



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

Friday 8th May 2026

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

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

We hope you and your families are all well and have had a lovely week. It has been another busy and enjoyable week in school, with lots of wonderful moments to celebrate together.

**Gospel Reflection** - For this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that loving Him means living by His teachings and showing that love through our actions. He promises His disciples that they will not be alone, because the Holy Spirit - the "Spirit of Truth" - will guide and strengthen them always. The Gospel encourages us to trust in God's presence, especially in difficult times, and to share kindness, hope, and compassion with others. It is a message of reassurance, reminding us that God is always with us and calls us to live with love at the centre of our lives.

**🚗 Thank You for Supporting Our Car Boot Sale**

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to support the Car Boot Sale on Sunday. It was wonderful to see so many families there supporting our school community. A special thank you also goes to the PTA for organising such a successful event. Your continued support and hard work are greatly appreciated and help make events like these possible.

**🌟 Year 3 Shine Bright**

Year 3 have made us incredibly proud this week! A big well done to both Mrs Herbert's and Miss Dover's classes for their fantastic class assemblies. The children read and sang beautifully and represented our school wonderfully. We were delighted to see their confidence and enthusiasm shine through.

**🌸 Crowning of Mary Assembly**

Today, we held a special Crowning of Mary assembly in the school hall. It was a beautiful and reflective service enjoyed by all. Thank you to all the families who kindly sent in flowers so the children could take part so meaningfully in this special occasion.

**🍀 Good Luck to Year 6**

Next week is SATs week for our Year 6 children, and we would like to wish them the very best of luck. They have been working incredibly hard, and we are already so proud of all their efforts and determination. Children are welcome to come into school from 8:30am, Monday to Thursday, for breakfast before the tests begin. To celebrate the end of the week, Year 6 will enjoy a special chippy dinner treat on Friday!

**🚗 Don't Miss the Classic Car Show**

Finally, don't forget our Classic Car Show this Sunday from 11am. There will be lots of fun activities for all the family, so please come along and join us for what promises to be a fantastic day.

We hope you all have a wonderful and relaxing 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

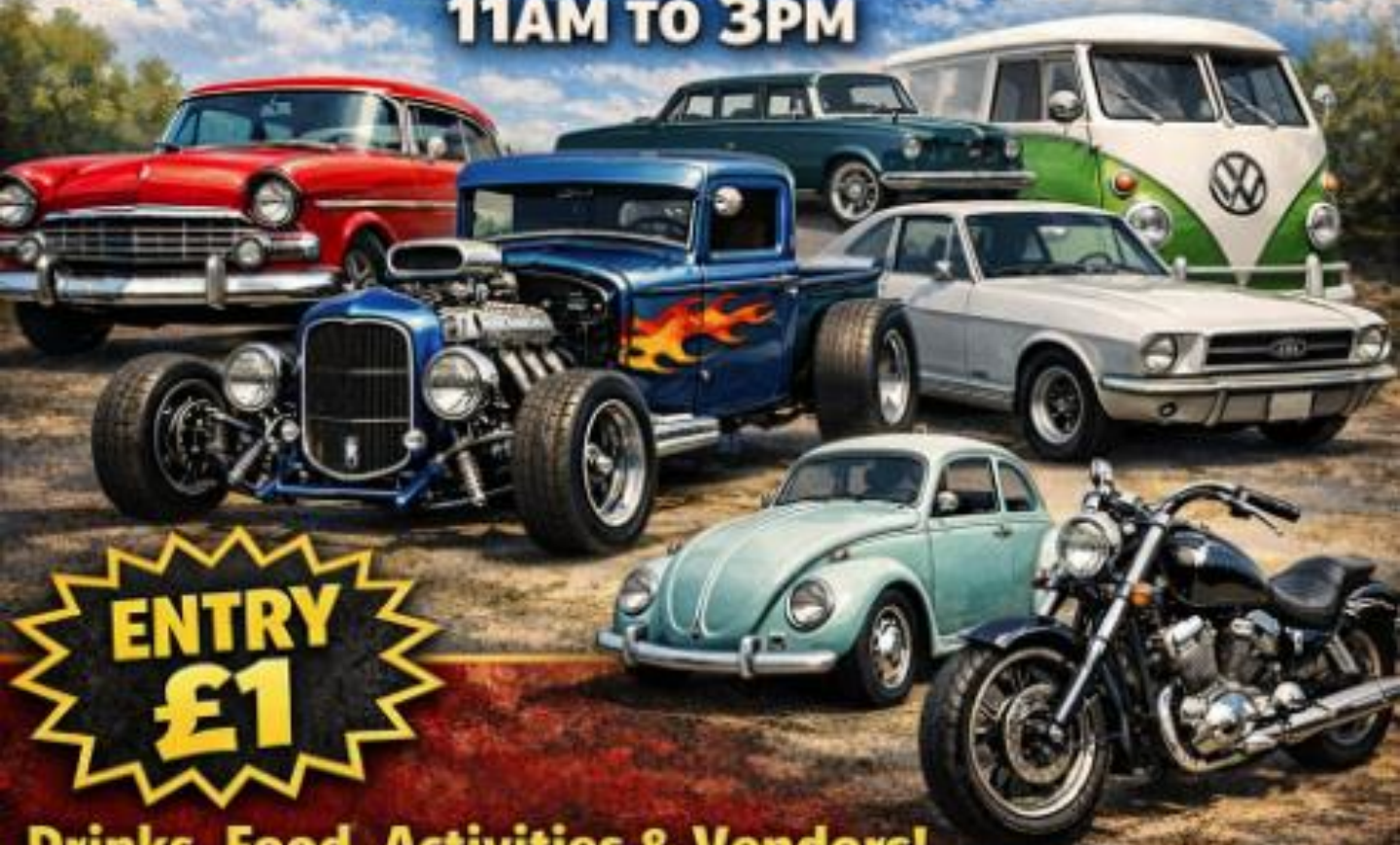
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# St Stephen's **CAR SHOW**

