



### ATTENDANCE

#### **THIS WEEK**

R Mozart- 93.2 %	R O'Connor- 90%	Y1 Mistral- 86.7%	Y1 Stein- 94.3%
Y2 Pasteur- 90.7%	Y2 More – 90.6%	Y3 Hildegard – 95.3%	Y3 Seacole – 85%
Y4 Bonifacio –92.7%	Y4 Michelangelo- 95.3%	Y5 Agnesi- 87.7%	Y5 Teresa- 96%
<b>Y6 Shakespeare-96.3%</b>	Y6 Tolkien- 96%		

**Well done Y6 Shakespeare with 96.3%**

#### **OVERALL FOR THE YEAR – best attendance Y4 Bonifacio (Mr Arnese’s claa)**

R Mozart- 93.2%	R O'Connor- 95.7%	Y1 Mistral- 94.94%	Y1 Stein- 94.86%
Y2 Pasteur- 95.97%	Y2 More – 95.56%	Y3 Hildegard – 96.01%	Y3 Seacole – 95.29%
<b>Y4 Bonifacio – 97.77%</b>	Y4 Michelangelo- 97.58%	Y5 Agnesi- 96.38%	Y5 Teresa- 97.43%
	Y6 Shakespeare-95.75%	Y6 Tolkien- 95.95%	

### **Farewell, good luck and God bless you, Year 6!**

On Friday morning we gathered as a whole school community children, staff and parents to say farewell to our friends in Year 6 as they prepared for the next stage of their exciting journey.



As the hall filled (it was a tight squeeze!), we looked at pictures of our friends throughout their time at our school. Look at the films at Mr White’s blog : <https://svdpmrwhite.blogspot.com/2019/07/farewell-good-luck-and-god-bless-you.html?pref=tw&m=1>

Mr Crump and Mrs Glover reminded us of the absolute potential of each and every one of our pupils through reading 'What if ...' by Jackie French Koller ... including ...

*What if Einstein never used his brain  
or the Wright brothers never tried to fly a plane?  
What if Beethoven never tried to play?  
What if Mother Teresa turned away?*

The message to take away from this is that we all have something unique and beautiful inside; our task is to use this, to try, to have a go. If we don't, we ignore the huge potential to make a difference. Do your bit, be brave ... make a difference!



Remember all that you were reminded about your unique footprint and its impact upon the world... how it has grown with you and has left its mark wherever you have journeyed. Your footprint on this school has been amazing, Year 6, and we are so excited about the footprint that you will leave as you journey onwards in life.

We loved year 6 singing their leavers' song to us. (You can hear it on Mr White's blog <https://svdpmrwhite.blogspot.com/2019/07/farewell-good-luck-and-god-bless-you.html?sref=tw&m=1>)

We couldn't resist reminding you all, Year 6, how very special you all are.

*In the entire world there is nobody, nobody like you. Since the beginning of time there has never been another person like you. Nobody has your smile, your eyes, your hands, your hair. Nobody owns your handwriting, your voice. You are special ...*

*You are the only one in the whole of creation who has been gifted with your particular abilities. You are rare and in all rarity there is enormous value and because of your great value there is no need to imitate anyone other than Jesus. You are special ...*

*You are special. Remember, God made you for a special purpose. He has a job for you to do than no one else can do as well as you can. Out of the billions of applicants, only one is qualified. Only one has the unique and right combination of what it takes, and that one is you!*

**For your parents:**

Remember to lay your knots / worries at this time in front of Our Lady Undoer of Knots - if we entrust our knots to her with our prayers she will begin to unpick them for us.



**Our Lady, Undoer of Knots Pray for us**

Year 6 were pleased to be presented with a really special year book packed full of photo memories and a USB stick, courtesy of our generous PSA. Next, the staff were humbled to receive a staff room hamper and the year 6 book corners will be even more exciting with the fantastic basket of books for each Year 6 class. Thank you so much for your thoughtful generosity!

**And then onto the special awards.** Congratulations to the following Year 6 pupils who were presented with awards:

**Girls football award: Monica**

**Boys football award: James**

**Netball award: Luwhat**

**Tim Brant Sports Shield: William & Cerys**

**Helen Kelly Cup** for courage, consideration & compassion **Gabrielle**

**Elizabeth Ransom Cup** 'strive to become the best you can' **Anais**

Other pupils leaving our school at the end of this year gathered with our Year 6 pupils ready for the final traditional blessing.

*'We are called to be the hands and face of Jesus as we learn, love and grow together'*

They were also joined by staff leavers: Mrs Pearce, Mrs Silvester, Mrs Baldwin & Mrs McCarthy. We also prayed for Mrs Estall who has already left our community. As each member of the community reached out with a blessing hand towards those leaving, we prayed:

May the Lord bless you and keep you;  
May the Lord make His face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you;  
May the Lord turn His face towards you  
and give you peace.  
Amen

Year 6 carried out their final act of service to the community as we left assembly. They formed an arch of friendship for the entire community to pass through.



Farewell, good luck and God bless to all of our leavers.  
Come and visit us again soon, so that we know how you are getting on.

