



St Stephen's RCP Weekly Newsletter

'Every child, every chance, every day!'

Friday 26th June 2026

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

Well, I think it's fair to say we've all had to survive the heatwave this week! Whilst the sunshine has been very welcome, it has certainly brought its challenges. I would like to say a huge thank you to our incredible staff, who have worked tirelessly to keep everyone safe and comfortable throughout the hottest days.

I must admit, one of the highlights of my week was getting the hosepipe out to cool everyone down! Seeing the smiles and hearing the laughter as children (and a few adults!) enjoyed a refreshing spray was wonderful. Add in an ice pop or two, and I think we all managed to beat the heat together!

It has also been a real pleasure to welcome so many of our new Reception parents and carers into school this week. Our Stay and Play sessions have been a fantastic opportunity for families to find out more about joining the St Stephen's family in September, meet our staff and begin what we hope will be a happy and exciting journey with us. We can't wait to welcome all of our newest children through the doors in September and watch them flourish.

 Looking Ahead (children to come into school wearing PE on their Sport's Day)

Monday 29th June

Year 1 & 2 Sports Day (9:30am–11:00am) and Year 3 & 4 Sports Day (1:30pm–3:00pm)

Tuesday 30th June

Year 5&6 Sports Day (1:30pm–3:00pm) Reception Stay and Play Session (3:30pm–4:30pm)

Wednesday 1st July

Reception Sports Day (9:30am–10:30am) and Nursery Sports Day (2:15pm)

Thursday 2nd July

Year 1 Trip to Portland Basin

Friday 3rd July

Year 3 Trip to Catalyst Science Discovery Centre, Widnes
Summer Fair – we look forward to seeing everyone there!

For Sport's Day, please enter via the pupil entrance by the main office and a member of staff will direct you to the field. Hopefully the weather is kind to us!

We have another exciting and busy week ahead, packed with Sports Days, educational visits, transition activities and our Summer Fair. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to welcoming families to many of these events throughout the week. Have a great weekend – hopefully it'll be a little cooler!

Mr C 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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Religious Education

Heart to Heart with Father Callistus

This Sunday, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul.

At first glance, they seem very different from us. They were great saints, leaders of the early Church, and courageous witnesses to Christ, but if we look a little closer, Peter and Paul remind us that God works through ordinary people. Peter was impulsive. He often spoke before he thought. He got things wrong and even denied knowing Jesus when he was afraid.

Paul, before his conversion, spent years going in the wrong direction thinking he was doing right. Neither man was perfect. That is good news for all of us.

Children sometimes worry about making mistakes. Parents can worry that they are not getting everything right. Teachers can wonder if they are doing enough. Yet the lives of Peter and Paul remind us that holiness is not about never failing; it is about getting up again, learning, growing, and trusting God.

Every family knows what it is like to have good days and difficult days. There are days when everything seems to go smoothly, and days when someone forgets their homework, loses a school jumper, or remembers a project the night before it is due! Through all of this, God continues to work in our lives, just as He did in the lives of Peter and Paul.

This week, let us encourage our children not to be afraid of mistakes, but to learn from them. After all, two of the greatest saints in the Church began as ordinary people who allowed God to guide them, one step at a time.

May Saints Peter and Paul pray for all our families, staff, and pupils this week.

Fr Callistus.



Prayer of the Week

A prayer to Sts. Peter and Paul

O holy Apostles,
Peter and Paul, intercede for us.
Protect, O Lord, your people who trust in the
patronage of your Apostles, Peter and Paul;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.





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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 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 Year 4/5 Mass 10am 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

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 5-7pm
17/06/26	Whole School Mass 10am School closes for Summer 1:15pm



Maths Star



Nursery	Tiago
RNE	Rinsola
RAB	Ruben
Y1AL	Alyssa
Y1LB	Alice
Y2JL	Harriet
Y2LW	Louie
Y3MD	Abigail
Y3LH	Natty
Y4HG	Arabella
Y4HB	
Y5DS	Ivy
Y5LS	Noah
Y6GB	Frances
Y6DF	Bobby

Writing Star



Nursery	Aria
RNE	Phoenix
RAB	Roman
Y1AL	Nehneh
Y1LB	Annie
Y2JL	Ralphie
Y2LW	Michael
Y3MD	Tissy
Y3LH	Kinggreat
Y4HG	Panagiotis
Y4HB	
Y5DS	Adam
Y5LS	Elliott
Y6GB	Alisha
Y6DF	Harrison

