



ST STEPHEN'S WEEKLY

OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 18th September 2026

Our Vision

Every child,
every chance, every day.



Our Mission

Love one another,
as I have loved you.



Belonging



Inclusion



Flourishing



TOGETHER



Our Values – St Stephen's CARES



Compassion



Ambition



Rejoice



Excellence



Service

BE READY • BE RESPECTFUL • BE SAFE



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Together
we learn
We belong
We flourish
♥

A Message from **Mr Lavin** Headteacher



It has been another busy and positive week at St Stephen's, and it has been lovely to see the children continuing to settle into the new school year. There is already a real sense of purpose around school, with lots of fantastic learning taking place.

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Meet the Teacher sessions this week. We hope you found the sessions useful and that they gave you a clear picture of what your child can expect this year, as well as how you can support their learning at home. All of the information from the sessions should now have been shared with you via ClassDojo or email. Please take some time to read through the information carefully. If you have any questions or would like anything clarified, please contact your child's class teacher, who will be happy to help.

A Couple of Reminders

Please remember to use SchoolGrid to order your child's school meals in advance. Ordering ahead helps ensure that children receive their preferred meal choice and supports the smooth running of our lunchtime provision. We would also ask all parents and carers to log in to Arbor and check that the information we hold for your child is accurate and up to date. In particular, please check your contact details, emergency contacts and medical information. It is really important that we are able to contact you when needed and that we have the most current information about your child.

Upcoming Dates & Events

Monday 21st September – Reception Phonics Workshop - Reception parents and carers are invited to our Phonics Workshop from 3:30–4:00pm. This will be a useful opportunity to find out more about how we teach phonics at St Stephen's and how you can support your child with reading at home.

Thursday 24th September – Individual Photo Day 📷

Individual school photographs will take place throughout the morning. If you would like a family photograph including a sibling who does not attend St Stephen's, please queue outside the School Hall entrance on Chappell Road and we will be happy to facilitate this. Photographs of siblings who all attend St Stephen's will be organised during the school day.

Friday 25th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning ☕🍰

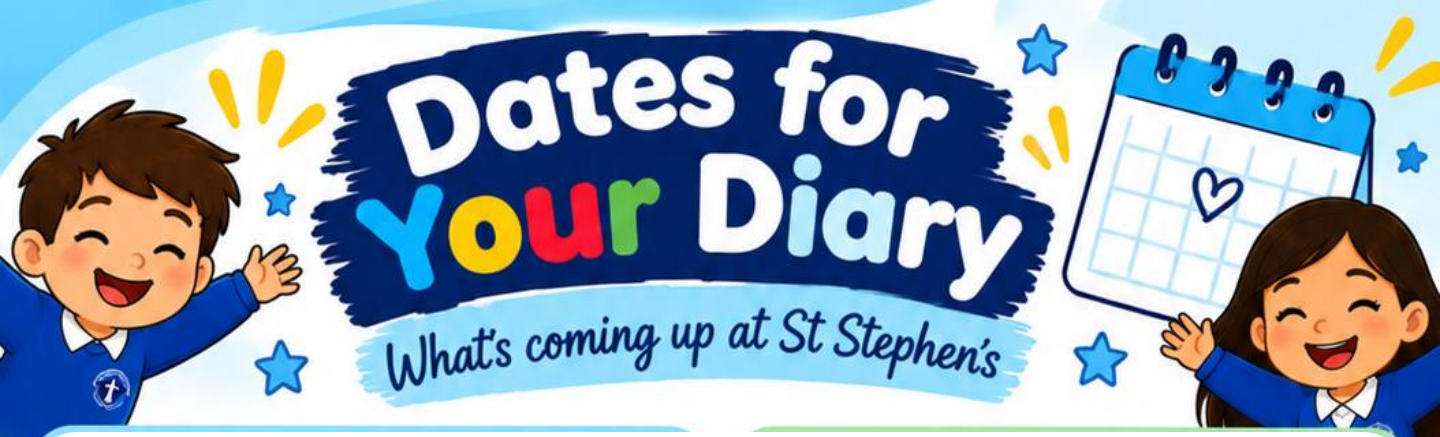
Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us in the School Hall from 9:00–9:45am for our Macmillan Coffee Morning. Come along for a coffee, a cake and a chat while helping us raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Donations will be warmly welcomed. All children will also have the opportunity to enjoy a cake during the day in return for a small donation.