**SUNDAY 10th MAY**

**11AM TO 3PM**



**ENTRY  
£1**

**Drinks, Food, Activities & Vendors!**

**ALL CLASSIC / MODIFIED CARS, BIKES, VANS,  
PICK UP TRUCKS OR ANYTHING ELSE  
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**St Stephen's RC Primary School,  
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# MULTI-SPORTS ADVENTURE CAMP

 **St Stephen's RC Primary School**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Age  
5-11

## KEY ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Multi-Sports
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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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## Dates for your calendar - Summer 1

### 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>14/05/26</b>	Whole School Mass for Ascension 2pm in Church

### Week Beginning 18th May 2026

Date	Event
<b>18/05/26</b>	PTA Bounce-a-thon
<b>20/05/26</b>	Y6 PGL
<b>21/05/26</b>	Y6 PGL
<b>22/05/26</b>	Y6 PGL
<b>22/05/26</b>	Whole School Mass for Pentecost @ 10am
<b>22/05/26</b>	Road Safety Day
<b>22/05/26</b>	Half Term



## Hot Chocolate Friday Winner



<b>Nursery</b>	Alby & Faheemah
<b>RNE</b>	Jayden
<b>RAB</b>	Danvit
<b>Y1AL</b>	Lena
<b>Y1LB</b>	Hawraa
<b>Y2JL</b>	Divine
<b>Y2LW</b>	Dominion
<b>Y3MD</b>	Frankie
<b>Y3LH</b>	Shannel
<b>Y4HG</b>	Jake
<b>Y4HB</b>	Thomas F
<b>Y5DS</b>	Evelyn
<b>Y5LS</b>	Noah
<b>Y6GB</b>	Riley-James
<b>Y6DF</b>	Freya

## Readers of the Week



<b>Nursery</b>	Chance
<b>RNE</b>	Reeva
<b>RAB</b>	Rudy
<b>Y1AL</b>	Olivia
<b>Y1LB</b>	Alice
<b>Y2JL</b>	Evie
<b>Y2LW</b>	Evie
<b>Y3MD</b>	Abigail
<b>Y3LH</b>	Hazel
<b>Y4HG</b>	Adriel
<b>Y4HB</b>	Aurora
<b>Y5DS</b>	Millie
<b>Y5LS</b>	Riley
<b>Y6GB</b>	Caelan
<b>Y6DF</b>	Dolly





