



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

Friday 22nd May 2026

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A MESSAGE FROM MISS DEMPSEY...

Hello Families of St Stephen's,

What a fabulous final week we have had in school! This week, the children took part in our exciting Bounce-a-thon to raise money for our wonderful PTA. Every class spent the day bouncing, laughing and having lots of fun together. A huge congratulations to Year 5, who were our overall winners — well done! Thank you to our amazing PTA for organising such a fantastic event and thank you to all our families for your incredibly kind donations and support.

Today, the children attended Mass to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. The Mass was beautiful, and the children sang wonderfully and behaved impeccably throughout. We are always so proud of the way they represent our school community.

Year 6 have also had a very busy week! Greater Manchester Police visited school to speak to the children about cyber crime and online safety, before they headed off to PGL for the last three days. Mr Lavin, the staff and all the children have had an absolutely fantastic time and have made lots of wonderful memories together — although I think they are all extremely tired now! I'm sure Year 6 parents are looking forward to a very quiet Friday night!

As we break up for half term, I would like to wish all our families a lovely and restful two-week break. Whatever you are getting up to, I hope you enjoy your time together. Let's hope the sunshine stays with us! Please stay safe and we look forward to welcoming everyone back soon.

See you all on Monday 8th June.
Class photos is on Wednesday 10th June!!!!

Have a great half term
Miss Dempsey

**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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DOUGHNUTS

Donuts for Dad's Day!

Friday 19th June 2026



Share a Sweet Moment with Dad!

★ ST STEPHENS RC PRIMARY PTA ★

WORLD CUP

★ DRESS DOWN DAY! ★

THURSDAY 11TH JUNE

Each class will be allocated
a different country and you can
come dressed in that country's
COLOUR or **THEME!**



★ WHO WILL TAKE THE CUP? ★

The class that we deem to have
gone to the **MOST EFFORT** in their outfits will win a

★ WHOLE CLASS TREAT ★

COURTESY OF THE PTA!

★ **£1 DONATION** ★

Let's celebrate'  World Cup in style!
We can't wait to see your amazing outfits!



TLC	Spain
Nursery	Japan
RNE	England
RAB	Morocco
Y1AL	Uruguay
Y1LB	Argentina
Y2JL	Belgium
Y2LW	Portugal
Y3MD	Netherlands
Y3LH	Mexico
Y4HG	Germany
Y4HB	Brazil
Y5DS	Colombia
Y5LS	Norway
Y6GB	United states
Y6DF	France



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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 2

Week Beginning 8th June 2026

Date	Event
08/06/26	Return to school Y4 Multiplication Check Week Y1 Phonics Screening Check
09/06/26	Reception Trip
10/06/26	Class Photographs
11/06/26	PTA World Cup Day (More info soon)
12/06/26	Reception / Y6 Mass at 10am

Week Beginning 15th June 2026

Date	Event
16/06/26	RAB Stay and Pray 9:00am
17/06/26	RNE Stay and Pray 9:00am
19/06/26	Y1, 2, 3 Mass at 10am PTA Doughnuts on sale for Father's Day after school

Week Beginning 22nd June 2026

Date	Event
23/06/26	Nursery Stay and Pray 9:00am
25/06/26	Year 1 Assembly 9:05am Hall
26/06/26	Whole School Mass 10am Break the Rules Day in return for a bottle for the Bottle Tombola

Week Beginning 29th June 2026

Date	Event
29/06/26	Y1/Y2 Sports Day 9:30am Y3/Y4 Sports Day 1:30pm
30/06/26	Y5/Y6 Sports Day 1:30pm
01/07/26	Reception Sports Day 9:30am Nursery Sports Day 2:15pm
02/07/26	Y6 High School Induction Day
03/07/26	Year 3 Trip Summer Fair after school

Week Beginning 6th July 2026

Date	Event
07/07/26	Year 6 Play 1:30pm Year 6 Play 5:30pm
09/07/26	Reception Assembly 9:05am
10/07/26	Year 4 and 5 Mass at 10am

Week Beginning 13th July 2026

Date	Event
13/07/26	Report sent via Class Dojo
15/07/26	Y6 Leavers' Mass 10am
16/07/26	Nursery Graduation 9am Hall Y6 Leavers Prom 6-7pm
17/07/26	Whole School Mass 10am School closes for Summer 1:15pm