A note about allergies: To help us keep everyone safe, please ensure that any cakes donated to school are clearly labelled with a full list of ingredients and allergens. Please do not send in any homemade cakes or cakes without clear allergen information. We will ensure that children with known allergies or dietary requirements are provided with an appropriate alternative wherever possible.

Friday 25th September – European Day of Languages 🇪🇸

Ahead of the European Day of Languages on 26th September, we will be holding a Spanish Theme Day in school. Children will take part in a variety of Spanish-themed activities throughout the day, celebrating the language and culture of Spain. To help us bring a little Spanish colour to St Stephen's, children are welcome to come to school dressed in the colours of the Spanish flag – red and yellow.

Enjoy your weekend! Mr. Lavin, Headteacher.



Dates for Your Diary

What's coming up at St Stephen's



Week Beginning 21st September 2026	
Date	Event
21.09.26	Reception Phonics Workshop for Parents (3.30pm - 4pm)
24.09.26	Individual Photographs
25.09.26	Macmillan Coffee Morning
25.09.26	European Languages Day (26.9.26) Spanish Theme Day

Week Beginning 5th October 2026	
Date	Event
07.10.26	Bikeability – 6HG
08.10.26	Bikeability – 6HG
08.10.26	5AL Class Assembly
09.10.26	Hello Yellow Day
09.10.26	Years 4 and 5 Mass

Week Beginning 28th September 2026	
Date	Event
28.09.26	EYFS Open Evening (3.30pm - 4.30pm)
30.09.26	Bikeability - 6DF
01.10.26	Bikeability - 6DF
01.10.26	6HG Class Assembly
02.10.26	Reception and Year 6 Mass

Week Beginning 12th October 2026	
Date	Event
13.10.26	Stay and Pray – 6HG
14.10.26	Stay and pray – 6DF
15.10.26	Parents Evening
16.10.26	Whole School Mass
16.10.26	Years 3 Poetry Trip (AM)
16.10.26	Break the Rules Day
16.10.26	School closes for half term

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one another,
as I have
loved you.
♡



Every child,
Every chance,
Every day.
♡

WE ARE A **NUT-FREE** SCHOOL

Let's
keep everyone
safe!



No nuts
please!
♡

Please help us keep every child safe.

We have children in school with serious nut allergies.
Even a small amount of nuts can cause a severe allergic reaction.



Please **do not send**
nuts or products
containing nuts
into school.



This includes
packed lunches, snacks,
treats and food brought
in for special occasions.



Please check
food labels carefully
before sending items
into school.

Please avoid:



Peanuts



Tree nuts
(e.g. almonds, hazelnuts,
cashews, walnuts)



Nut bars



Nut spreads
(e.g. peanut butter,
Nutella)



Nut-containing
chocolates, cakes
and biscuits

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US KEEP EVERY CHILD SAFE



— Every child, Every chance, Every day. —

APPLY FOR **FREE** SCHOOL MEALS

FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS
FROM SEPT 26

MORE
FAMILIES MAY
NOW BE
ELIGIBLE!



ALL FAMILIES MUST COMPLETE
A NEW ELIGIBILITY CHECK
FOR SEPTEMBER 2026,
INCLUDING THOSE CURRENTLY RECEIVING
FREE SCHOOL MEALS.

A quick eligibility check could mean:



FREE MEALS
FOR ELIGIBLE
STUDENTS



**ADDITIONAL
FUNDING**
TO SUPPORT
STUDENTS



EXTRA SUPPORT
THAT HELPS OUR SCHOOL
PROVIDE THE BEST FOR
ALL CHILDREN



APPLY ONLINE TODAY!

<https://fsm.lgfl.net/app>



It only takes a few minutes and could make a big difference



St. Stephen's R.C Primary School



Every child, Every chance,
Every day

WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT

Together
we can make
a difference

JOIN US!

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Come along for coffee, cake and a catch-up
while helping us raise money for a fantastic cause.



Friday
25th September



From
9am



School Hall

CAKE
BRINGS
PEOPLE
TOGETHER

A SMALL
SLICE
MAKES A
BIG
DIFFERENCE

TOGETHER
WE ARE
STRONGER

KINDNESS
TASTES
GOOD

Everyone welcome! ♥

Come for the cake ♥ Stay for the company ♥ Help make a difference

PEOPLE
SUPPORTING
PEOPLE

All money raised will go to
Macmillan Cancer Support.