## Maths Star



<b>Nurser y</b>	Arlo & Lincoln
<b>RNE</b>	Bobby
<b>RAB</b>	Esmae
<b>Y1AL</b>	Lily-Mae
<b>Y1LB</b>	Emily
<b>Y2JL</b>	Jeremy
<b>Y2LW</b>	Ivy
<b>Y3MD</b>	Odin
<b>Y3LH</b>	Aaliyah
<b>Y4HG</b>	Gavriel
<b>Y4HB</b>	Emmanuel
<b>Y5DS</b>	Jeremiah
<b>Y5LS</b>	Bella
<b>Y6GB</b>	Daisy
<b>Y6DF</b>	Leah

## Writing Star



<b>Nurser y</b>	Luke
<b>RNE</b>	Yousuf
<b>RAB</b>	Marnie
<b>Y1AL</b>	Flora
<b>Y1LB</b>	Erin
<b>Y2JL</b>	Harriet
<b>Y2LW</b>	Nicholas
<b>Y3MD</b>	River
<b>Y3LH</b>	Freddie
<b>Y4HG</b>	Kalani
<b>Y4HB</b>	Sophie
<b>Y5DS</b>	Ebony
<b>Y5LS</b>	Roman
<b>Y6GB</b>	Tallulah
<b>Y6DF</b>	Donaeo

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St Stephen's RCP

# Attendance League

NAM	83.3%	Y3LH	95.6%
NPM	93.3%	Y3MD	86.8%
RNE	99.4%	Y4HG	98.7%
RAB	94.4%	Y4HB	98.7%
Y1AL	92.3%	Y5LS	94.6%
Y1LB	93.2%	Y5DS	95.6%
Y2JL	90.6%	Y6GB	92%
Y2LW	98.7%	Y6DF	98.3%

## St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 6DF	44	6th: 5LS	10
2nd: 4HG	40	7th: 3MD	9
3rd: 5CP	30	8th: 3LH	8
4th: 4HB	14		
5th: 6GB	10		

## St Stephen's Attendance League EY and KS1

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 1LB	35	5th: 2JL	17
2nd: 1AL	27	6th: NAM	11
2nd: NFD	27	7th: RAB	7
3rd: RNE	22		
4th: 2LW	18		



Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples that, when he returns to heaven, he will ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit to be their helper.

This is not just a historical event. The Holy Spirit is God's loving gift to every believer, helping us understand Jesus' words and reminding us that God is always close to us.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026

The Holy Spirit is our helper, who guides us to live more like Jesus – to grow in faith and to be filled with the peace and goodness that come from God.

Enjoy a very special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's Word, which is **HELPER**.

Dom Henry Warebrough



A Word from  
the Saints

*"Let the Holy Spirit be your helper and guide;  
He will not fail to lead you to peace."* Pope St. John Paul II

## THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026



Jesus said to the disciples, "If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you a Helper to be with you forever. He will give you the Spirit of Truth. The world neither sees nor knows the Spirit, but you know the Spirit, because the Spirit is with you, and lives in you. I will not leave you orphaned: I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me but you will still see me. Then you will know that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Those who receive my commandments and keep them are those who love me. Those who love me will be loved by my Father. I will love them, and they will see me as I truly am."

Adapted from John 14:15-21  
The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year A

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

Family Time Prayer & Share Overleaf ▶

**Good News  
for Everyone**

The Holy Spirit is our helper – alive and active today – nudging us to do good and guiding us along the way. The presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives will help us to grow in love, joy, wisdom, peace, self-control, patience, faithfulness and kindness. We can ask the Holy Spirit to help us, especially at times when things are difficult.





## Religious Education

### Crowning of Mary

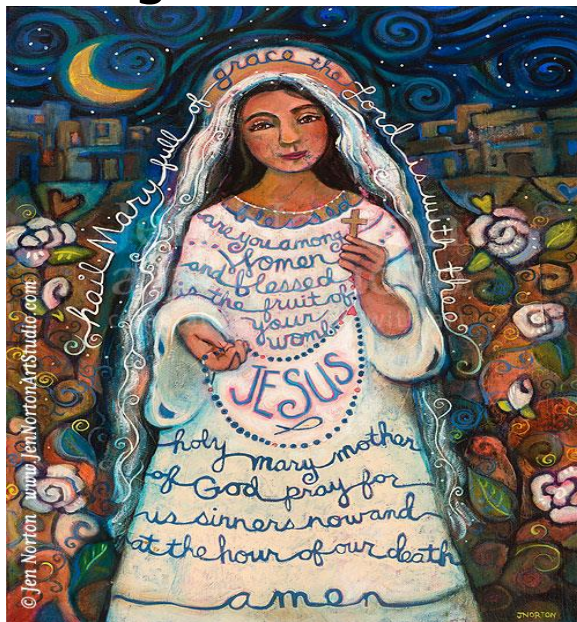
Today, we crowned Mary in school. All the children presented Mary with flowers to honour her in this special month. Catholics honour Mary during the month of May because it is a special time of new life, colourful flowers, and growing beauty in nature. This reminds us of Mary's goodness and purity. May is also a time when the world is blooming, so Catholics celebrate Mary as the mother of Jesus.

