4HG</b>	Sajjad
<b>Y4HB</b>	Aurora
<b>Y5CP</b>	Thomas
<b>Y5LS</b>	Zaraah
<b>Y6GB</b>	Davina
<b>Y6DF</b>	Charles

# 1% BETTER





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# Attendance

## League

NAM	75%	Y3LH	95.8%
NPM	96.6%	Y3MD	87%
RNE	92.6%	Y4HG	97.3%
RAB	94.1%	Y4HB	93.8%
Y1AL	92%	Y5LS	96.6%
Y1LB	96.3%	Y5CP	97.1%
Y2JL	100%	Y6GB	95.1%
Y2LW	100%	Y6DF	98.5%

### St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 6DF	39	6th: 3LH	7
2nd: 4HG	36	6th: 4HB	7
3rd: 5CP	24	6th: 5LS	7
4th: 6GB	10		
5th: 3MD	9		

### St Stephen's Attendance League EY and KS1

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 1LB	27	5th: 2LW	14
2nd: 1AL	24	6th: NAM	11
2nd: NFD	24	7th: RAB	6
3rd: RNE	19		
4th: 2JL	18		

Wednesday  
25<sup>th</sup> March 2026



Good News  
for Families

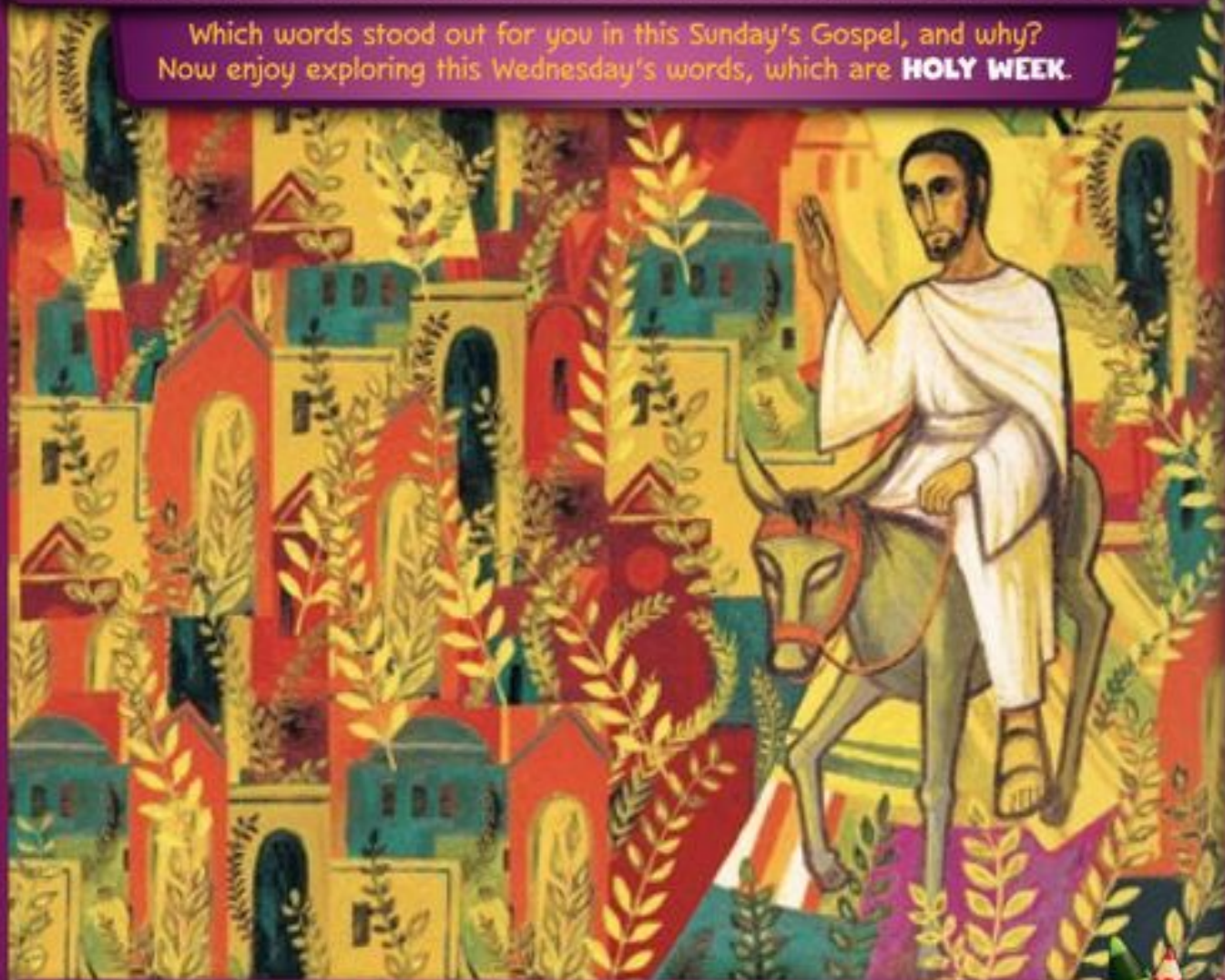
# 1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

