



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

Friday 10th July 2026

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

It's been a fantastic week here at St Stephen's, filled with energy, creativity and a real sense of pride in all that's being achieved. I've had the pleasure of seeing some excellent examples of work across the school – from thoughtful writing, impressive maths to imaginative art and enthusiastic performances from our Year 6 and Reception children. It's always inspiring to see our children putting in such effort and showing real curiosity in their learning. A big well done to everyone for their hard work and positive attitude!

Last night, I had the pleasure of sharing highlights from our academic year with the Local Governing Body. They were encouraged by the progress we are making towards our school goals and asked me to pass on their sincere thanks to all staff for their continued hard work, dedication, and commitment to our school community.

Summer Fair Success!

What a fantastic evening we had at the St Stephen's Summer Fair! The sun was shining, the atmosphere was buzzing, and it was wonderful to see our school community come together to celebrate the end of another brilliant year.

From the exciting games and delicious food stalls to the raffles, music, and smiling faces everywhere, the fair was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all. A huge thank you goes to our amazing PTA, whose dedication, creativity, and hard work made the day so special.

We also want to thank the PTA for all they've done throughout the year –from organising events and fundraising to supporting school life in so many ways. Your time and effort make a real difference, and we are so grateful.

Platinum Success for PE!

We are incredibly proud to announce that St Stephen's has been awarded the Platinum School Games Mark in recognition of our outstanding commitment to Physical Education, school sport and promoting active, healthy lifestyles. This prestigious award reflects the wide range of sporting opportunities available to our children, both within school and through competitive events, as well as the enthusiasm and dedication shown by our pupils.

A huge thank you must go to Mr Grantham, whose passion, commitment and hard work have been instrumental in achieving this fantastic accolade. His dedication to providing high-quality PE and sporting experiences for all of our children is truly appreciated, and this award is a well-deserved recognition of his efforts. Well done, Mr Grantham, and well done to everyone involved!

Year 6 Production of Matilda

What an unforgettable performance from our Year 6 children! Their production of Matilda was a true celebration of talent, teamwork, and creativity. From the dazzling costumes and toe-tapping musical numbers to the confident acting and powerful singing, the show was nothing short of spectacular. The energy and enthusiasm on stage captured the spirit of the original film while adding a unique and heartfelt charm that only Year 6 could bring.

A huge thank you goes to the dedicated staff who made this production possible. Your time, guidance, and tireless support behind the scenes allowed every child to shine. Your commitment ensured the performance was polished, professional, and deeply memorable.

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Staffing Updates – September 2026 - As we begin to look ahead to the next academic year, I'd like to share some important staffing news.

First, we say a fond farewell to Miss Dover, who will be leaving St Stephen's at the end of this term. Over the past year, she has brought dedication, warmth and energy to our school. She will be greatly missed.

Secondly, Mrs. Bilic is set for big changes next year. She will sadly be leaving St Stephen's to relocate to South Korea with her family. Mrs. Bilic has worked at St Stephen's since September 2009 and has touched the lives of so many children and families. We thank her for hard work and dedication and look forward to hearing about her new adventures.

In an exciting career development, Mrs Williams will be joining St Mary's RC Primary School, Denton, for a secondment as Deputy Headteacher till Christmas and then will return to St Stephen's. We wish her every success during her time there – she will bring so much knowledge and experience to St Mary's.

Miss Boucher, our Admin Assistant, will also be leaving at the end of the year. We thank her for her hard work and wish her every success for the future.

Mrs. Nourine, our HLTA, will also be moving on. I know she will be missed by staff and children, and we wish her the very best for the future.

Welcoming New Staff

We're delighted to be welcoming several new faces to our team in September!

- Miss Peckston will be teaching in Year 1
- Miss Anwar will be teaching in Year 2 while Mrs. Williams is completing her secondment
- Miss Roberts will be teaching in Year 3
- Miss Tracy will be teaching in Year 5
- Miss Avery will be a Teaching Assistant in Key Stage 2

TLC - As you are aware, St Stephen's will be opening our own SEND Inclusion Base next academic year, which many of you will already know as **The Learning Centre (TLC)**.