CAKE
COFFEE
COMMUNITY
HOPE

♥ Together for a brighter tomorrow ♥

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Calling All Bakers! WE NEED YOUR CAKES!

We're getting ready for our Macmillan Coffee Morning
and we need your help! ♥

CAKE DONATIONS NEEDED

Homemade or shop-bought – every donation is welcome! ♥

Big
cakes...



Cakes



Cupcakes



Biscuits



Traybakes

...Small
cakes...
all cakes
make a big
difference!



PLEASE BRING CAKE DONATIONS INTO YOUR CHILD'S CLASS.

Thank you for your support! ♥



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



Friday 25th September



From 9am



School Hall

Come along for coffee, cake and a catch-up – all while supporting a fantastic cause. ♥

Every cake helps us raise money
for Macmillan Cancer Support. ♥

Bake it ♥ Buy it ♥ Bring it!





Harvest Collection

During this Harvest season, we are asking
our school community to come together
to collect for Cornerstones.

Items collected will be donated to the Cornerstones Centre
where support is provided for those who are homeless.

Tea, Coffee, Sugar



Week beginning
21st September 2026

Tins, Pasta, Rice



Week beginning
28th September 2026

Toiletries



Week beginning
5th October 2026

Thank you for supporting our mission to
'love one another as I have loved you'

JOHN 15:12



SUPPORTING
OUR COMMUNITY



HELPING
THOSE IN NEED



BUILDING A
BRIGHTER TOMORROW

**SMALL DONATIONS
MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE**



St Stephens

— RC Primary —

PLEASE HELP OUR
CAMPAIGN

FOR A NEW ZEBRA CROSSING
ON MEDLOCK STREET



PLEASE EMAIL OUR PTA AT
ststephensptacommunity@gmail.com
AND STATE



- Your name



- Your relationship with the school.



- Why you believe we are in need of a zebra crossing,
maybe you have witnessed some danger?
If so please explain

WE NEED YOUR VOICES!



EMMAUS
CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST

ST STEPHEN'S RC PRIMARY



Call us for more info

0161 370 2071

☀ 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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Celebrating Our Stars

We are so proud of you!



Readers of the Week

Nursery	Ryleigh
RNE	Elsa
RAB	Aria
Y1CP	Jayden
Y1LB	Maya
Y2DS	Kofi
Y2MW	Harlow
Y3OR	Imran
Y3LH	William
Y4GB	Freddie
Y4LS	Aaliyah
Y5LT	Patrycja
Y5AL	Linen
Y6HG	Millie
Y6DF	Elliott
TLC Foundations	Asa
TLC Thrive	Freddie



Hot Chocolate Friday Winner

Nursery	Dylan & Athiea
RNE	George
RAB	Bobby
Y1CP	Penelope
Y1LB	Tommy
Y2DS	Isobel
Y2MW	Wyatt
Y3OR	Jake
Y3LH	Dua
Y4GB	Jessica
Y4LS	Odin
Y5LT	Ava
Y5AL	Jake
Y6HG	Brooke
Y6DF	Riley
TLC Foundations	Arthur
TLC Thrive	Amelia & India

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More of Our Stars

Celebrating brilliant learning



Writing Star



Nursery	Nellie
RNE	Rose
RAB	Alaragh
Y1CP	Caitlyn
Y1LB	Roman
Y2DS	Ocean
Y2MW	Nova
Y3OR	Peyton
Y3LH	Tilly
Y4GB	Maisie
Y4LS	Declan
Y5LT	Coby
Y5AL	Kane
Y6HG	Lydia
Y6DF	Lani
TLC Foundations	Evie
TLC Thrive	Kinggreat



Maths Star



Nursery	Jackson
RNE	Matthias
RAB	Aaron
Y1CP	Luca
Y1LB	Alba
Y2DS	Lincoln
Y2MW	Flora
Y3OR	Leo
Y3LH	Sienna
Y4GB	Kendrick
Y4LS	David
Y5LT	Mahan
Y5AL	Kaiden
Y6HG	Adam
Y6DF	Zahraa
TLC Foundations	Honey
TLC Thrive	Isla

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Attendance Matters

Every day counts!

