

St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

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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: 94.5% School target attendance 97% This weeks winning class is: Y6 98.5%
Rec: 88.6% Year 1: 87.1% Year 2: 94.5% Year 3: 93.9% Year 4: 96.2% Year 5: 95.4% Year 6: 98.5%***

Thank you! Happy Christmas and happy holidays!

Once again, we pass on an enormous thank you from our whole school staff team to everyone at home. Thank you for your continued support and partnership throughout this autumn term, a term from which we have so many things to celebrate and to be thankful for. Thank you to our fantastic staff team who continue to work so hard for our children; our school cleaners, kitchen staff, dinner support staff, office staff, teaching assistants, teachers, Mrs Basson our School Learning Mentor and our senior staff Mrs Miles & Mrs Clarke, who continue to work tirelessly to provide so much for our children - thank you team! Also, so often in the background, we also thank our school governors, led by Ann Harkin, and our Holy Cross MAC, led by Marina Kelly, who give so much time to support, challenge and guide our school's pathway and performance. Finally, thank you to Sister Joan and Father Moses who continue to serve our school, parish and community.

We now look forward to our Christmas break and enjoy our Christmas celebrations with family and friends. Have a happy and holy Christmas and a happy new year – we look forward to welcoming you and our children back to school at **8.40am on Tuesday 7th January 2024** God bless& have a Happy Christmas! Mr Doyle.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

This Sunday, we celebrate the fourth Sunday of Advent. We are reminded in the Gospel reading of Elizabeth's reaction, and that of her unborn baby, to Mary's greeting when they meet. Let us all be filled with the joy and excitement of the coming of Our Lord, and be ready to greet him!! "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!" Luke 1:42



Nativity Congratulations

An giant well done to our wonderful Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children for their multiple performances of their nativity play this week. The children sang beautifully throughout and shared their lines with such confidence! Everyone watching were perfectly reminded of the advent messages of preparation and waiting, whilst we also briefly jumped forward to Christmas and celebrated the amazing moment of "heaven and earth" with the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Carol Service



Yesterday, our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children beautifully led our '9 Lessons and Carols' in church. The readings and wonderfully sung carols, helped to refocus our attention on the true meaning of Christmas and our attention on preparing ourselves to celebrate the birth of Our Lord.

Thank you for a truly memorable service children!

Father Christmas Visit

We were all delighted to see an early visit from Father Christmas on Wednesday! Our children received a special early gift in school and were reminded to 'be good' at this festive time of year.

Epiphany Mass

We look forward to celebrating our first mass of 2025, our Epiphany mass, at 9.15am on Thursday 9th January.

Please join us for this special mass of our new spring term.



Wednesday Word for this week is... **Visitors**
Dear Lord Jesus, please help us to see all visitors to our
home this Christmas special people who are loved by you.
Amen.



Netball Report

On Tuesday afternoon our netball team travelled to Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School for a league game. It was a high scoring match with both teams showcasing excellent passing and shooting skills. Sacred Heart were victorious in the end. A very promising display from our St Elizabeth team. Well done all.

January 2025:

Monday 6th School closed for INSET day **Tuesday 7th—School re-opens for Spring term**
Thursday 9th January Epiphany Mass 9.15am

Advent Fundraising

Thank you very much for your continued generosity and support of our charity work and fundraising. We collected boxes and boxes of toiletries for our Father Hudsons Caritas Reverse Advent Calendar Appeal and raised a wonderful £283.50 for our Cafod World Gifts focus. Items selected from the Cafod World Gifts by our children and Chaplaincy Team included:

Wonderful Worms £10.00 Weather Proof Crops £12 x 2 Teach Someone to Read £10.00
Helping a Refugee Child £46.00 x 2 Emergency Water £5.00 x 3 Goat that Gives £28.00
Vegetable Garden £5.00 Emergency Food £50.00 Safe Place to Call Home £49.00

School Changes Next Term

Following some staff movement and new staff arrivals in school, from January we are altering and a number of teaching class responsibilities and our office manager post.

Our Nursery Class Teacher, Miss. Tandi, will be moving to the Reception class and an experienced nursery teacher and former St Elizabeth's staff member, Mrs. Sohota, will be rejoining to takeover the nursery Class lead. The remaining members of the nursery team will remain in place, so the transition and change for our children will be minimal.

Miss Wright will be moving to Year 1 and supporting our newly appointed teacher, Miss Gill.

Finally, congratulations to Mrs Headley who has been appointed as school office manager.

If you have any questions regarding these changes please see Mr. Doyle or Mrs. Miles via the school office.

Golden Certificates for this week

Nursery: Whole Class

Reception: Whole Class

Year 1: Diana, Bianca & Ivy

Year 2: Whole Class

Year 3: Maxwell & Anabelle

Year 4: Maria & Niveha

Year 5: Alina & Maclan

Year 6: Precious, Isabelle, Teni & Sean

Mrs Miles: Saint Rec



After School Clubs—3.15—4.15pm

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