Hot Chocolate Friday Winner



Nursery	Valentina & Arlo
RNE	Elsie
RAB	Arla
Y1AL	Dustie
Y1LB	Natalia
Y2JL	Oreofeoluwa
Y2LW	Peyton
Y3MD	Tissy
Y3LH	Muzaffar
Y4HG	Kalani
Y4HB	Emmanuel
Y5DS	Lydia
Y5LS	Ethan
Y6GB	All of year 6
Y6DF	All of year 6

Readers of the Week



Nursery	Leah-Rose
RNE	Caleb
RAB	Imoleoluwa
Y1AL	Autumn
Y1LB	Ocean
Y2JL	Nancy
Y2LW	Leo
Y3MD	Noah
Y3LH	Ivy
Y4HG	Runo
Y4HB	Raya- Mae
Y5DS	Samuel
Y5LS	Noah
Y6GB	All of year 6
Y6DF	All of year 6





Maths Star



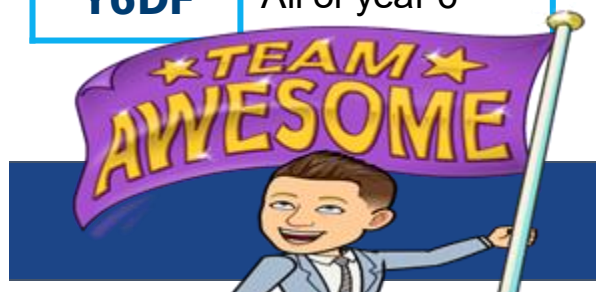
Nurser y	Teni
RNE	Luca
RAB	Danvit
Y1AL	Chester
Y1LB	Adrian
Y2JL	Harmony
Y2LW	Jaxon
Y3MD	Octavia
Y3LH	Maisie
Y4HG	Anastazja
Y4HB	Jack
Y5DS	Evelyn
Y5LS	Caoimhe
Y6GB	All of year 6
Y6DF	All of year 6

Writing Star



Nurser y	Albert
RNE	Jack
RAB	Maddox
Y1AL	Coby-Ray
Y1LB	James
Y2JL	Chester
Y2LW	Michael
Y3MD	River
Y3LH	Armaan
Y4HG	Henry
Y4HB	Thomas H
Y5DS	Ivy
Y5LS	Sofija
Y6GB	All of year 6
Y6DF	All of year 6

1% BETTER





St Stephen's RCP

Attendance League

NAM	99%	Y3LH	96.3%
NPM	100%	Y3MD	90.5%
RNE	97.7%	Y4HG	97.5%
RAB	90.5%	Y4HB	96.5%
Y1AL	87.1%	Y5LS	92.3%
Y1LB	92.1%	Y5DS	88.4%
Y2JL	93.3%	Y6GB	95.1%
Y2LW	87.5%	Y6DF	96%

St Stephen's Attendance League EY and KS1

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 1LB	35	6th: 2JL	17
2nd: NFD	33	7th: NAM	13
3rd: 1AL	28	8th: RAB	7
4th: RNE	23		
5th: 2LW	20		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 6DF	47	6th: 5LS	10
2nd: 4HG	44	6th: 6GB	10
3rd: 5DS	31	7th: 3MD	9
4th: 4HB	16		
5th: 3LH	11		