**St Vincent de Paul School will always be your home!**

[#SummerReadingChallenge](#) [#SpaceChase](#)

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*Young Hertfordshire library members are borrowing library books left, right and centre to read them and complete their [#SpaceChase](#) mission! All finishers get stickers, certificate, medal & other goodies!*

As per last year - any pupil completing the challenge will win a book prize - get down to the library, complete the challenge & bring your certificates

**P.T.O. for OUR OWN SCHOOL 's**

**SUMMER CHALLENGE**

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Next year, St Vincent de Paul, along with 12 other schools in Stevenage, will be taking part in an exciting year long British Council project.

We are linked with JCA Academy in Pokhara and they are really looking forward to working with us. Here are some photos they have just sent us of their pupils. Their pupils are from Nursery to Year 12.



Year 1 pupils at The Leps Primary and Nursery School are looking forward to working with students in Nepal. PHOTO: AMBER CREWELL

## Schools forge links with Nepal pupils over skills

Thirteen schools in Stevenage and the surrounding area have forged a new partnership with schools in Nepal as part of a global education programme.

Connecting Classrooms through Global Learning (CCGL) is more than 10 years on by the British Council, to help young people develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes to make a positive contribution to the world. Stevenage pupils will be working with children in Nepal on a project about gender equality.

Coordinator Andrew Christie, assistant headteacher at The Leps Primary School, said: "There is a great deal of reciprocal learning that can take place between us to be positive impact Connecting Classrooms could have."

"It is a great platform for pupils to develop an international mindset, the global awareness of their own local identity."

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Education Correspondent

Teachers will also take part in exchange visits with their partner schools to share experiences and expertise in teaching global learning, with Stevenage teachers set to visit Nepal in September. Stevenage children will be linked with working up with an initiative they could undertake to help make a world a fairer place for the community.

The idea will be piloted, as a Detment Day-style pilot, with the winning idea implemented.

Sam Taylor, special educational needs lead at Fourteen Spring Primary School, said: "It is a fantastic opportunity to be part of a project."

"As a school, we are already looking forward to further developing our international links and making a long-term

relationship with our partner school in Nepal, which will be of a huge benefit to our pupils."

Andrew added: "We hope to be able to coincide the Detment Day event with the reciprocal visit of our Nepalese teaching colleagues to Stevenage."

"This would be a great way to celebrate and share what we have achieved together on the Connecting Classrooms project, and hopefully be a springboard for future collaboration."

St Charles' Bishop, chief executive of the British Council, said: "I am delighted so many schools in Stevenage are taking on this excellent opportunity to develop their professional practice by collaborating with teachers from Nepal."

"Their commitment to giving young people with skills and understanding for life and work in an increasingly global economy is to be commended."

This was the recent article in The Comet about the project.

The focus is on 'Connecting Classrooms through the United Nations Global Goals for Sustainable Development, especially:



# Over the summer holidays we would like you to find out some information about Nepal.

You can present it however you like.  
We will have a board in the hall to display your findings as well as news about the project.



Animals

Mountains

Where Nepal is in the world

Currency

Language

Education

Religion

Traditional Nepalese clothes

The Nepalese flag

Food

*You can bring it in at the start of September or email it to Mrs Curry over the summer holidays.  
([mcurry@stvincent.herts.sch.uk](mailto:mcurry@stvincent.herts.sch.uk))*

# STEVENAGE Summer BEACH

Jump straight off the bus and onto the sand!

1 - 31 AUGUST

# DAILY ACTIVITIES

Enjoy Stevenage summer beach for the whole month of August! Bring along your bucket and spades and get practicing those sand castle building skills.

In addition, we have other activity dates to get in your diaries, for some extra fun on the sand.

## Daily

Ice cream van \*Subject to weather

Free beach balls

donated by



These are to be left in the sand for others to make use of.

## Free family friendly

"Bingo on the Beach",

brought to you by **MECCA**

Saturday 3 August, 10am - 2pm

Winner gets a free goody bag.

And you may grab yourselves some free ticket giveaways also!

## Sand castle building competition

Monday 5 August

Calling all adults and children! Test your sand castle building skills between 11am-1pm. Pictures of your final castle will be taken, along with your details, and winners will be chosen by Mace and Stevenage Borough Council 1 adult and 1 child winner! Winners will be notified w/c 12 August Don't forget to bring along your buckets & spades

## Deckchair Tuesdays!

6, 13, 20, 27 August

Enjoy time for free on the deck chairs between 9:30am-4pm.

Relax and soak up the sun whilst the kids play in the sand.

First come first served

## Specs on the beach!



Saturday 17 & 31 August, 10am - 4pm

Specs on the beach! Come along to meet Specsavers Stevenage, win some additional giveaways, and join in other 'specs' activities!



## National play day on the beach

Wednesday 7 August

Visit Stevenage Summer beach anytime between 10am-2pm to enter our Stevenage shopAppy children's hamper prize draw (with lots of goodies inside!). Winner will be notified 13 August

## Face painting with Jazziefacepainting!

9, 10, 22, 23, 24 August

## "Mocktails on the beach" with Bar&Beyond

Saturday 17 August

Make your own mocktails!

Join us 10am - 2pm for a free interactive "mocktails on the beach" session! Adults & children welcome

## Free Punch & Judy Show with Squirtywirty entertainments!

Friday 30 August 11am, 12pm & 1pm \*30 minute performances

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