Although the new building has been slightly delayed, work will begin over the summer holidays and is expected to be completed by December. In the meantime, the provision will launch as planned in September, with both classes operating from within the main school building until the new facilities are ready.

I am delighted to confirm the staffing arrangements for next year, with a number of exciting new additions joining our team:

In TLC Foundations:

- Mrs. Tootill – Teacher
- Miss. Tollin – Support Staff
- Mrs. Morris – Support Staff

In TLC Thrive, we are pleased to welcome:

- Mrs. Kay – Teacher
- Mrs. Omijie – Support Staff
- Miss. Watkin – Support Staff

We're sure you'll give all new members of St Stephen's welcome when you see them around school.

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Transition Morning

This morning, children had the opportunity to spend time in their new classrooms and meet their teachers for next year. The full staffing arrangements can be found on the next page of the newsletter.

The children were buzzing with excitement — and we're thrilled to see them looking ahead to September with such positivity.

We also welcomed our new Nursery and Reception children and their families. It was wonderful to see them exploring their new environment — we can't wait to welcome them properly in September!

End of Year Reports

Our end of year reports will be shared with parents and carers on Monday via an email from Arbor. You should receive these by 5pm at the latest. The reports celebrate your child's achievements, progress and personal development over the course of the academic year, and we hope you enjoy reading them together.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's report, class teachers will be available after school until 4:00pm on Tuesday 14th July. There is no need to make a formal appointment — please feel free to speak with your child's teacher during this time.

For Year 6 parents and carers, you will notice that the attainment grades included in your child's report are Teacher Assessment judgements. These are not your child's official SATs results. Unfortunately, the release of the official results has been delayed nationally, and we will send these home as soon as we receive them next week.

Emmaus CAT End of Year Mass

This week, a group of our Year 6 pupils had the privilege of representing St Stephen's at the Emmaus Catholic Academy Trust End of Year Mass.

It was a wonderful opportunity to come together with pupils and staff from across the Trust to give thanks for another successful academic year and to celebrate our shared Catholic faith and values. We presented a cross that has all of our children on as part of the mass. The cross returned to School and will be proudly displayed.

Our children were, as always, outstanding ambassadors for our school, showing reverence, respect and exemplary behaviour throughout the celebration. A special thank you to Mr. Fitch for accompanying our Year 6 representatives and supporting them on the day. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented the St Stephen's community.

A reminder that school closes for the Summer Holidays on Friday 17th July at 1:30pm.

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the football on Saturday night (thankfully, it isn't as late!!)

Mr. Lavin, Headteacher



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If your child is currently in this class	Your child will move to this class teacher in September 2026	New Class Names
-	Miss Taylor will be our new Nursery teacher	NST
Nursery	Your child will either be taught by Mrs Ellison or Mr Brooks	RNE or RAB
Reception Mrs Ellison (RNE)	Your child will be taught by Miss Peckston	Y1CP
Reception Mr Brooks (RAB)	Your child will be taught by Miss Bacigalupo	Y1LB
Year 1 Miss Leigh (Y1AL)	Your child will be taught by Miss Anwar	Y2MA
Year 1 Mrs B (Y1LB)	Your child will be taught by Miss Scaife	Y2DS
Year 2 Mrs Williams (Y2LW)	Your child will be taught by Miss Roberts	Y3OR
Year 2 Miss Leishman (Y2JL)	Your child will be taught by Mrs Herbert	Y3lh
Year 3 Miss Dover (Y3MD)	You will receive a separate email	Y4LS
Year 3 Mrs Herbert (Y3LH)	You will receive a separate email	Y4GB
Year 4 Mrs Bilic (Y4HB)	Your child will be taught by Miss Tracy	Y5LT
Year 4 Mrs Gibson (Y4HG)	Your child will be taught by Miss Leigh	Y5AL
Year 5 Miss Scaife (Y5DS)	Your child will be taught by Mrs Gibson	Y6HG
Year 5 Miss Seville (Y5LS)	Your child will be taught by Mr Fitch	Y6DF

You will have the opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher and hear about all of the fantastic things they'll be getting up to at 'Meet the Teacher' early September.