When they were near Jerusalem, Jesus sent two disciples into a nearby village to collect a donkey. He said to them, "If anyone stops you, tell them that it is for the Lord, and that the donkey will be returned." So the disciples went out and did as Jesus had told them. They brought the donkey and Jesus sat on it. As he set off, great crowds of people spread their cloaks on the road, while others were spreading palm branches on the path in front of him. The crowds were all shouting, "Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heavens!" When Jesus entered Jerusalem, everyone was excited and some asked, "Who is this?" "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee," was the reply.



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026. Matthew 21:1-11 (Passion/Palm Sunday)

Which words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why?  
Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's words, which are **HOLY WEEK**.



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



"This week alone, unique in the full sense of the word, is the week of the Lord's Passion. It is Holy Week." *St John Paul II*

What did the crowds spread on the path in front of Jesus? This coming Sunday is known as Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. It is the start of Holy Week. This is the week when the Church especially remembers Jesus' final days in Jerusalem. Palms will be handed out in Church in remembrance of the welcome and great praise that the people gave to Jesus when he entered the City. You might like to tell your child something that you know about Holy Week. As a family, look at these small pictures together. What do they remind you of or make you think about?



"Holy Week is a time to give Jesus our hearts. On the Cross He gave us all of His love." *St. Teresa of Calcutta*

Holy Week is a very special time: it includes Palm Sunday, the celebration of the Last Supper, the washing of feet, the agony in the garden, Jesus' arrest, crucifixion and his resurrection. Everybody is invited to come and join with the Church this Sunday and receive a palm leaf, blessed by the priest, to take home. As a family, share ideas about what else you could do, or join in with, to celebrate the start of Holy Week and make it special. To find out more about Holy Week, please see: [cbcew.org.uk](http://cbcew.org.uk)



Dear Lord Jesus, as Holy Week approaches, we thank you for giving your life for us, so that one day we too may know the joys of heaven. Amen.



## WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH



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



**JESUS  
JERUSALEM**

**RIDING  
DONKEY**

**PEOPLE  
PRAISING**

**WAVING  
PALMS**



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

J	O	E	G	N	I	S	I	A	R	P	L
E	E	D	E	A	U	D	G	B	D	P	A
R	L	J	P	S	J	K	E	Y	A	R	P
L	P	A	E	P	E	R	S	M	L	A	P
O	O	J	O	R	S	K	I	E	Y	I	A
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I	A	Y	E	K	N	O	D	L	W	G	G
V	L	J	E	R	U	S	A	L	E	M	E
A	M	A	B	R	I	D	I	N	G	M	D
W	S	G	D	O	N	K	E	Y	K	A	W

Cross out the letters **c b k** in the jumbled words to find 4 real words.

chibmk knabmec Lobcrdk Hocsaknnab

"\_\_\_\_\_! Blessings on \_\_\_\_\_ who comes in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_!"

