

# St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter 01

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## **Virtue & Value Focus: Curious & Active**

**Curious** about everything; and **active** in their engagement with the world,  
changing what they can for the better.

**This weeks school attendance: 94.56%** **School target attendance 97%** **This weeks winning classes are: Y4&5**  
**Year 1: 85.9%** **Year 2: 94.9%** **Year 3: 95.6%** **Year 4: 98.4%** **Year 5: 98.4%** **Year 6: 93.7%**

## **A Wonderful first Week!**

An enormous thank you to all of our children and families for what has been a fabulous first week of the school year. Our children have returned with their wonderful attitude to school and learning and have settled very well into their new classes. Thank you for the splendid presentation of your child in full school uniform, we look forward to the weeks ahead and thank God for the opportunities and blessing of this new school year. Please remember..... If you have any concerns regarding your child or your family, please share them with any member of staff or particularly with Mrs Miles our Designated Safeguarding Lead or Mrs Basson our Learning Mentor; we will do all we can to help or signpost you to others who can.

## **Class Saint Feast Days**

Our classes now have a dedicated saint who is linked to each individual year group. Having a particular class saint provides another opportunity for our children to learn about very special people who dedicated themselves to God and have changed our world. On or around their class saint feast days, our children will be invited to wear non-uniform to celebrate the life of their special saint: Nursery—Saint Elizabeth, Reception—St. Francis of Assisi, Year 1—St. Therese of Lisieux, Year 2—St. Martin de Porres, Y3—St. Catherine of Sienna, Year 4—St. Carlos Acutis, Year 5—St. Theresa of Calcutta, Year 6—St. John Henry Newman.

## **Pope Francis' September Focus - 'For the Cry of the Earth'**

As we start our school year, and particularly during the month of September, Pope Francis asks us...  
"Do we hear the pain of the millions of *victims of environmental catastrophes?*"

*This is one of the questions Pope Francis asks us as we pray 'for the cry of the Earth'.  
"The ones suffering most from the consequences of these disasters are the poor,"  
who are forced to leave their homes when they are affected.*

Please see this Vatican video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yybxtLFNHCw>  
In this video, Pope Francis encourages us to actively get involved in the fight against this global crisis, by adopting ecological as well as economic, social and political responses.  
"Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit."



## **Prayer for our new school year...**

Lord God, bless our school as we enter a new academic year.

May ours be a community of welcome and hope.

Watch over our pupils - so that they grow in understanding and love.

Encourage our staff - so that their service reveals your generosity and mercy.

Inspire our leaders - so that their actions show your wisdom and justice.

Loving Father, through the Trinity you teach us the importance of relationship,

Help us work together to accomplish your mission:

That all your children may have life to the full. Amen.



Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for the healing you bring to our lives.

Please help us to share your healing love with all those around us. Amen

### Parent Prayer Services

Parent prayer services will be taking place once per term. Please make a note of the date of your child's class. This is a very valuable experience to share with your child/ren. Timings to be confirmed.

Reception: Wednesday 11th December, Year 1: Monday 9th December,

Y2: Thursday 12th December, Y3: Tuesday 3rd December, Y4: Thursday 5th December,

Y5: Tuesday 26th November, Y6: Wednesday 4th December.



### Punctuality



As we begin our new school year, I would ask all parents and carers to ensure that your child/ren are punctual for school. School gates close at 8.50am. If your child is late they miss valuable teaching time and can cause unnecessary worry and concern for your child. All late children will need to be electronically registered on our school office entry system.

### Parking and Travelling to School

Please continue to be mindful of other pedestrians and parking constraints when picking up and dropping off at school. Please also be reminded that no vehicle should park on the extended school pavement outside of the school gate.

Regular DVLA traffic patrols monitor this area with local traffic enforcement officers as we all strive to ensure our children and families remain as safe as possible at these busy peak times.



### After School Clubs—Starting Next Week—3.15—4.15pm

Monday - Girls Football Y5/6

Tuesday - No after school club

Wednesday - Boys Football Y5/6

Thursday— Gymnastics Y4/5 & Netball Y 5/6



### Golden Certificates for this week

Year 1: Aisha & Rishi

Year 2: Ayotoni & Ibrahim

Year 3: Rex & Lena

Year 4: Kendra & Shayleigh

Year 5: Abu & Oluchukwu

Year 6: Brody & Princess

Mr Doyle: Amar & Sharlene