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St Stephen's RC Primary School Calendar 2026-2027

Autumn 1 Term (33 days)		
Staff INSET	Tuesday 1st September 2026	School Closed
School reopens	Wednesday 2nd September 2026	School Opens
School closes for mid-term break	Friday 16th October 2026	Half term begins at 3:15pm

Autumn 2 Term (35 days)		
School reopens	Monday 2nd November 2026	School Opens
School closes for Christmas	Friday 18th December 2026	School closes at 1:30pm

Spring 1 Term (28 days)		
Staff INSET	Monday 4th January 2027	School Closed
School reopens	Tuesday 5th January 2027	School Opens
School closes for mid-term break	Thursday 11th February 2027	Half term begins at 3:15pm
STAFF INSET	Friday 12th February 2027	School closed

Spring 2 Term (24 days)		
School reopens	Monday 22nd February 2027	
School closes for Easter	Thursday 25th March 2027	School closes at 1:30pm

Summer 1 Term (34 days)		
School reopens	Monday 5th April 2027	School Opens
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May 2027	School Closed
School closes for mid-term break	Friday 21st May 2027	Half term begins at 3:15pm

Summer 2 Term (35 days)		
School reopens	Monday 7th June 2027	School Opens
School closes for Summer	Friday 23rd July 2027	School closes at 1:30pm
Staff INSET	Monday 26th July 2027	School Closed
Staff INSET	Tuesday 27th July 2027	School Closed
Staff INSET	Wednesday 28th July 2027	School Closed

Staff INSET - School closed for pupils

Tuesday 1st September 2026	School Closed for INSET
Monday 4th January 2027	School Closed for INSET
Friday 12th February 2027	School Closed for INSET
Monday 26th July 2027	School Closed for INSET
Tuesday 27th July 2027	School Closed for INSET
Wednesday 28th July 2027	School Closed for INSET

Bank Holidays

Friday 25th December 2026	Christmas Day
Saturday 26th December 2026	Boxing Day
Friday 1st January 2027	New Year's Day
Friday 26th March 2027	Good Friday
Monday 29th March 2027	Easter Monday
Monday 3rd May 2027	Early May Bank Holiday
Monday 31st May 2027	Spring Bank Holiday
Monday 31st August 2027	Summer Bank Holiday



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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 13th July 2026

Date	Event
13/07/26	Report sent via Arbor Email
15/07/26	Y6 Leavers' Mass 10am Year 2 trip
16/07/26	Nursery Graduation 9:10am Hall Y6 Leavers Prom 5-7pm
17/06/26	Whole School Mass 10am School closes for Summer 1:30pm



Hot Chocolate Friday Winner



Nursery	Luke & Esme
RNE	Arthur
RAB	Noah
Y1AL	Darcy
Y1LB	Romie
Y2JL	Evie
Y2LW	Faaizah
Y3MD	Harry
Y3LH	Bobby
Y4HG	Evelyn
Y4HB	Mahan
Y5DS	Samuel
Y5LS	Bella
Y6GB	Charlotte
Y6DF	Leraya

Readers of the Week



Nursery	Elsa
RNE	Bobby
RAB	Alba
Y1AL	Alyssa
Y1LB	Mila-Mae
Y2JL	Divine
Y2LW	Vinnie
Y3MD	Louie
Y3LH	Deedee
Y4HG	Bella
Y4HB	Grace
Y5DS	Adam
Y5LS	Grace
Y6GB	Evianna
Y6DF	Joshua



Maths Star



Nursery	Georgie W
RNE	Reeva
RAB	Neil
Y1AL	Christoforos
Y1LB	Axel-James
Y2JL	Nancy
Y2LW	Gadiel
Y3MD	River
Y3LH	Eli
Y4HG	Runo
Y4HB	Thomas H
Y5DS	Brooke
Y5LS	Klayson
Y6GB	Saul
Y6DF	Oscar