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Wednesday
20th May 2026

Good News for Families
TOGETHER TIME 😊😊😊

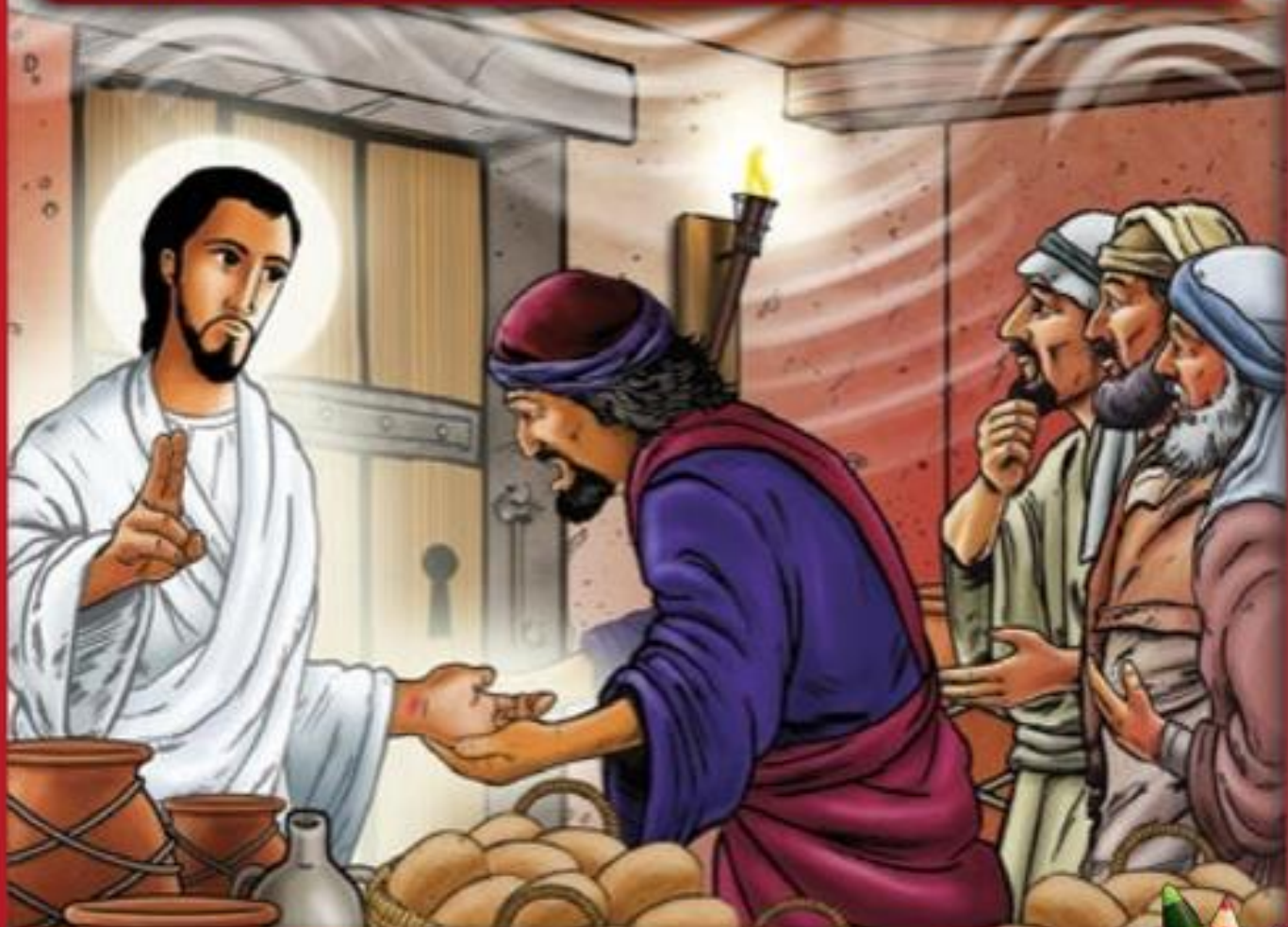
1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

In the evening, the disciples were gathered in a room. They had locked the doors because they were afraid of the people who had crucified Jesus. Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said to them. He showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord. "Peace be with you," Jesus said to them again. "As the Father has sent me, so I now send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them. "Receive the Holy Spirit," he said to them. "If you forgive the sins of anyone, then they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 24th May 2026. John 20:19-23 (Pentecost Sunday, Year A)

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 **PENTECOST**.



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



"Pentecost is the birthday of the Church." St John XXIII

Why did Jesus breathe on the disciples? This coming Sunday the Church celebrates Pentecost. This is the feast of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church - a gift which we now receive at Baptism, Confirmation and at Mass. Ask your child what they know about Pentecost. It may help your child if you tell them something that you know about Pentecost. The word 'Pentecost' means 'fiftieth day'. On this day (fifty days after Easter) the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit.

"The extraordinary outpouring of Pentecost continues. The Holy Spirit transforms us and wants to transform the world."

Pope Francis (Pope from 2013-2025)

Pentecost is not just a historical event. The Holy Spirit is alive and active today. Each of you choose one of the following qualities that you would like to ask the Holy Spirit for today: Courage, Joy, Peace, Patience, Gentleness, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness or Self-Control. Why did you choose that quality? In what ways could growing in that quality help you or help those around you? As the Church prepares to celebrate Pentecost Sunday, let's be open to receiving the many priceless gifts which the Holy Spirit offers to enrich our lives.