Class Attendance

Nursery	96.2 %	Y4GB	93.5 %
RNE	96.3 %	Y4LS	94.4 %
RAB	96.7 %	Y5LT	91.2 %
Y1CP	92.8 %	Y5AL	95.2 %
Y1LB	95 %	Y6HG	95.8 %
Y2DS	97.6 %	Y6DF	97.6 %
Y2MA	97.6 %	TLC Foundations	91.1 %
Y3OR	94.2 %	TLC Thrive	87.5 %
Y3LH	98.6 %		



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Attendance League



St Stephen's Attendance League Lower School & EYFS

Position	Total Points		Position	Total Points	
1st:	RAB	4	5th:	1LB	0
2nd:	3LH	3	6th:	1CP	0
3rd:	2DS	2	7th:	RNE	0
3rd:	2MA	2	8th:	Nursery	0
3rd:	TLC Foundations	2			
4th:	3OR	1			

St Stephen's Attendance League Upper School

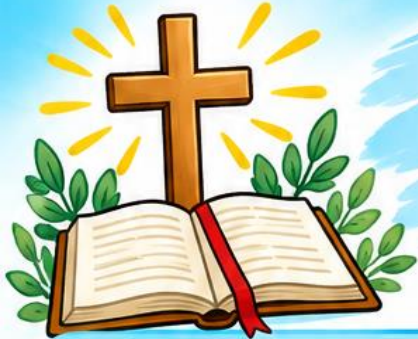
Position	Total Points	
1st:	6HG	6
2nd:	6DF	3
3rd:	TLC Thrive	2
3rd:	5AL	2
4th:	4GB	0
5th:	5LT	0
6th:	4LS	0

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Religious Education

Faith ♥ Friendship ♥ Service



Heart to Heart with Fr Callistus: The Power of Encouragement

Sometimes, we don't realise how much our words can mean to a child. A simple "Well done", "I'm proud of you", "Keep trying", "I know you can do it" etc. These may sound like little things, but they can stay with a child for a very long time. As parents and teachers, we naturally notice the things that need correcting, but we should also remember to notice the good things.

I think this is something Jesus did very well. He saw people with all their weaknesses and mistakes, but He also saw what they could become. So, perhaps this, let us try to encourage our children a little more. Notice their effort, thank them when they help, tell them when they have done something well and when they get something wrong, help them understand that one mistake does not define them. You never know; a few encouraging words from you today might be something they remember many years from now. God bless our children, our families and all our teachers.

Fr Callistus.




A brighter
world together

Caritas Award

Congratulations to Tillie in Year 3 who has been showing human dignity within the classroom!

Well done Tillie for working hard!



Prayer of the Week

 September Prayer

Dear God,

Thank You for a new school year.

Bless us with happy hearts,
curious minds and kind words.

Help us to learn, grow and care
for one another.

Give us courage when things are
difficult

and joy in every new beginning.

Amen. 

Let your
light shine
♥



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Wednesday 16th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus uses the images of workers and a vineyard to show us something about the kingdom of Heaven and God's generosity.

God's ways are not our ways. At first, it may appear unfair that the workers who started early were only paid the same as those who arrived later. But, on reflection, we see that not only was the Landowner being fair by paying what had been agreed, he was being overly

generous through rewarding everyone equally (even those who came at the last hour). God's generosity is unlimited and offered to each one of us.

Find out more through enjoying a very special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **GENEROUS**.

Dom Henry Warsbrough



A Word from the Saints

"Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous - to give and not to count the cost." St Ignatius (Prayer for Generosity)

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 20th September 2026



Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Then at various times throughout the day, even right up to the eleventh hour, the landowner hired and sent more workers into his vineyard. In the evening, he said to his manager, 'Call the workers and pay everyone one denarius each.' The ones who had worked all day grumbled at the landowner, complaining that he paid the men who came last the same amount as them. The landowner said, 'My friends, I am not being unjust to you. Did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?' Thus the last will be first, and the first, last."

Adapted from Matthew 20:1-16
The 25th Sunday of 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

This Sunday's Gospel can remind us how God has important work for each one of us, helping to make the world a better place, building God's kingdom. We are also reminded of God's generosity. God loves us and is more generous than we could ever imagine - wanting to take care of all our needs.



Good News for Families

TOGETHER TIME



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

Jesus said to his friends: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who hired some workers in the morning and agreed to pay them a silver coin for a full day's work. Much later in the day he hired more workers to work on his land. Then, at the end of the day, he paid each person the same amount. Those who started in the morning were unhappy that those who started later were being paid the same. But the landowner said to them, 'I paid you what we agreed; so why be jealous just because I am generous?'"