Writing Star



Nursery	Faheemah
RNE	Rinsola
RAB	Esmae
Y1AL	Nellie
Y1LB	Isobel
Y2JL	Aurora
Y2LW	Leon-Gabriel
Y3MD	Jessica
Y3LH	Poppy-Kay
Y4HG	Kinglsey
Y4HB	Esme
Y5DS	Eliza
Y5LS	Emily
Y6GB	Isaac
Y6DF	Daisy

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Attendance League

NAM	70.8%	Y3LH	95.3%
NPM	100%	Y3MD	89.2%
RNE	95.8%	Y4HG	95.2%
RAB	88.6%	Y4HB	95.5%
Y1AL	90.6%	Y5LS	86.6%
Y1LB	97.7%	Y5DS	97.9%
Y2JL	90.5%	Y6GB	89.4%
Y2LW	87%	Y6DF	98.2%

St Stephen's Attendance League EY and KS1			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 1LB	44	6th: 2JL	21
2nd: NFD	42	7th: NAM	13
3rd: 1AL	29	8th: RAB	7
4th: RNE	24		
5th: 2LW	22		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 6DF	53	6th: 5LS	10
2nd: 4HG	49	6th: 6GB	10
3rd: 5DS	40	6th: 3MD	10
4th: 4HB	19		
5th: 3LH	17		

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Religious Education

Heart to Heart with Father Callistus

The Courage to Say, "I'm Sorry"

One of the hardest words for any of us to say is, "I'm sorry." It doesn't seem to get any easier as we grow older.

Children sometimes fall out with friends over the smallest things and even adults are no different.

Misunderstandings happen in families, at work, and even among friends.

We all get things wrong from time to time. Dear friends, saying "I'm sorry" is not a sign of weakness. It is a sign of strength. It takes courage to admit we've made a mistake, and even more courage to forgive someone who has hurt us.

Jesus showed us that love is stronger than pride. He taught us to forgive, not because it's always easy, but because forgiveness sets us free.

Perhaps this weekend, if there is a misunderstanding at home, in school, or with a friend, let's be the first to take that small step.

A sincere apology or a kind word can mend a friendship, heal a family, and bring peace where there has been hurt. Sometimes the smallest words have the greatest power.

May God help us to be quick to forgive and humble enough to apologise.

Amen



Prayer of the Week

Transition Day Prayer

Loving God,
As we begin a new journey,
help us to be brave, kind and
ready to learn. Bless our new
teachers, our friends and our
families, and remind us that
You are always with us.
Amen.



Wednesday 8th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Children love to be listened to and it helps them to grow in self-esteem. If, from a young age, they know that we truly listen to them, they are far more likely to keep listening to us as they mature.

Listening to the right people and the right messages is important for us and for our children. In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear Jesus inviting us to listen to him and act upon his words.

Like any good teacher, Jesus uses pictures or parables

to make his teaching clearer. Jesus is like a sower, scattering his words like seeds. Jesus' words have stood the test of time. They are rooted in love and can be trusted to guide us and our children.