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St Stephen's RCP

Attendance League

NAM	85.3%	Y3LH	94.6%
NPM	94.6%	Y3MD	92%
RNE	93.6%	Y4HG	96.8%
RAB	91.7%	Y4HB	94.6%
Y1AL	93.6%	Y5LS	94.6%
Y1LB	96.3%	Y5DS	95.7%
Y2JL	94.7%	Y6GB	93.4%
Y2LW	93%	Y6DF	97%

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 6DF	50	6th: 5LS	10
2nd: 4HG	47	6th: 6GB	10
3rd: 5DS	35	7th: 3MD	9
4th: 4HB	18		
5th: 3LH	17		

St Stephen's Attendance League EY and KS1

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 1LB	43	6th: 2JL	20
2nd: NFD	37	7th: NAM	13
3rd: 1AL	29	8th: RAB	7
4th: RNE	23		
5th: 2LW	22		

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Hot Chocolate Friday Winner



Nursery	Pearl & Lyla
RNE	Yousuf
RAB	Tommy
Y1AL	Phoebe
Y1LB	Jasper
Y2JL	Ava
Y2LW	Fabian
Y3MD	Louie
Y3LH	Gabriella-Rose
Y4HG	Annie
Y4HB	Grace
Y5DS	Jensen
Y5LS	Jacob
Y6GB	Avaya
Y6DF	Amelia

Readers of the Week



Nursery	Scarlet
RNE	Jayden
RAB	Cameron
Y1AL	Cole
Y1LB	Afia
Y2JL	Brume
Y2LW	James
Y3MD	Jessica
Y3LH	Evie-Rose
Y4HG	Parker
Y4HB	Harrison
Y5DS	Jeremiah
Y5LS	Emmauella
Y6GB	Saul
Y6DF	Leraya



Dear Parents and Carers,

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of two great saints who have helped to share faith throughout the world, St Peter and St Paul.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Peter professes his faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus then gives Peter the important task of leading the Church – a duty which is now undertaken by Pope Leo XIV, the current successor of St Peter.

Wednesday 24th June 2026

Helping our children to grow in faith, to know and to love God, is one of the greatest gifts we can give them. Faith in God transforms how we see the world and helps us to keep growing in our love for each other too.

Enjoy hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **FAITH**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



A Word from
the Saints

"Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe." St Augustine of Hippo

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 28th June 2026



When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Then Simon Peter spoke up, "You are the Christ," he said, "the Son of the living God."

Jesus replied, "Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven."

*Adapted from Matthew 16:13-19
The Feast of Ss Peter and Paul, Year A*

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**

Having faith is to believe and trust in God's love for us. Faith is one of life's greatest blessings – it is a gift to be shared. The Church exists to help people to grow in their faith and there's no better time than now to explore and refresh your faith.

Find out more at: cbcew.org.uk



Good News for Families

TOGETHER TIME



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

Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter spoke up and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Simon, you are a happy man! Because this was made known to you by my Father in heaven. So from now on you will be called Peter, which means 'rock', and on this rock I will build my Church. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven."

What was Simon Peter's reply to 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...

"Faith and love are everything, and nothing is more precious than these." *St Ignatius of Antioch*

Faith is a gift from God that greatly enriches our lives. A family full of faith is a family full of joy. Ask your child what the word 'faith' means to them. Who do they know who has great faith in God? Who helps them to grow in faith and learn more about God? You may want to tell your child about someone in the family, at school or in the parish who helped you to grow in faith when you were young.

As a family, talk about the faith you have in God. What can we do, in these coming weeks, to help our family's faith to grow? Perhaps we can: regularly read and talk about God together and with others; read the gospels; say morning or bedtime prayers together; ask God to help us grow in faith; follow Jesus by loving others; visit cbcww.org.uk; visit our local parish church website for more ideas.

FAITH



3 Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for the gift of faith. Please increase the faith of our family so that we can know you more closely. Amen.

FINDING THREE

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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN



FATHER
HEAVEN



GAVE
PETER



FAITH
BELIEF



JESUS
SON

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

Cross out the letters **u b w** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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Simon Peter _____ up and _____, "You are the _____, the Son of the _____ God."

This Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of St Peter and St Paul. Each year, Missio, one of the Pope's official charities, helps us to celebrate this special feast day through their 'Day of Many Colours'. See missiontogether.org.uk/day-of-many-colours



This week I will try my best to...