### Heart to Heart with Father Callistus

Dear Parents, Staff, Governors, and Pupils. I am happy to begin a weekly reflection in the newsletter of our school each week. I hope to share a few simple thoughts; sometimes from the Gospel, sometimes from everyday life, and sometimes from the funny and wonderful things children say and do.

Life can be remarkably busy for families and staff, so my hope is that these short reflections will bring a little encouragement, peace, and even a smile during the week. Thank you for all you do for our children and for the support you continue to give to our school and parish community at St Stephen's. May God bless all our families, staff, and pupils.  
Fr Callistus.

### Prayer of the Week



### First Holy Communion

Congratulations 25 of our pupils who received Jesus in Communion for the first time last weekend. Please keep the children in your prayers as their faith journey continues.





## Nursery

This week in Phonics, we have revisited the Nursery rhyme 'Hey diddle, diddle'. The children enjoyed recognising rhyming words and identifying objects that were the 'odd' one out due to the sound they began with.

Our sound focus this week has been 'W'- we know that 'worm', 'wig', 'web', 'wave' and 'water' all begin with this sound.

We have enjoyed singing Maths rhymes this week '10 Green Bottles' has been a favourite. Our class Caterpillars have been interesting to watch grow this week and continue to get bigger each day. Next week, they will hopefully be at the next stage of the Chrysalis.

We are looking forward to seeing this happen.

This week in RE, we have focused on learning all about Jesus' friends. We know that they cared for each other and spread the good news about Jesus to others.

*Question: Can you describe in detail what our class Caterpillars look like?*

## Reception

This week in maths, we have been exploring patterns when counting beyond 20. The children were introduced to a 100-square to help them notice and discuss the patterns in numbers, such as numbers ending in 0 or 5, and the way numbers increase in tens. We also focused on adding more using the "First, Then, Now" method. For example, children practiced sentences like: "*First there were 5, then I added 3, now there are 8*". This helped develop their understanding of addition and the concept of increasing quantities in a practical and visual way.

In literacy, we have started our new book, *Tadpole's Promise*. The children engaged in summarising the key points of the story and sequencing the events on a timeline. They practised retelling the story in order, which supports both comprehension and speaking skills. We also encouraged the children to use story language and descriptive words to explain what happens to the tadpoles and how they change over time.

This week in RE, we enjoyed a lovely outdoors lesson where we drew St Stephen's Church and talked about the symbols of prayer we could see, such as the cross and the statue of Mary. The children discussed what these symbols represent and how people use them in prayer. We also reflected on the importance of noticing and respecting these sacred symbols in our everyday lives.

*First there were 7 then I added 2 now there are ...?*



## Year One

This week in English, Year 1 have been learning from our new book, *Dangerous*. The children have been practising writing sentences by joining two adjectives using "and", exploring examples and non-examples, and completing missing-word activities.

In Maths, we have started learning about fractions, focusing on recognising halves of shapes, objects and quantities.

In Science, the children compared wild flowers and garden flowers, identifying similarities and differences.

In R.E., we learnt that Pentecost is known as the birth of the Church and discussed how we can continue Jesus' work through our actions.

In History, we explored Victorian classrooms and labelled the features we would have seen in one.

During Forest School, the children enjoyed den building and had fun creating creatures using clay, using their imagination and teamwork skills.

We finished the week by taking part in our beautiful Crowning of Mary assembly.

**Question: How was a Victorian classroom different to ours?**

## Year Two

We have had another busy, productive week in Year 2.

In English this week, we have started reading parts of a non-fiction book, linking in with our upcoming History unit, all about the sinking of the Titanic. We have been learning the differences between main clauses and phrases and understanding that main clauses can be used alone while phrases can only add detail.

