



St Stephen's RC Primary School, A Voluntary Academy

Every child, Every chance, Every day!

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As another school year draws to a close, it's hard to believe just how quickly the time has flown. Looking back over the past year, I'm filled with an overwhelming sense of pride for everything our St Stephen's family has achieved together.

Schools are about so much more than lessons and classrooms. They are places where friendships are formed, confidence grows, talents are discovered and memories are made. This year has certainly been full of all of those things. Whether it has been celebrating achievements in the classroom, performing on stage, competing on the sports field, growing in faith, or simply showing kindness to one another, our children have continued to make us proud every single day.

Throughout the year, our CARES values have remained at the heart of everything we do.

Compassion has been evident in the countless acts of kindness shown by our children. We have seen them support one another through challenges, welcome new friends, care for those around them and generously give their time and energy to help others through fundraising and charitable work. These small acts of kindness have had a huge impact.

Ambition has inspired our children to believe in themselves and strive to be the very best they can be. They have embraced new challenges, celebrated success and shown resilience when things have been difficult. Watching their confidence grow has been one of the greatest privileges of the year.

There has certainly been plenty to **Rejoice** about! From school trips and Sports Days to performances, celebrations of learning, Masses, retreats and special events, our school has been filled with smiles, laughter and unforgettable moments. These experiences remind us that some of the greatest learning happens through the memories we create together.

Our commitment to **Excellence** continues to grow stronger each year. Excellence is not simply measured by academic outcomes; it is reflected in the attitudes, determination, manners and character our children demonstrate every day. They continually impress us with their willingness to work hard and take pride in everything they do.

Finally, **Service** remains central to who we are as a Catholic school. Our children understand the importance of putting others first, serving their community and living out their faith through action. They continue to demonstrate what it truly means to love and care for one another.

Thank You

A successful school is built upon strong partnerships, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has played such an important role throughout another wonderful year.

To our parents and carers, thank you for the trust you place in us each day. Your encouragement, support and partnership enable us to provide the very best opportunities for your children. We truly value the positive relationships we have with our families, and together we make an incredible team.

To our dedicated teachers and Senior Leadership Team, thank you for the care, commitment and passion you bring every single day. Your enthusiasm, professionalism and unwavering belief in every child ensures that St Stephen's continues to be a place where children flourish.

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To our wonderful teaching assistants and support staff, thank you for the countless ways you support our children behind the scenes and in classrooms every day. Your patience, encouragement and care make an enormous difference to the lives of our pupils.

To our office staff, site team, cleaners, kitchen staff and lunchtime organisers, thank you for everything you do to keep our school running so smoothly. So much of your work happens quietly in the background, yet it is essential to the success of our school.

To our fantastic PTA, thank you for the time, enthusiasm and energy you invest in our school community. Every event you organise creates wonderful memories for our children whilst raising valuable funds that enhance their experiences.

To Carol, our crossing patrol, thank you for greeting our families each day and helping everyone arrive safely.

To the team at Funtasia, thank you for providing such high-quality wraparound care and for creating a nurturing environment where our children continue to thrive beyond the school day.

To Father C and Mrs Wilding, thank you for helping nurture the faith life of our school. Your guidance and support continue to strengthen the Catholic life that is so special to St Stephen's.

To our Governing Body, thank you for your wisdom, challenge and continued commitment to ensuring every decision is made with the very best interests of our children at heart.

Finally, thank you to everyone at Emmaus Catholic Academy Trust. Their expertise, encouragement and unwavering support continue to help us grow as a school. We are incredibly grateful to be part of a Trust that shares our ambition and commitment to providing the very best Catholic education for every child.

Wishing Colleagues Well

The end of the school year also brings the opportunity to say goodbye and wish several valued members of staff every success in their next chapter.

Miss Dover leaves St Stephen's after a successful year with us. We thank her for the enthusiasm and commitment she has shown and wish her every success for the future.

Mrs Bilic also begins an exciting new adventure as she relocates to South Korea with her family. Having been part of St Stephen's since September 2009, she has made an enormous contribution to our school community and has supported so many children and families over the years. We thank her sincerely for her dedication and wish her every happiness as she begins this exciting new chapter.

Mrs Williams has been successful in securing a Deputy Headteacher secondment at St Mary's RC Primary School in Denton until Christmas. This is a wonderful professional opportunity, and I know she will be a tremendous asset to St Mary's before returning to St Stephen's later in the academic year. We wish her every success.

We also say goodbye to Miss Boucher from our administration team and Mrs Nourine, our HLTA. Both have made valuable contributions to our school community, and we thank them for everything they have done for St Stephen's. We wish them both every success and happiness for the future.

To Our Wonderful Year 6



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To our Year 6 children, thank you for being such outstanding ambassadors for St Stephen's. You have shown leadership, resilience, kindness and maturity throughout your final year with us. Watching you grow into confident young people has been a privilege, and although you will be greatly missed, we know you are more than ready for the exciting journey ahead. Remember, once part of the St Stephen's family, always part of the St Stephen's family.

And finally...

To every single child at St Stephen's, thank you.

You are what makes this school such a special place. Your enthusiasm, laughter, curiosity and kindness brighten our days and remind us why we love what we do. Every achievement, every smile, every challenge overcome and every act of kindness contributes to making our school the warm, welcoming and successful community it is today.

Now it's time to enjoy a well-earned summer break. I hope you all can relax, spend precious time with family and friends, make wonderful memories and return in September refreshed and ready for another exciting year.

Thank you once again for your continued support throughout the year. It has been another fantastic chapter in the story of St Stephen's, and I cannot wait to see what we achieve together next year.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Wednesday 2nd September 2026**.

Have a wonderful summer.

With my very best wishes,

Mr Connor Lavin
Headteacher