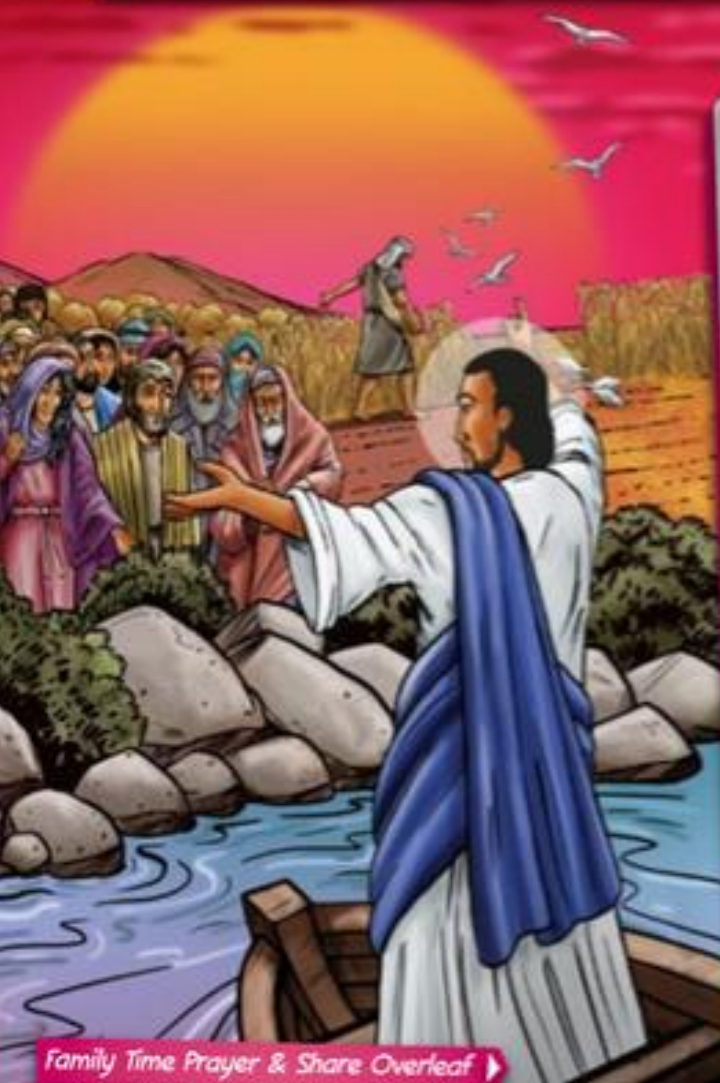
Enjoy a very special time together this evening, listening to your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **LISTENING**.

Dom Henry Warebrough



A Word from
the Saints

"Before we speak, it is necessary for us to listen. God speaks in the silence of the heart." St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)



THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 12th July 2026



Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, "Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on rich soil and produced a great crop. This is like those people who hear my words and understand them; they yield a great harvest and produce now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!"

Adapted from Matthew 13:1-23
The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 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

Jesus often used parables (little stories) to teach the crowds who came to listen to him. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us how important it is to take time to listen to God and to be open to receive and act upon what we hear. This helps us to make wise and safe life choices.



Good News for Families

TOGETHER TIME



1

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

Jesus was teaching the people by the lakeside and he told them a story. He said, "A farmer went out to sow seed. As he sowed the seeds, some fell on the path, some among weeds and some upon rock where they could not grow properly. But some seeds fell on good soil and they produced a great crop. This is like those people who hear my words and understand them; those people grow strong and produce a great harvest. Now, anyone who has ears – listen to what I am really saying!"

What did Jesus tell the crowd that they should do?

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...

"Listen carefully to the Master's instructions."

St Benedict – Patron of Europe (Feast Day 11th July)

LISTENING



Ask your child if they know someone who is a really good listener. Who does your child like to listen to? Do they know people who speak with kindness and love, and want good things for them and others? It may help your child if you give them an example of your own. Listening to Jesus and acting on his words helps us to become the best people we can be.

Jesus does not force us to listen to him, but he knows what's best for us. Regularly listening to Jesus reminds us what's really important in life. As the summer holidays approach, explore ways that can help you to listen to Jesus in these coming weeks. Perhaps you can: remember to have quiet times in prayer when you wake up, at bedtime or some other time – just for listening to God as he speaks to your heart; worship together; regularly read the gospels together. What other ways can you think of?

3

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for listening to us. Please help us to listen and understand your words and to be good listeners to each other too. Amen.

FINDING THREE

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R A D V O T V W O R G S
B H S H W O R K W O R M

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

FARMER SEEDS

JESUS WORDS

LISTEN GROW

GREAT HARVEST

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

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

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Jesus said, "Now, _____ who has _____
_____ to what I am really saying!"

Jesus wants us to take the time to think and really understand what he is saying – to be like good soil in which the seed (his words) can take root. Then God can work through us to produce a great crop of goodness in our world.



