

# St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

Part of the Holy Cross Catholic MAC of schools

Newsletter 14

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**Virtue & Value Focus:** **Intentional** and **Prophetic**— **Intentional** in the way they live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and **prophetic** in the example they set to others.

***This weeks school attendance: 94.2% School target attendance 97% This weeks winning class is: Y3 100%  
Rec: 67.6% Year 1: 88.3% Year 2: 88% Year 3: 100% Year 4: 88.6% Year 5: 90.9% Year 6: 91.9%***



## **Be Joyful... As we watch and wait**

As we approach the third week of Advent this Sunday, we are reminded to be joyful and rejoice! This Sunday is Gaudate Sunday. Gaudate is a latin word meaning 'rejoice' and to mark this occasion during Advent, we light the pink candle on our advent wreaths—pink because in the church pink is often used to symbolise joy. During next week, we rejoice in the coming of our Saviour, we rejoice in the promise of his eternal kingdom.

God has given us everything we need and we are called to celebrate this endless love with everyone we meet.

'Shout aloud and sing praise, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.'

## **Advent Fundraising Wednesday!**

Next Wednesday, your child's class will be organising or taking part in a fundraising focus day.

All contributions collected will be forwarded to CAFOD World Gifts focus as we support the desperate and needy peoples across the world during this time of Advent.

It is also a non—uniform day for the school and we ask a contribution of £1.00 per family which will be added to our CAFOD fundraising. More details to follow on your child's Class Dojo.

## **Cake Sale**

As part of our Christmas fundraising, Year 6 will be holding a school bake sale on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Cakes will be 50p each (maximum donation £1) and funds raised will be going to CAFOD's World Gifts. We are hoping to raise enough money to buy a new water tank for a family in need.

## **Reverse Advent Calendar...**

### **Last Date Monday!!**

We are having our Reverse Advent Calendar items picked up on Tuesday morning next week for delivery to Father Hudson's Caritas, so Monday will be the very last day to donate if you haven't already! Thank you for your wonderful generosity for children and families in need.

## **Christmas Mass**

Please join us at **9.15am on Thursday 19th December** for our end of term Christmas mass.

All very welcome!

## **Staff Changes**

We have a couple of pieces of news to share with you. Congratulations to Mrs Gardner who is now running our Breakfast Club after taking over from Mrs. Holcroft. Following a prolonged absence, our

Year 1 teacher Miss Murphy will be leaving us after Christmas and Ms Brock, our school office manager has taken a new post within the Holy Cross MAC central office team. We thank them for their wonderful service to our school and wish them all the best for the future.



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

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

Dear Lord Jesus, please help us to grow in the virtue of mercy—to be open to receiving your mercy and showing mercy to others.  
Amen.



### Football Report

On Thursday afternoon, our football team played against Good Shepherd in this year's local football derby. Good Shepherd took an early lead which they maintained for the game and as our team pressed for an equaliser, they were hit twice with break away goals—the game finishing 3—0 to Good Shepherd. A great performance with a great spirit of determination displayed throughout the game—Well done team!



### Christmas Diary Dates

#### December:

**Tuesday 17th—Rec, Y1 & Y2 Nativity at 9.30am & 2.30pm  
also, Y1, Y2, Y3 Advent Club after school, 3.15—4pm.**

**New—Wednesday 18th Non uniform day & Charity Focus Day**

**Thursday 19th—KS2 Christmas Carol Service at 2.15pm &  
Christmas Mass at 9.15am.**

**Friday 20th—Break up for Christmas Holidays at 3.20pm**

#### January 2025:

Monday 6th School closed for INSET day

**Tuesday 7th—School re-opens for Spring term at 8.40am.**



### Golden Certificates for this week

**Nursery:** Demian & Tiaraoluwa

**Reception:** Temi & Zakariya

**Year 1:** Marcello & Marshall

**Year 2:** Onanefe & Esa

**Year 3:** Yotam & Sofia

**Year 4:** Arya & Rehan

**Year 5:** Kyden & Joanna

**Year 6:** Juliana & Success

**Mr Doyle:** Ruby Y6 & Diana Y1

**Mrs Miles:** Joseph Rec



### After School Clubs—3.15—4.15pm

There will be no after school clubs next week or the first week back after the holidays, clubs will start week beginning Monday 13th January 2025.

**Monday - Girls Football Y5/6**

**Tuesday - Netball Y5/6**

**Wednesday - Boys Football Y5/6**

**Thursday - Dance Y4/5**