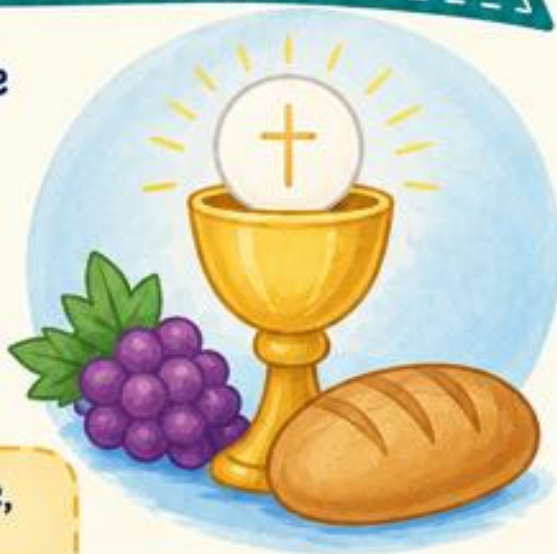
Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley



☀️ Parents of ☺️ ❤️ Current Year 2 Children

Sacramental Programme 2026-2027

Next academic year, your child will have the opportunity to participate in the Sacramental Programme. This is where the children prepare, and receive, the sacraments of **Reconciliation** and **Holy Communion**.



To participate in this programme, your child must be a baptised Roman Catholic.



If you would like your child to participate, please email Mrs Gibson the following information: ❤️

- Child's name
- Date of baptism
- Church baptism took place



If you would like to participate, please email Mrs Gibson by

Friday 3rd July 2026.

Hannah.gibson@stsrcp.co.uk ❤️



Thank you, Mrs Gibson





Nursery

We have had another lovely week in Nursery as we completed our topic on Minibeasts. The children have enjoyed being creative while consolidating their knowledge of different minibeasts, sharing facts they have learned and developing their understanding of the world around them.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Stay and Pray session this week. The children were so proud to share their learning about Jesus and His love for everyone. We loved singing some of our favourite songs for you, including *Jesus Loves Me* and *My Lighthouse*, and it was wonderful to see so many families joining us.

We have also been busy preparing for our Nursery Graduation and are very excited to perform our songs and tell you all about what we would like to be when we grow up! Despite the hot weather, the children have coped incredibly well, showing great resilience and enjoying lots of outdoor water play, especially the sprinklers and hosepipe activities. Next week, we are looking forward to our **Sports Day on Wednesday 1st July at 2.15pm**. We can't wait to see you there cheering us on and supporting the children as they take part in the fun activities!

Question: What is your favourite Minibeast? Can you describe it?

Reception

This week marked our final week of exploring our non-fiction text, **Things with Wings**. We used all of our knowledge to create our own information pages, adding them to our class text and sharing our new facts using actions and pictures.

In Maths, we completed our learning on grouping and began our new unit on pattern. We have been learning about repeating patterns and identifying the unit of repeat.

In RE, we have been thinking about the special jobs priests do and the different roles people have when we come together to celebrate Mass. We also enjoyed a lovely whole-school Mass on Friday to celebrate the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul.

We are unbelievably proud of how the children have coped with the heat this week. They continue to amaze us every day with their positive attitudes, resilience and enthusiasm for learning, even in such warm conditions. They have enjoyed keeping cool in the sprinklers, taking regular water breaks and finishing the week with a well-deserved ice lolly. We are also incredibly proud of the progress they have made this year and the confidence, independence and determination they show each day.

Next week, we are very excited for our Sports Day on ****Wednesday 1st July from 9:30–10:30am****, and we hope to see many of you there to cheer on our amazing Reception children.

Question: Mrs Ellison's pattern is: pink circle, yellow circle, pink square, yellow square, pink circle, yellow circle, pink square, yellow square...What is the unit of repeat?

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Year One

This week, Year 1 have all been trying to keep cool in the heatwave, having fun with the water sprinkler and enjoying ice pops! Despite the hot weather, the children have still been working hard and we are very proud of how they have coped this week.

In English, we have finished our Supertato unit by writing a Wanted poster for Evil Pea. In Maths, we have been learning about money through recognising the value of coins and notes, and counting them.

In R.E, we are starting to apply our learning about Christianity to the Jewish faith, learning how Jesus read from the Torah and identifying key artefacts for how Judaism is taught. We ended our week by remembering the story of the Good Samaritan in PSHE and thinking about how we can follow the message of this story. We also had lots of fun for Break the Rules Day.