Simply repeating the words 'Come, Holy Spirit' is a great prayer to say at **Pentecost**, and also each day throughout the year.



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



PENTECOST
GATHERED

DOORS
LOCKED

JESUS
APPEARED

BREATHED
SPIRIT



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

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

Cross out the letters **u m k** in the 4 jumbled words to find 4 real words.

Hukomly samukid mubreakthed Supmirkit
 Jesus _____ on them. "Receive the
 _____," he _____ to them.

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

Pentecost Sunday is popularly known as the birthday of the Church. This was the day when Jesus' disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, when the mission of the Church really began - almost 2000 years ago.

This week I will try my best to...





Religious Education

Heart to Heart with Father Callistus

Children ask some of the ridiculous but deepest questions in life: Why is water wet? What colour is God? Why can't we see God? Does Jesus still talk to people? Will my grandma in heaven remember me? Sometimes, just when you think you are finally ready to answer, they ask something even harder usually in the middle of Tesco or five minutes before bedtime. There is something beautiful about the honesty of children. They are curious. They wonder. They ask questions from the heart.

This Sunday, the Church celebrates Pentecost which is the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and the birthday of the Church. One of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is wisdom: the ability to see beyond the surface and search for what truly matters. Perhaps children remind us of that gift.

In a world that is often noisy and distracted, children still ask the deep questions.

As adults, we may not always have perfect answers, and that is okay.

Sometimes the most important thing is simply listening and helping children know that their questions matter. Pentecost reminds us that the Holy Spirit is still at work in our homes, our school, our parish, and even in the thoughtful questions of children. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide all our families, staff, and pupils with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Fr Callistus



Prayer of the Week



Come, Holy Spirit, fill
the hearts of your
faithful and kindle in
them the fire of
Your love.

Send forth your Spirit
and they shall be
created, and you shall
renew the face of
the earth.

Sunday Mass- 24th May 2026

The parish will be celebrating the children during Mass this Sunday (10.30am). Father Callistus has warmly invited all the children of St Stephen's to attend with their parents so they may be celebrated during the Mass.

CARITAS Awards

This week our Caritas award has been given to Emmanuel and Bruke in 4HB. They have shown Human Dignity by ensuring everyone has a friend to play with. Well done boys!



Nursery

This week has been a busy end to Summer Term One.

On Monday, we had lots of fun taking part in the PTA Bounce-a-thon.

Thank you so much for sponsoring this event.

In Phonics, we have recapped all our Nursery rhymes we have been learning in Phonics this term. We have loved singing and creating actions to these rhymes.

In Maths, we have enjoyed recapping our number and counting knowledge.

On Thursday, we had a lovely visit to the School forest with Mrs Artingstall, we took part in a game all about butterflies. We had to find our matching butterfly friend. This was lots of fun.

We then went on a hunt for a bear and hedgehog hiding in the forest.

Mrs Artingstall lit a fire in the forest whilst Miss Taylor read a story, this was a lovely sensory experience for us and us and we thoroughly enjoyed it.

We have started to learn some of our Nursery Graduation songs this week in preparation for our Graduation next term these are called 'From my heart to your heart', 'My Lighthouse' and 'This Little Light of Mine'.

Have a wonderful Half Term and we look forward to a busy and exciting Summer Term Two.

Question:

Can you talk about the four stages in the Lifecycle of a Butterfly?

Reception

This week in Literacy, we enjoyed retelling and innovating our story *Tadpole's Promise*. The children used their imaginations to make exciting changes to the story, including changing the tadpole into a chick's egg. They worked hard to think of new ideas and used wonderful language when sharing and retelling their own versions of the story. We were very impressed with the children's creativity and confidence when discussing their ideas with others.

In Maths, we explored rotating 2D shapes. The children practised turning shapes in different directions and began to understand how shapes can look different when they are rotated. We used lots of practical activities and discussions to help the children identify and describe shapes confidently. It was lovely to see the children becoming more secure in their understanding of shape and position.

