

# St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

Part of the Holy Cross Catholic MAC of schools

Newsletter 02

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## **Virtue & Value Focus: Eloquent & Truthful**

**Eloquent and truthful of what they say of themselves,  
the relations between people, and the world.**

**This weeks school attendance: 93.75% School target attendance 97% This weeks winning class is: Y3 98.9%**  
**Year 1: 93.9% Year 2: 92.2% Year 3: 98.9% Year 4: 95.1% Year 5: 92.5% Year 6: 90%**

## **Year 3 and Y6 Commitment Mass**

On Sunday, our Year 3 and Year 6 children, who are planning to receive the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation, are invited to attend a special Commitment Mass to enrol themselves in their Sacramental preparation programmes. Our Year 3 and Year 6 children are expected to attend 11.15am mass in full school uniform. If a child is unable to attend please give your apologies directly to Father Moses.

## **Education Sunday**

This Sunday, the church celebrates Education Sunday, a day when we give thanks for the gift of Catholic Education for nearly 90,000 pupils across our Archdiocese. This year, our celebration coincides with the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, after which our Catholic MAC of schools is named. We give thanks for all of the teachers, staff, directors and governors of St. Elizabeths and our Holy Cross MAC, who dedicate their gifts to the growth of our children as we strive 'to form Christ-centred pilgrims of hope, with questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge and a hunger for justice.' Holy Cross of Jesus... Be our hope.

## **Attendance—No Regrets**

At the end of each school year, we reflect not only on the progress our children have made but also on their attendance. We consistently notice a clear link: children who do not achieve the progress we expected are often those who have missed significant time from school. As parents and carers, it's natural to ask, *what can I do to support my child?* One of the most important steps is also the simplest — ensuring that your child attends school every day. If you are ever unsure whether your child should come to school due to illness or other circumstances, please contact the school office. We will be happy to offer guidance. Together, let's commit to making attendance a top priority. By doing so, we can be confident that, when the year ends, we will look back with pride on our children's progress, achievements, and growth — with no missed opportunities.

Good attendance makes a big difference to children's learning and confidence.

Here are some simple tips for both parents and pupils to help keep attendance high:

### **\* Top Tips for Parents**

*Get bags, uniform and homework ready the night before.*

*Only keep children home if they're really unwell — if unsure, call the office.*

*Try to book appointments outside school hours.*

*Praise and celebrate good attendance.*

### **\* Top Tips for Pupils ☐**

*Be ready — pack your bag and uniform the night before.*

*Come in, even if you've got a little sniffle — school is still fun!*

*Be on time — every minute in school helps you learn more.*

*Feel proud — good attendance means you can do your best.*



Together, we can make sure every child gets the very best from their school year!

The Wednesday Word's for this week are.....**Self—Giving**  
Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for giving your life for us, and for all the kind people in our community who show us your way of love and **self—giving**. Amen



**Diary Dates for 2025/2026**

Year 3 and Year 6 Commitment Mass at 11.15am Sunday 14th September  
School Mass Year 5 – Thursday 18th September 9.30am  
Fairtrade Fortnight Monday 22nd Sept to Friday 3rd October  
Year 1 non-uniform day for class saint, St Therese of Lisieux – Wednesday 1st October  
School Mass Year 4 – Thursday 2nd October 9.30am  
Year 6 non-uniform day for class saint, St John Henry Newman – Friday 10th October  
School Mass Year 3 – Thursday 16th October 9.30am  
Year 4 non-uniform day for class saint, St Carlo – Friday 17th October

**Jubilee Pledge**

We are pilgrims of hope. We walk in solidarity with our sisters and brothers worldwide, sharing challenges and celebrating joys. We promise to be agents of change, working together for justice, love and peace, locally and globally. We want to build a fairer world where every person and the earth can flourish. Amen.

**Welcome Reception Class of 2025**

It was wonderful to see all of our Reception children in school together yesterday and today for their first full days as a complete class. We look forward to seeing these children, who will finish Year 6 in 2031, grow and flourish at St. Elizabeth's over the next seven years.

**School Mass**

Next Thursday, 18th September, our Year 5 children will be leading our next celebration of school mass.  
Please join us in prayer and praise.



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



**Monday - No after school club**  
**Tuesday - No after school club**  
**Wednesday - Boys Football is cancelled next Wednesday**  
**Girls Football Y5/6**  
**Thursday— Gymnastics Y3/4**  
**Netball Y5/6**



**Boys Football After school Club**

Please note boys football afterschool club will be cancelled , next week only Wednesday 17th September, and will resume the week after.



**School Inset Dates:**

Friday 14th November  
Friday 3rd July

**Governor Vacancy:**

Following the resignation of one of our Governors as her child left St Elizabeth's and has begun their secondary school education, we have a vacancy for a parent governor role. If this interests you, please see Mr Doyle or Mrs Miles for further information.

**Golden Certificates for this week**

Year 1: Effatha & Temi	Year 2: Iyioluwa & Aisha
Year 3: Excel & Haaniyah	Year 4: Rison, Ini & Brenice
Year 5: Jaden & Gabriella	Year 6: Sineth & Divine