Question: What is the pointer called for reading the Torah with?

Year Two

Despite the extreme temperatures this week, Year 2 have remained sensible, have been working hard and have enjoyed a few summer treats throughout the week! In English this week, we completed our unit on the animation 'The Bridge'. Children revised expanded noun phrases and used these along with coordinating conjunctions to retell the story in clear sentences.

In Maths, we have been focussing on using fractions to find the whole number. They have also explored unit fractions and demonstrated their knowledge by shading shapes to show different unit fractions.

As we continue to learn about the Parable of the Good Samaritan in RE, Year 2 have thought carefully about who a good neighbour could be in their life. They designed an image of this special person and wrote about why they are so important to them. They have also begun to think about the ways in which we can help people in our religion who aren't necessarily directly in our lives or communities.

The children continue to work hard in their Guided Reading groups and are enjoying reading a range of books, reflecting on the text in their small groups.

Question – In a unit fraction, what must the numerator always be?



Year Three

In Maths, the children have been ordering fractions using inequality symbols ($<$ and $>$) and are becoming increasingly confident at comparing fractions with different denominators. In English, they completed their independent writing explaining why the Romans invaded Britain and why Boudicca was such a fierce leader. The children worked hard to embed multi-clause sentences into their writing by using a range of subordinating conjunctions, producing thoughtful and well-structured pieces. In RE, the children were introduced to the story and significance of Passover. They watched a range of videos, making meaningful links between the Passover, the Gospel story and their own lives, while beginning to reflect on the importance of remembrance, freedom and faith in different communities. In D&T, the children completed and evaluated their moving monsters. They reflected on the design and making process, considering what went well, the challenges they overcame, and how they could improve their work in future projects

Question: What does the division bar tell us in a fraction?

Year 4

This week the children have done incredibly well as they continued working hard despite the high temperatures. Today we attended a lovely mass in church for the feast of St Peter and Paul.

In English this week we have planned and written a non-chronological report about a wild animal. The children did a great job of including all the relevant features for a non-fiction text including topic sentences.

In Maths, continuing our work on fractions, we practised adding and subtracting mixed numbers to solve a range of problems.

In History, we began our new unit on the Industrial Revolution, focusing on what led to this revolution in Manchester.

As part of the Design and Technology curriculum, Mrs Gibson's class completed designing, sewing and illustrating their own canvas bags a few weeks ago while Mrs Bilic's class completed them this week. The children really enjoyed this activity.

Question: How many different sewing stitches can you name?



Year Five

Despite the exceptionally hot weather this week, the children have shown fantastic resilience, maintaining their focus and enthusiasm in all areas of learning. In English, we completed our unit on *Little Freak*, with the children producing some excellent monologues from the boy's perspective, demonstrating strong empathy and creativity. In Maths, the children have been developing their understanding of common factors and common multiples, applying their knowledge confidently to a range of problems. In Art, we explored the work of Kitty Jones and investigated how she studies and represents natural environments, inspiring the children to think carefully about observation and artistic expression. In RE, we examined the different books that make up the Bible and explored the origins and significance of this important religious text. In Science, the children investigated how day and night are produced, developing their understanding of the Earth's rotation and its effect on our daily cycle. Well done to all the children for their hard work and perseverance throughout this very warm week.

Question: How do we have day and night on Earth?

Year Six

It's been another great week in Year 6, even with the heat!

In Art this week we have been concentrating on food packaging and the design choices that companies make with their typography, colour scheme and imagery. The children chose an existing product, analysed their packaging and then set off in their attempts to redesign it. The children really demonstrated their creativity and imagination throughout the week and produced some excellent final designs.

In R.E., we looked at what the Bible is and how it was formed. Many of us were surprised to learn about how long a time period the Bible was written over and just how many authors contributed to it. We also discussed how there are many different types of writing in there including narratives, letters and poems.

Our History work centred on Sir Robert Peel, who is credited with creating the world's first organised police force. We learned all about how we reduced the legislation around criminal acts and sought to educate rather than severely punish offenders. We created some wonderful double-page spreads all about this interesting man, showcasing our understanding and presentation skills.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all the children on their resilience in these extreme weather conditions. Despite the heat, the children have got on with rehearsals and work as normal.

Question: Can you name five books from each of the Old and New Testaments?

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