

# St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

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**Virtue & Value Focus:** Grateful and Generous—Grateful for their own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and generous with their gifts, becoming men and women for others.

**This weeks school attendance: 94.2% School target attendance 97% This weeks winning class is: Y6 100%  
Rec: 90.3% Year 1: 91.6% Year 2: 93.8% Year 3: 96.7% Year 4: 94% Year 5: 90% Year 6: 100%**

## Following.... As Pilgrims Of Hope

This weekend we are reminded of our own need to follow Jesus. Peter and his friends had worked all night and the fishermen had caught nothing. Jesus instructs them to set out again and cast their nets. We know they caught so many fish their nets began to burst. They then leave everything and follow Jesus. We too are challenged to follow Jesus in our daily lives, even in the simple things we do in our lives everyday; perhaps we can be better listeners, maybe directly helping someone in need or simply taking more time to pray—let us all strive to grow in goodness and love as followers of Jesus. #Pilgrims Of Hope.

## Stories of Hope and Home

On Tuesday, our Year 1 to Year 6 classes enjoyed a visit from representatives from Birmingham organisation, Stories of Hope and Home.

Stories of Hope and Home share insights, stories and experiences of people who have lived experience of being a refugee and the UK asylum system. Such experiences and learning supports our continued commitment to opening our hearts to those in need. Understanding and empathising with the needs of others is what we are called to do as we follow Christ and it was wonderful to see how engaged our children were in their stories and conversations. Year 6 have been inspired to write to our MP Mary Creagh, in support of those caught in the asylum system.

Stephanie, the manager of our visitors, wrote a lovely email to us following their visit:

*"Thank you again for the warm welcome to your school this week! The feedback from the stories participants was overwhelmingly positive ... some of them have done several visits but they agreed there was something very special about yours. One said they thought it was their favourite school ever, and another commented, if they invite us again we will definitely come back. So please do pass on our thanks to all your staff, and particularly your pupils for being so engaged, empathetic and such wonderful signs of hope!"*

## School Mass

Thank you to Father Sunday and our Year 4 children for leading our celebration of mass on Thursday. We look forward to our next mass on Wednesday 5th March, Ash Wednesday, as we begin our Lenten preparations. Please join us for this special mass which will be led by Year 3. Please keep Father Moses in your prayers whilst he is visiting his home and family in the Sudan.

## Chinese New Year

A group of our Year 5 children travelled to Foleshill Library on Friday to learn more about Chinese New Year. The event, organised by friend to the school Pru Poretta—Lady Godiva, was a fascinating mixture of workshops, dance and stories. Our children enjoyed the event and now know how to wish someone Happy Chinese New Year in Cantonese—'Gong Hei Faat Choy!'

## Birthday Treats

If you wish to provide a birthday treat for your child's classmates on their birthday, we advise a small chocolate bar such as a two finger KitKat, Penguin bar or similar. Or, go healthy and provide apples/oranges. Please do not bring in sweets e.g Haribos which contain gelatine, hard sweets or lollipops or cakes. Also, please be reminded that toys, balloons and small gifts will not be shared in school. It is lovely that children and families wish to share the birthday celebrations but this must be done within our school expectations. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for calling us to follow you. Please help us to be your faithful followers—helping our world to become a better place. Amen.



### Mass Rota and Sacraments

**School Masses**— Ash Wednesday 5th March 9.15am Y3,  
Thursday 20th March 9.15am Y5, Thursday 3rd April 9.15am Y4 followed by **Reconciliation** for Y4 & Y5.

**Y3 Sacrament of Reconciliation**—Thursday 13th March 6.30pm,  
**Y6 Confessions in preparation for Confirmation**—Thursday 13th March 9.15am,  
**Y6 Sacrament of Confirmation**—Sunday 16th March 11.15am.

### Football Report

Our St. Elizabeth's football squad travelled to St. Gregory's Primary school to play a Catholic Football League match. St. Gregory's took the lead after 15 minutes. St Elizabeth's tried to get back into the game and it was only for a brilliant save from the St. Gregory's goalkeeper that we didn't and they scored with the last kick making it 2—0. Well done to:

Austin, Teni, Thamish, Israel, Devontae Y6 and Abu, Raei Jeremie Y5.



### Eco Waste Week

As we continue to 'live simply,' next week we are asked to consider the amount of waste we produce and what we do with it. We have increased our recycling in school and remind all parents/carers of our textiles collection for free books which closes on Thursday 13th February. Please see Class Dojo for more details of how you can help during 'Eco Waste Week,' and help our school raise funds for books.



### Comp 4 U Rowing

A fabulous group of our Year 6 children took part in the 'Comp 4 U' Rowing Tournament on Tuesday. The children performed brilliantly and gave 100% on the rowing machines.! Well done to: Thamish, Devontae, Austin, Success, Precious, Favour, Isabelle and Teni.

### Holy Cross Catholic Mac TTRockstars Competition!

Running from 31st January until 14th February  
this is the last week of the TTRockstars competition so let's have a big push over the weekend!  
Answer as many questions as possible! Play in any game type!  
There are many class and individual prizes to be won!

### Golden Certificates

**Nursery:** Dorian & Hayden  
**Reception:** Harvey & Kehlani  
**Year 1:** Kiya & Aliya  
**Year 2:** Rishan & Viene  
**Year 3:** Berlin & Aaron  
**Year 4:** Milka & Dedeви  
**Year 5:** Kyden & Surayah  
**Year 6:** Natan & Fatima  
**Mrs Miles:** David Rec  
**Mr Doyle:** Surayah & Sharon

### Bikeability

Our last Bikeability session for our Year 5 cyclists is next Wednesday.

### After School Clubs—3.15—4.15pm

**Monday** - Girls Football Y5/6  
Choir Y5/6  
**Tuesday** - Netball Y5/6  
**Wednesday** - Boys Football Y5/6  
**Thursday** - Dance/Gymnastics  
Y3/4

HOLY CROSS MAC

HCCMAC FEBRUARY COMPETITION  
31 JANUARY - 14 FEBRUARY 2025

\* ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE \*  
PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE \* THE WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE  
THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUPIL \*  
ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR FULL DETAILS AND RULES \*