## Religious Education

### Lenten Fundraising

A huge well done to our children who have completed the CAFOD Lenten Big Walk this week. The children did amazing and we have raised an incredible amount of money. Our Just Giving page is still live if you would like to make a donation. A huge thank you to those who have already donated.

[St Stephen's CAFOD Big Lent Walk is fundraising for CAFOD](#)



### Prayer of the Week

Lord, give us mercy,  
give us energy to help the vulnerable,  
to help those who are hungry.  
Give us energy to share what we have.  
Give us wisdom to think based on how we help  
those who are vulnerable in our society.  
Give us resources  
so that we continue helping the vulnerable.  
Amen.

### Caritas Award

This week our whole school has been awarded the CARITAS award for their Lenten fundraising efforts!





## Nursery

This week in Phonics, we have revisited the rhyme 'A Sailor went to Sea.' Our initial sound focus has been 'b' we know that bus, ball, bird, bear and book begin with this sound. We have been working really hard to revisit previous sounds taught so far this term.

In Maths, our learning has focused on weight, we have loved using the balance scales to weigh and compare objects and say whether or not they are light or heavy.

We have enjoyed comparing different classroom objects from around our nursery classroom.

In our RE lessons this week we have continued learning about Holy week and the key events that happened during this week. We have focused on 'The Last Supper' we spoke about Jesus and his friends and how someone close to him betrayed him.

Earlier on in the week we took part in CAFODS Big Lent Walk in our outdoor area.

We enjoyed walking around the playground with our friends and teachers and were very respectful as we did this. Thank you for supporting this event.

We have enjoyed learning about 'Spring' in our topic work and have began preparing for Easter.

We have listened attentively to some lovely Easter themed stories this week and can't wait to continue our Easter creative work next week.

On Monday we can't wait to take part in our First Easter Bonnet Parade here at St Stephen's.  
Have a wonderful weekend!

*Question- Which classroom objects are heavy and which are light?  
(Chair, paper, table, pencil, book, water bottle, crayon)*

## Reception

We thoroughly enjoyed the snow on Wednesday. It sparked some lovely questions from the children, such as "I wonder if the tadpoles will be OK?" and "I wonder if the tadpoles will freeze?" We love hearing their curiosity and thoughtful ideas about the world around them. We enjoyed the sponsored Lenten Walk with our special friends and our lovely forest school session.

In Literacy, we have been retelling our story of The Little Red Hen using our Talk for Writing actions. Ask your child to retell the tale to you at home — can they remember the key parts of the story? You could also ask them, what could you change the main character to?

In Maths, we have been thinking about bonds to 10. These are the smaller numbers that join together to make numbers up to 10. Knowing these number bonds is vital for children as they progress in maths through school.

In RE, we have been learning about symbols of Easter and have been busy preparing some special surprises to bring home soon. We also enjoyed looking at photographs from our friends' Eid celebrations, which helped us learn more about how different families celebrate special times of the year.

*Question: Can you retell The Little Red Hen to your family at home?*

*Be Ready. Be Respectful. Be Safe*



## Year One

This week, the children have worked hard across a range of subjects and have shown great effort in both their learning and assessments. In maths, we focused on mass and weight, using balancing scales to compare and measure objects.

In English, we explored sentence writing using personal pronouns, inspired by *The Smartest Giant in Town*. The children practised replacing nouns with pronouns to make.

In R.E., we learned about the importance of angels in the Resurrection story of Jesus. The children also explored how Christians celebrate this event through hymns and poems, discussing how these forms of worship express joy and belief.

In science, we looked at changes in spring, identifying signs such as new plant growth, warmer weather, and changes in animal behaviour.

The children also completed a range of assessment papers this week, including: Reading, Punctuation and Grammar, Mental Arithmetic and Reasoning. We also had a lovely Stations of the Cross forest school session.