In RE, we spent time reflecting on how we can care for others and show kindness in our daily lives. The children then worked together to write our own class prayer, focusing on being thoughtful, caring and helpful to those around us. They shared some beautiful ideas and showed a wonderful understanding of how we can follow Jesus' example by caring for others.

Question: How many 2D shapes can you name?



Year One

What a great end to the half term this week has been! It started off with the bounce-a-thon, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Another highlight of our week has been completing our Art unit, 'Making Birds'. The children put all the skills they have been practising into making their own bird, and they looked fantastic!

In English, we have completed our independent write; a description of our own creature. The children used exciting adjectives joined by 'and'.

In Maths, we have been learning about Position and Direction. We learnt different types of turns, left and right, forwards and backwards, up and down and ordinal numbers.

In R.E, we learnt the Glory Be prayer and we shared our knowledge of stories we have learnt around Jesus' Ascension and Pentecost.

We ended our week with a beautiful Mass and spent the afternoon learning about Road Safety.

Question: Show your adults the different types of turns that you know.

Year Two

What a fantastic final week of the half term!

We've been busy completing lots of exciting units of work across the curriculum – from our English unit on the sinking of the Titanic, to our RE learning about the journey from the Last Supper to Pentecost, and our Maths Measurement unit.

In RE, the children explored how the Holy Spirit helps our relationships with God, others and ourselves. They thought carefully about the fruits of the Holy Spirit and how we can show them in our daily lives, as well as identifying the different symbols of the Holy Spirit.

In History, we created a timeline of the events leading to the sinking of the Titanic and wrote diary entries from the viewpoint of a first, second or third-class passenger. The children are very excited to learn more about this significant event after half term.

In English, the children wrote their own explanation texts about the events leading to the sinking of the Titanic, using the key features needed to engage the reader.

Thank you to all the parents who have sent in photographs of their child using measurements at home. We have loved looking at them together in class.

Question: If year 2 is a part, the whole is...?

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Year Three

This week in Year 3, the children have started designing their moving monsters in DT. They have enjoyed exploring different ideas and thinking carefully about how their monsters will move.

In Maths, the children have been focusing on fractions. They have been learning that parts make a whole and have explored equal and unequal parts in a variety of shapes and sizes.

In English, the children completed their setting descriptions based on a spaceship setting. They worked hard to use expanded noun phrases to add detail and make their writing descriptive and engaging.

We finished the week by completing some work for Road Safety Day. The children discussed the importance of staying safe near roads and thought carefully about ways to keep themselves and others safe when walking, cycling or travelling in a car.

Question: What is the whole and what is the parts?

$$350 + 50 = 400$$

Year 4

This week has been extra busy in Year 4 as we are drawing to the end of many of our units of work.

In English we have been working on our new non-fiction unit which will culminate in the children writing a non-chronological report about a wild animal.

We have been looking at the use of formal language in these types of text. In Maths we have been working on mixed numbers and understanding how they are put together. In Geography we continued with our work on Rivers by learning about floods – what causes them and what conditions can make them harmful both to the landscape and to people.

On Monday, the children had great fun taking part in the Bouncathon as they counted the number of jumps they made.

Today, Year 4 attended a whole school mass to celebrate Pentecost. Today was also Road Safety Day so the children enjoyed a range of activities related to staying safe.

Question: If I am 10 years old on August 22nd 2026, how old am I now? (use a mixed number for your answer)



Year Five

What a wonderful final week of the half term we have had in Year 5!

In English, the children have been writing a third-person formal account answering the question: *Was Henry VIII a good king?* Throughout their writing, the children used a range of grammatical features, including parenthesis and relative clauses, to present balanced arguments and historical information in a formal style.

In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of decimals by completing addition calculations using tenths and hundredths. We have also been using known multiplication facts to help us multiply whole numbers by tenths and hundredths.

In History, the children created some beautiful double-page spreads all about Queen Elizabeth I and the Golden Age. Their work showed excellent creativity, presentation and historical understanding.

In Religion, we have been looking closely at the disciples, and the responsibilities Jesus gave to them. We then compared the role of the disciples to the responsibilities of ordinary people and discussed what they have in common.

On Friday afternoon, we enjoyed taking part in our Road Safety afternoon. The children explored different road symbols and signs that we may see on the roads before designing their own road safety signs.

Well done to everyone for all your hard work this half term. We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable break!

Questions: What is 7×0.6 ? What is 7×0.08 ?

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