Find and draw 3 differences, then colour the picture

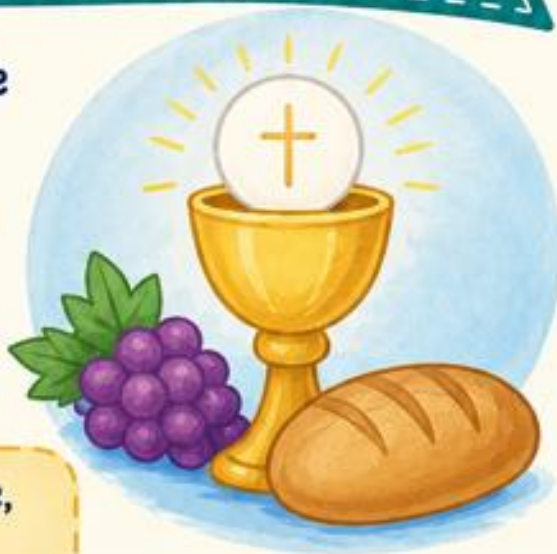
This week I will try my best to...

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 can't believe how quickly this year has gone and that next week will be our final week in Nursery. We have shared so many special memories, exciting learning experiences and happy times together during our Nursery journey at St Stephen's.

This week has been another busy week full of learning and fun. On Monday, we enjoyed a lovely RE Retreat with Mrs Farmer, where we learnt about God's love, sang songs, spent time in prayer and learnt more about Jesus.

We thoroughly enjoyed this special experience together.

On Tuesday, we went on our Nursery end-of-year school trip to Medlock Play Centre. The children had so much fun walking there together, exploring the slides and soft play area, enjoying snacks and then eating our packed lunches when we returned to school. The children represented St Stephen's beautifully and made us all very proud.

We have also enjoyed the return of the warm weather and have been learning all about sea creatures and life under the sea. In addition, we have continued rehearsing for our Nursery Graduation and are very excited to celebrate with you on Thursday 16th July at 9.10am in the School Hall.

We hope you all have a lovely sunny weekend!

Question: What have you enjoyed learning about this year in Nursery?

Reception

We really can't believe that we only have one week left in Reception! What an incredible year it has been. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for all of your support throughout the year. Thank you for attending our workshops, VIP session and parents' meetings, for engaging with us on Dojo, and for coming to watch your children in our assemblies and performances. Your support means so much to us, and even more to the children.

In Literacy, we have been retelling our story, Somebody Swallowed Stanley, using a story map and Talk for Writing actions. The children have really enjoyed learning the story, and we are looking forward to innovating it next week.

In Maths, we have been learning about position and using positional language such as in front of, behind, above, between, under and on. The children have enjoyed using this vocabulary in practical activities and games.

In RE, we have been learning about other religions. We found out about the Jewish celebration of Shabbat and enjoyed re-enacting a Shabbat meal. We also learned about the importance of the madrasa and how some Muslims pray, before designing our own prayer mats.

The children were absolutely amazing in their final Reception class assembly. We are honestly so proud of every single one of them and of the progress they have made throughout the year. They have grown in confidence, independence and resilience, and it has been such a privilege to watch them flourish.

Well done, Reception! Let's make our final week together one to remember.

Question: What is your favourite memory from Reception?

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Year One

It has been another scorcher this week!

As we are coming to the end of our time in Year 1, the children are starting to complete our Summer 2 units.

In English, the children have started to apply using 'and' as a conjunction in their own sentences. They have planned a description of a character from *The Day The Crayons Quit*, and they will write these next week.

In Maths, we have started our Time unit. The children have learnt the days of the week, the months of the year and the concept of seconds, minutes and hours.

In R.E, the children have learnt about the Qu'ran as the Muslim holy text, and they were very interested in this.

In Geography, we have learnt about the type of weather we typically get at the seaside, and we have located seaside towns near Droylsden on a map.

We ended our week by meeting our new teachers, and the children are now very excited for Year 2!

Question: What language is the Qu'ran written in?

Year Two

What a wonderful penultimate week in Year 2!

Despite the hot weather, the children have worked incredibly hard and continued to show great resilience. We are very proud of their achievements.

