

St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter 12

Friday 1st December 2023

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Virtue & Value Focus:

Attentive to their experience and to their vocation; and **Discerning** about the choices they make and the effects of those choices.

This weeks school attendance: 95.8% School target attendance 97%

This weeks winning class is: Y3 96.3%

Rec: 93.9% Year 1: 89% Year 2: 92.5% Year 3: 96.3% Year 4: 92.9% Year 5: 95.3% Year 6: 95.1%

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Sunday we begin to celebrate the season of Advent, a time of waiting and prayer. It's a special time to pause and reflect on the real reason and true meaning of Christmas and give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus to the world.

In this Sunday's Gospel, The Master represents Jesus and the servants represent us.

The message from the Gospel is very clear: We are to 'stay awake!'

A little extra daily prayer throughout Advent is a great way to do this—to be alert to Jesus' presence around us. Prayer brings us not only closer to God but also closer to one another.

Advent Service Dates:

Reception—Monday 4th	Y1—Thursday 7th
Y2—Tuesday 5th	Y3—Thursday 14th
Y4—Wednesday 6th	Y5—Tuesday 12th
Y6—Monday 11th	



Attendance Letters

Parents and carers will have received a letter this week detailing their current child's attendance. The letters are a means of keeping our children's attendance in school as a high priority. Clearly, there are times when children cannot attend school, for example, for illness, or exceptional circumstances.

Whilst these absences are understandable, the absences are still subtracted from your child's attendance, leaving the children with a reduced overall attendance percentage.

These percentages are not to be worried about but we want all parents/carers to bear attendance in mind as the year progresses, as reduced time, for whatever reason, impacts upon your child's education. The Government and schools central message is simple, please avoid all unnecessary absences. If we can support with any attendance concerns, please see our Learning Mentor, Mrs. Basson or Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs. Miles.



Please say **'The Lord's Prayer'**: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day.....Amen.

Attendance Winning House - 27th—1st December:

Each week we will looking at the attendance for each of our Saint group houses. The winning Saint house group at the end of each term will receive a special attendance prize.

1st Place - St. John the Baptist 95.2% 2nd Place - St. Therese 93.2%
3rd Place - St. Bernadette 92.8% 4th Place - St. Francis 92.5%

Staff Car Park

Please be reminded that only staff cars are to be parked in the car park. Also, when dropping your children off at Breakfast Club please refrain from walking through the car park to avoid any accidents.

School Christmas Dates 2023



Advent Class Prayer Services throughout December
Y3/6 Commitment Mass—Sunday 10th December 9.15am
R/1/2 visit to Warwick Arts Centre for The Gruffalo—
Monday 4th December
Christmas Panto afternoon Y3-Y6—Wednesday 13th December
Nursery/Reception Nativity—Tuesday 19th December (am)
Christmas Carol Concert—Tuesday 19th December (pm)
Christmas Dinner Day—Wednesday 20th December
Christmas Party Day—Thursday 21st December
Christmas end of term mass—Thursday 21st December



Golden Certificates for this week

Reception: Marcello & Chimemela
Year 1: Ibrahim & Kavin Year 2: Berlin & Dharvhiyn
Year 3: Maxwell & Kendra Year 4: Aidan & Jasmeen
Year 5: Ruby & Yusuf Year 6: Aakshaya & Bentley
Mr Doyle: Enrique Y5 & Amar Y4
Mrs Miles: Shayleigh Y3