Why were some workers jealous?

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...

"God is generous. He shows us all his love and encourages us to be generous." Pope Francis (Pope from 2013-2025)

GENEROUS



Ask your child what the word 'generous' means to them. Can they remember a time, at home, at school or in the community, when they were generous, when they last gave something away without expecting anything in return? Who do they know who is a generous person - that is, someone who is willing to share and to put others' needs first? How does your child feel when someone is generous towards them and gives them first choice or shares a special treat with them?

Being generous brings us closer to God. God wants us to be generous and, just like the workers in the Gospel, it's never too late to start! We can be generous by sharing our possessions, but God also calls us to be generous with our time and our love. How can we be generous in this coming week? Perhaps we can: give some of our time to talk to someone in need; try especially hard to share with others; give any toys or unused items to a charity; offer to help someone - maybe a new classmate who has joined our school.

3 Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for your **generous** love. Please help us to grow in **generosity** and to do your work in the world with a loving and **generous** heart. Amen.

FINDING THREE

P S S F D E K R O W V C
E T U N P A I D G O T S
A M O U N T B H I R E D
C A R S U O R E N K O I
D G E N E R O U S E C A
S R N G H H I R E R S M
D E E R G A E G N S T H
G E G V D K A T S N V C
T D S E R O C P U V G A
C T R O E A H O G O O E
G I W I G S M S D C D T
H O S D I A P E R S T V

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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

- ☒ HIRED WORKERS
- ☐ PAID EACH
- ☐ AGREED AMOUNT
- ☐ GOD GENEROUS

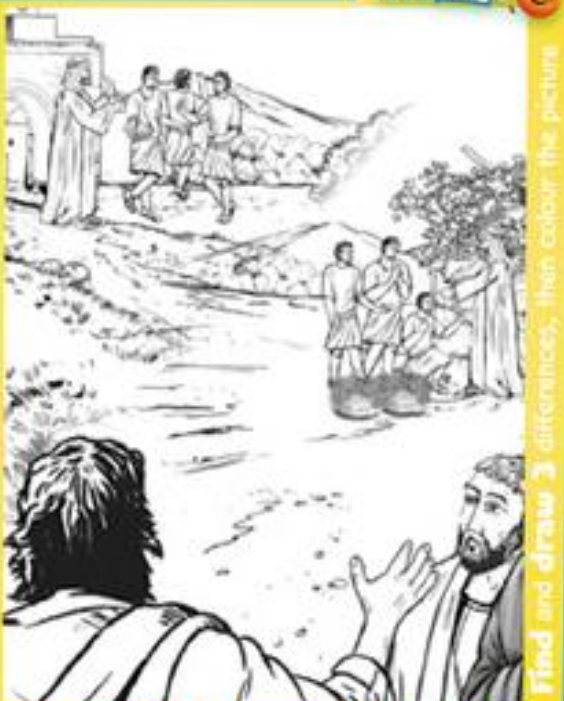
SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS **BACKWARDS** OR **DIAGONALLY**

Cross out the letters **ibc** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

g e c n e r b o u i s j u b s t i c t c h i e b m l a b n i d o w n e r

The _____ said to _____, "Why be
jealous _____ because I am _____?"

Out of his generosity God has created us to live in complete harmony and happiness with him and each other - forever! Through being generous, we help each other to feel God's love and something of the joy that God has in store for us.



This week I will try my best to...

Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley





ST STEPHEN'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH • DROYLSDEN

PRAISE

Night



FRIDAY
16TH
OCTOBER 2026



7:00PM - 8:30PM



RECEPTION FOLLOWS
IMMEDIATELY AFTER
IN DROYLSDEN
CATHOLIC CLUB

FEATURING PERFORMANCES BY



ST STEPHEN'S
CHOIR



ANGELIC
VOICES CHOIR



BORN TO
WORSHIP CHOIR



INSTRUMENTAL
MEDLEY

EVERYONE IS INVITED



*"Let everything that has breath
praise the Lord." – Psalm 150:6*

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St. Steph
Bienvenije
Keabo
Benvenuto
Welkom



Nursery



This week in Nursery, we have loved exploring the story of *The Three Little Pigs*. The children enjoyed retelling the story using the props in our tuff tray, including straw, sticks, bricks, the three little pigs and the Big Bad Wolf. Our playdough area was especially popular, where the children used their creativity to make their own pigs, adding curly pipe-cleaner tails, button eyes and pink button noses. We have also been busy collaging pictures of the Three Little Pigs, Mummy Pig and the Big Bad Wolf for our wonderful class display. In Phonics, we focused on the nursery rhyme *The Wheels on the Bus*, sang our new phonics song, *Bertha the Bus*, and listened carefully to identify a variety of animal sounds.

