

# St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

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## Our new 'Values & Virtues' Focus for this half term:

**Learned**, finding God in all things; and **wise** in the ways they use their learning for the common good.

*"Knowing yourself is the beginning of all wisdom." Aristotle*

**This weeks school attendance: 95.4% School target attendance 97%**

**This weeks winning class is: Y2 100%**

**Rec: 97.9% Year 1: 94.1% Year 2: 100% Year 3: 98.3% Year 4: 99.2% Year 5: 98.3% Year 6: 92.7%**

## Solemnity of the Sacred Heart



Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus represents Jesus' divine love and compassion for humanity manifested through his death on the cross to redeem humanity from sin.

There are many images of the Sacred Heart; the image typically depicts Jesus revealing his heart, often surrounded by flames, thorns, and a cross, symbolising his suffering and sacrifice.



The devotion to the Sacred Heart has its roots in the visions of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, a 17th-century French nun. She described Jesus appearing to her, revealing his Sacred Heart and calling for devotion to it as a means of reparation for sin and a source of grace and mercy. We continue to use images of the Sacred Heart as a support of our devotion and love of Jesus

*Most Sacred Heart of Jesus... have mercy on us.*



## St. Elizabeth's Church Anniversary

We thanked God on Tuesday, on the anniversary of the opening of St. Elizabeth's Church, for the blessings that this wonderful building has provided for our parish over the last 108 years, opened by Archbishop Illsley, this building has been, and continues to be, the heart of our school and parish community.



## We Remember D Day and Pray for Peace...

Yesterday, we remembered all those who fought and died during D-Day. D Day was a huge turning point of the war and began the beginning of the end of the war. We give thanks to all those who sacrificed so much from the many nations across the world and remember them in our prayers. We honour their sacrifice as we continue to work for and cherish peace in our world.



*God our refuge and strength,  
as we remember those  
who faced danger and death in Normandy eighty years ago,  
grant us courage to pursue what is right, the will to work with others,  
and strength to overcome tyranny and oppression,  
through your Son Jesus Christ.  
We ask this prayer through Christ Our Lord.  
Amen.*



**Wednesday Word for this week is.... Family**



Dear Lord Jesus, please help my **family** to keep growing in the same love, warmth and understanding which you brought to your **family**. Amen.

**The Great Big Green 'Book' Swap!!**

Pope Francis has called us all to hear and respond to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. During the continuing cost of living crisis, the Columban Missionaries have suggested an opportunity which we are going to adopt on Friday 14th June... The Great Big Green Book Swap!

We are inviting our children to bring into a school a book that they have read and are willing to swap with another child in their class. Books will need to be in good condition and one which they are happy to swap (without return).

This is an opportunity to increase our children's reading opportunities whilst not cost the Earth or our families and hopefully it will be fun!

Please support this fun swap initiative by allowing your child to bring in a book for swapping on Friday 14th June.



**Pope's Prayer Intentions for June**

This month's prayer intention of Pope Francis focuses on migrants and migration. During this month, Pope Francis asks us to particularly pray for migrants fleeing their homes from across the world. We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

<https://thepopevideo.org/>

**First Holy Communion**

Please continue to keep our Year 3 children who are preparing to receive the Eucharist on Sunday 9th June, 11.15am in your prayers.

**Prayer Services**

Please see your child's class prayer service dates below. Please join your child for these brief but beautiful opportunities to join in prayer, praise and thanks. Prayer services start at 3pm.

Thank you for your continued support of the prayer life of the school.

**Rec & Y4—Tuesday—2nd July, Y1—Thursday 4th July, Y6—Monday 8th July,  
Y2—Tuesday 9th July, Y5—Wednesday 10th July, Y3—Thursday 11th July.**



**World Environment Day**

This week we introduced a new bin to our dining hall to mark World Environment Day. The new bin is now used for the recycling of any plastics during dinnertime—a small but significant change as we continue to strive to 'Live Simply.' Home challenge...can you continue to improve your recycling at home?



**Golden Certificates for this week**

Nursery: Amir & Effatha  
Reception: Betty & Marshall  
Year 1: Esa & Reyan  
Year 2: Kene & Mustafa  
Year 3: Niveha & Bryant  
Year 4: Giana & Maclan  
Year 5: Precious & Thamish  
Year 6: Leon & Libby  
Mr Doyle: Amelia Y3 & Caitlin Y3  
Mrs Miles: Rison Y2

**NRPF**

Are you classed as 'NRPF'? - (No Resource to Public Funds) If you are unable to claim child benefit you may be classed as NRPF. If so, please contact the school office or speak to Mrs. Miles or Mrs Basson; we may be able to support your financial situation.

**After School Clubs—  
Starting Monday 10th June**

**Mondays:** Netball  
**Tuesdays:** Rounders  
**Wednesdays:** Ball Games  
**Thursdays:** Gymnastics  
**All clubs finish at 4.15pm**

**Attendance Winning House – 4th—7th June:**

Each week we will be 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** - St. John the Baptist 98.75%    **2nd** - St. Francis 98.72%  
**3rd** - St. Therese 98.68%    **4th** - St. Bernadette 95.92%