**Question: What was the angel's message for the women at the tomb?**

## Year Two

This week, the children in Year 2 have been completing their termly assessments. They have worked incredibly hard, showing perseverance and resilience. We are extremely proud of their achievements and the progress they are making.

In RE, we explored the events of Holy Week. Using drama and freeze-framing, the children explored the feelings of those close to Jesus. They also analysed the words of Jesus on the cross, including those of forgiveness and love for his persecutors. Finally they matched the details of the resurrection to the emotions experienced by Simon Peter. They demonstrated impressive knowledge and understanding of these important events in the Liturgical calendar.

This week has seen the conclusion of our unit of work on 'Can I be your dog?' in English. Using expanded noun phrases, the children described a range of characters and settings. Whilst, in Maths, they extended their understanding of doubling and halving, dividing by 2 and multiplying and dividing by 10.

**Question: What were Jesus' words to the thieves who were crucified with him?**

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## Year Three

It's been another busy week in Year 3!

In English, we have begun our independent writing inspired by *The Dark* by Lemony Snicket. The children have thoroughly enjoyed writing in the first person, imagining themselves as the dark. They have been working hard to include prepositional phrases, as well as adverbials of time, manner, and place to enhance their writing.

In Maths, the class has been developing their column addition skills and are now beginning to use exchanges in the tens and hundreds with increasing confidence.

In Art, the children completed their final project, "painting with scissors." They carefully cut pieces of paper to recreate scenes inspired by the Bayeux Tapestry, producing some fantastic and creative work.

**Question: What are the addends in the equation?**

$$235+521=756$$

## Year Four

**This week together with the rest of the school we completed our termly assessments. The children worked hard to do their very best.**

**On Tuesday the children were delighted when two GB athletes came into school to talk to them. We were inspired by their determination and the dedication they had shown to achieve success.**

**This week was Shakespeare Week. In Year 4 we read the story of Macbeth. The children were excited to read about the dramatic events of the play and then discuss who was to blame for the tragic acts.**

**In English, the children began to write their own stories based on the book 'Journeys.' They were able to create their own 'journey,' imagining and describing where their main character would go and what would happen.**

**Question: How important was Lady Macbeth in the story?**

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## Year Five

Another busy week for Year 5!!

The children have completed their independent write based on the book Dog Man. The focus for the children was to be able to use speech/dialogue in their writing. They have created some fantastic interpretations of the scenes and used SCAPS to ensure they have included everything needed when using speech. They were tasked with using reporting clauses at the beginning and end of sentences and a range of reporting verbs.

In Maths the children have been working through revision of their learning so far this year. This has included multiplication, fractions and decimals.

In RE the children have continued with their learning of Lent. We have also been perfecting the Passion Play which the children are excited to perform on Wednesday. They are now just making minor adjustments and have done amazing to remember their lines and actions.

Alongside all this the children have completed their termly assessments!

[Does punctuation for speech go inside or outside the speech marks?](#)

## Year Six

This week, the children have continued to work hard in all areas of the curriculum.

In Maths, we have completed our work on the area of triangles and parallelograms, and moved on to volume. The children dealt well with identifying volumes even when some aspects of the shape were not visible and enjoyed the challenge of drawing 3D shapes on isometric paper.

In English, we have been completing our modelled plan and write for the narrative involving Nate's interaction with PS, Turner and Caleb. The children had some fantastic ideas for how we could demonstrate the feelings of betrayal and loneliness, whilst also demonstrating their accuracy in punctuating direct speech. We are all really enjoying The Final Year and can't wait to get further into the story to see if Nate and PS can ever be best friends again.

We were lucky enough this week to be able to partake in a reconciliation service in church.

For some of us, it had been a while since our last confession so it was a nice refresher on how the sacrament should be completed. Father C guided us through the process and it was a very reflective and poignant time. It was especially relevant given that we are in Lent and have been covering conscience and sin in our RE lessons.

6DF completed their class assembly this week. It was a fantastic display of all our learning and progress in all areas. Well done, 6DF!

[Question: How would we calculate the area of any triangle?](#)