In Math's, we explored colours and enjoyed singing lots of our favourite number songs. We have continued developing our mark-making and early writing skills through energetic playdough discos and by practising a range of pre-writing lines and patterns. During our special Prayer and Liturgy time, the children listened to and joined in beautifully with our special songs. This week, we particularly enjoyed listening to *Magic Penny* and *Joy, Joy, Joy*. What another busy and enjoyable week we have had in Nursery!



Reception



What a fantastic second week we have had in Reception! The children have all settled into our routines well and it has been lovely to see them becoming more confident and independent as the week has gone on.

In Literacy, we continued exploring our story *Monkey Puzzle*. The children created a story map to help us remember the different parts of the story and we also created actions to go alongside the story to help us retell it. The children have really enjoyed joining in with the story and using the actions to help them remember what happens.

In Maths, we looked at finding matches and talked about how we know when two things are a match. The children had lots of opportunities to explain why they thought different objects or pictures matched.

In RE, we continued learning about the Creation story and the children learnt that God made everything and that He said it was good. We talked about some of the wonderful things God has created and how these things can make us say "WOW!" It has been lovely to see the children growing in confidence and becoming more familiar with our classroom, routines and expectations. We are very proud of how well they have settled into Reception and we are looking forward to another exciting week together.

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Year 1

Learn ♥ Grow ♥ Belong

Kind
Curious
Confident
Ready
♥

Year 1 have had another fantastic week of learning! In Maths, we have been ordering numbers to 10 from largest to smallest. In English, we used Colourful Semantics to create our own "I can..." sentences. In History, we learnt about William the Conqueror, the first Norman king of England. In Science, we explored the different parts of a plant and their jobs. In PSHE, we discussed what kindness looks like in school and how we can show it every day. In RE, we learnt about the Creation Story and created pictures to represent different parts of it. Well done, Year 1, for all your hard work this week!

Question: Can you name the four main parts of a plant? 🌱



Year 2

Be Positive ♥ Be Respectful ♥ Be Your Best

Brighter
Kinder
Bigger
Futures
♥

What a super week we have had in Year 2! In Maths, we have been learning about multiples of 10 and put our knowledge into practice during a fun shopping activity, where we worked out how much fruit we could buy for 50p. In English, we learned about nouns and verbs and used them to write some super sentences. In History, we explored how the Great Fire of London started and what happened during this important event. Finally, in RE, we looked at the story of Noah's Ark and discussed some of the key events and messages within the story. Well done, Year 2, for another fantastic week! Keep up the amazing work! 🌟

Question: What caused the Great Fire of London?

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Year 3



Curious ♥ Confident ♥ Capable



Kind
Brave
Inquisitive
Ready
♥

It has been another busy week in Year 3. In Maths, we have completed our revision of mental addition and subtraction strategies, moving on to the place of three digit numbers. In English, we wrote a fantastic short burst write inspired by a clip from the film *Early Man*. The children worked hard to include different sentence types as they recounted how the Stone Age camp was attacked by a woolly mammoth in bronze armour, signalling the start of the Bronze Age! In Science, we began our unit on Rocks by exploring different rocks, drawing them and describing their properties. In RE, we continued our work on the Creation story by thinking about what it means to be made 'in the image and likeness of God'. We thought about what it means to love your neighbour and how we can live this out at both home and school. Finally, we ended the week by leading Years 1, 2 and 3 in a beautiful Mass with the theme of kindness.

Question: How could you describe the properties of granite?