In English, we completed our work on *The Bridges*, using coordinating conjunctions and expanded noun phrases to write fantastic recounts. Meanwhile, in Maths, we finished our fractions unit by finding $\frac{3}{4}$ of a quantity and shape, as well as adding fractions to make a whole.

Using information from our Digital Leaders about staying safe online, the children created their own online safety posters in PSHE. Finally, in Science, we completed our *Growing Up* unit by exploring the life cycles of humans, mammals, amphibians and butterflies.

To end our exciting week, the children pedalled a specially adapted bicycle to power a blender and make delicious fruit smoothies. After all their hard work, they certainly enjoyed drinking the tasty treats they had created!

Question - What characteristics do all mammals share?



Year Three

Year 3 has had another busy and exciting week of learning!

In English, the children have continued exploring our class text, *Escape to Pompeii*. This week, they have been learning how to use inverted commas to punctuate direct speech correctly. They have enjoyed identifying speech within the story before applying this skill in their own writing. It has been wonderful to see the children becoming more confident in using inverted commas accurately to make their writing more engaging and realistic.

On Wednesday, the children thoroughly enjoyed their Forest School session in the glorious sunshine. They began by creating their own clay pots, showing great creativity and care with their designs. The session then focused on using their senses as they explored the natural environment. During a walk around the field, the children used their sense of touch, sight, and smell to investigate a variety of leaves, observing their different shapes, textures, colours, and scents. They asked thoughtful questions and shared their observations with enthusiasm.

Question: How many equal parts is in one- fifth?

Year Four

What a great week in Year 4!

On Tuesday morning Years 3 and 4 performed some of the songs they have learnt this year with Miss Daladoni to an audience of children in the hall. They did a lovely job of singing loudly and clearly. Our soloists were outstanding.

In English we have been working on the use of the Present Perfect tense using a short film called 'Pidgeon Impossible.' The children had to write a range of sentence types based on the film. In Maths, we have continued with our fractions unit by looking at converting mixed numbers to improper fractions and vice versa using images and diagrams to help. In History we have been looking at the Industrial Revolution in Manchester, thinking about why there were so many cotton mills in this area. The children considered climate, geography and the workforce.

Question: What changed about the way many people worked during the Industrial Revolution?



Year Five

Year 5 have had another fantastic week and have continued to work incredibly hard across the curriculum. In English, we have been writing our exciting narratives based on *The Barnabus Project*, using the writing skills we have developed throughout the unit to create engaging stories. In Maths, we have been completing long multiplication, building confidence and accuracy when solving increasingly challenging calculations.

In Geography, we have been exploring the tribes of the Amazon rainforest. The children created impressive double-page spreads showcasing their learning and compared the similarities and differences between a range of Amazonian tribes. In Music, 5LS have been enthusiastically learning the rap from *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*, while 5DS have continued to make excellent progress in their cornet lessons. During PE, the children have enjoyed developing their batting, fielding and teamwork skills through games of rounders.

On Friday, the children had the exciting opportunity to meet their new teachers and spend time getting to know them. It was a lovely way to begin preparing for the next academic year. We are looking forward to a fantastic final week together in Year 5!

Question: How did Barnabus escape?

Year Six

What a truly wonderful and memorable week it has been in Year 6! We are incredibly proud of every single child for their outstanding performances in our production of *Matilda*. After weeks of dedication, rehearsals and hard work, the children confidently took to the stage to perform for the rest of the school before delivering two fantastic performances for parents on Tuesday afternoon and evening. Their enthusiasm, resilience and talent shone through, and they should all be immensely proud of what they achieved. We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our parents and families who came along to support the performances. Your encouragement and applause meant so much to the children and helped make the experience even more special.

In PSHE, the children enjoyed creating a double-page spread reflecting on their journey through primary school. It was wonderful to see them reminiscing about favourite teachers, memorable trips, achievements and friendships, creating a keepsake they can look back on for years to come.

We have also been preparing for the exciting transition to secondary school by completing transition booklets, researching our new schools and planning our journeys to and from school. The children have approached this with great maturity and excitement as they look forward to the next chapter of their learning journey.

Question: What has been your favourite memory from your St Stephen's journey?

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