We have been measuring items in Maths using grams and kilograms and have also used pictorial resources of scales to estimate mass of different objects.

In RE, we heard Paul's letter to the Galatians and learnt about the fruits of the Holy Spirit. We thought about how Christian's could use these in their lives.

The children have continued to work hard in their fluency and guided reading groups, and all of the teachers are so impressed with how hard they are working with this.

We concluded the week with a lovely assembly honouring Mary, placing flowers for her. The children were respectful and prayerful throughout.

**Question – Is this an example of a main clause or a phrase?**

**'in the ocean.'**



## Year Three

This week, we spent time practising our assemblies. The children worked incredibly hard and showed great confidence when sharing all the wonderful work they have completed throughout Year 3. Our assembly focused on reflecting on our learning journey this year, celebrating the progress we have made and the many exciting topics we have explored.

The children should feel very proud of themselves for their enthusiasm, teamwork and effort.

In Maths, we have moved on to our column subtraction unit. The children are becoming increasingly confident when subtracting 2-digit and 3-digit numbers using the formal written method. We have also been focusing on mathematical vocabulary, with the children learning to identify and understand the minuend, subtrahend and difference within subtraction calculations. It has been fantastic to see the children applying their reasoning skills and explaining their methods clearly.

In English, the children have begun their new writing unit based on creating a setting description of a spaceship setting. They have been exploring how authors make their writing exciting and imaginative using noun phrases and powerful adjectives. The children have enjoyed using expanded noun phrases to add detail to their sentences. We are looking forward to seeing their creative ideas develop into exciting pieces of descriptive writing over the coming weeks.

**Question: What is the subtrahend in the calculation?**

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## Year 4

Today was a lovely end to a busy week in Year 4.

This morning all the school assembled in the hall to crown Our Lady with all the flowers the children had brought. Shortly after, Year 4 attended mass, The theme of the mass was 'Spreading Peace.' The children read the readings and bidding prayers beautifully.

In English, we have been planning and writing a setting description based on our book, Cinnamon. The children have begun to use thoughtful and effective descriptive language in their work.

In Maths, we have come to the end of our unit on coordinates and translation of polygons. The children are also working very hard on quick and accurate recall of times tables. In Geography we studied the course of a river from its source to its mouth, learning the technical terms for a river's features.

**Question: What is the term for a bend in a river?**



## Year Five

Year 5 have had a great week and seemed to really enjoy their extended weekend too. In History, we have continued our learning about the Tudors, looking at when and how they came to power. The children enjoyed learning about King Henry VIII, his six wives and the reasons why he broke away from Rome. We then used this knowledge in our English lessons to support our writing.

In English, the children have been writing embedded relative clauses using the relative pronoun 'who' and relative clauses at the end of sentences using 'which'. We have also been practising using brackets, commas and dashes accurately around these clauses.

In Maths, we have been multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 before applying this knowledge to converting measures. In Science, we have carefully explored each of the different planets in our solar system.

On Friday, we enjoyed taking part in our school Crowning of Mary celebration. We also welcomed visitors from the Greater Manchester Fire Service, who spoke to the children about how to stay safe. The children asked lots of thoughtful and exciting questions throughout the session.

**Question: Can you name each of Henry VIII's six wives in order?**

## Year 6

Year 6 have been working incredibly hard this week and are now fully in revision mode. In our grammar sessions, we have revisited word classes and practised applying this knowledge to SATs-style questions with increasing speed and accuracy.

In English, the children edited and published their independent narrative writing based on 'Cicada'. As the text is a picture book, the children particularly enjoyed developing the characters' personalities and considering what they might say through dialogue. We have also begun planning a formal letter of dismissal, which the children will type up on laptops next week.

In Maths, our revision sessions have focused on fractions, decimals and percentages, alongside translations. The children have shown great resilience and determination throughout, and we are incredibly proud of the effort they are putting in.

Next week, the children will complete their SATs papers; we would like to wish them the very best of luck. This is their opportunity to showcase all of the learning and progress they have made, and we are already so proud of them. Please remember SATs are simply one opportunity to showcase learning, but they do not measure the many other gifts, talents, qualities and successes that make each child unique and special.

Children are welcome to come into school early next week from 8:30am for some toast before the papers begin. We hope everyone has a restful weekend ahead.

*Be Ready. Be Respectful. Be Safe*