Challenge ♥ Persevere ♥ Achieve

Year 4



Resilient
Thoughtful
Determined
Proud
♥

What a wonderfully busy week we have had in Year 4! The children have worked incredibly hard across all areas of their learning, showing fantastic perseverance, enthusiasm and a positive attitude towards new challenges. In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of column addition, including exchanging through the ones and tens columns. The children have shown great resilience when tackling tricky problems, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts. In English, we have been exploring how to enhance our writing through expanded noun phrases and adverbs. Using colourful semantics, the children have practised placing adverbs after a verb as well as at the beginning of a sentence. We concluded the week with a short burst write, allowing the children to apply their learning and showcase their understanding. In History, we have been learning about the importance of the River Nile to the people of Ancient Egypt, exploring its role in irrigation, farming and daily life. On Wednesday, both classes enjoyed a fantastic Forest School session with Mrs Artingstall. Despite the drizzly weather, the children took part in a nature search-and-find activity, identifying different shapes, colours, textures and sounds before using clay to sculpt snails inspired by those they discovered in the forest. It was lovely to see them embracing the outdoors and expressing their creativity. A huge well done to all of Year 4!

Question: When we are talking about the forest, what does the word deciduous mean?

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Year 5

Inspire ♥ Challenge ♥ Succeed



Brighter
Bolder
Kinder
Stronger
Together



It has been another jam-packed week in Year 5!

In English, we have been blown away with the children's enthusiasm for learning. This week, we have been planned our supported blurb writing, and it was genuinely lovely seeing the children's excitement for starting to write it on Thursday! We can't wait to see the children's independent piece of writing next week.

In Maths, we have been calculating with decimals and using the column method to solve addition and subtraction problems with numbers that have tenths.

In R.E, we have learnt about God's covenant with Moses. We analysed and compared two pieces of artwork about this, and re-told the story as a diary entry from the perspective of an Israelite.

In History, the children were fascinated in researching Ancient Mayan cities and located them on a map. They also learnt about where the Ancient Maya period is on a historical timeline, and ordered key events of the Mayan civilization.

In our Behaviour Curriculum, we discussed the meaning of influence and how we can positively influence others. This also linked to our PSHE lesson about choices and responsibility.

Question: What is God's covenant with Moses?



Year 6

Believe ♥ Achieve ♥ Flourish



Ready
Respectful
Responsible
Role Models



We have had another fantastic week in Year 6!

In Maths, we have been working on our arithmetic skills, specifically the four operations. We have been incredibly impressed by how the children have applied themselves and followed the steps of each calculation. These key skills underpin all other areas of Maths and will allow us to feel more confident and flourish in the rest of our Maths curriculum.

In English, we have been writing recounts of 'Iviva' from different characters points of view. The children used multi clause sentences and thought about how they could 'show not tell' to express and convey emotion.

In History, we focused on what life was like on the Home Front during WWII. We looked into evacuation, exploring why it was necessary, where children went, and the kinds of experience they had in their new surroundings. We also compared the advantages and disadvantages of the different air raid shelters that were available to those who stayed at home.

Our R.E. work centred around the creation story, exploring what is meant by etiologies and how they are used throughout the Bible. The children were able to use the scripture from Genesis to interpret the messages within and identify why we should be thankful to God.

Question: What were the three main shelter options available to people living in cities during World War II?

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TLC Foundations



Small Steps ♥ Bright Futures



Nurture
Support
Develop
Thrive



We have had a fantastic week filled with lots of fun, learning and opportunities to explore. The children have particularly enjoyed water play outdoors, parachute games and lots of 1:1 Intensive Interaction. We have also been really impressed with how engaged the children have been during our Attention Autism Bucket Time! They are beginning to show a lovely understanding of our class routines and are becoming more confident in following them each day. It has been wonderful to see their progress, engagement and growing confidence throughout the week. The children have particularly enjoyed singing and dancing to *Sleeping Bunnies*.



TLC Thrive



Believe ♥ Progress ♥ Thrive



Inclusive
Confident
Independent
Successful



We have had a lovely week in Thrive this week and we can see friendships really beginning to flourish! In Literacy, we have been practising building sentences including function words and adding detail to our writing about the animals we have drawn from Dear Zoo. We have explored measuring lengths of playdough snakes and the weight of our zoo animals in Maths. We have had P.E, made playdough and decorated biscuits this week, which has further embedded our numeracy and literacy skills and developed our gross motor, social and emotional skills. We started our Attention Autism sessions this week and have had a lovely time with shaving foam, paint, bubbles, sprinkles, colours and music. Finally, we began Forest School this afternoon and got a bit messy – enjoy a good rest, Thrive children!

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