

St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

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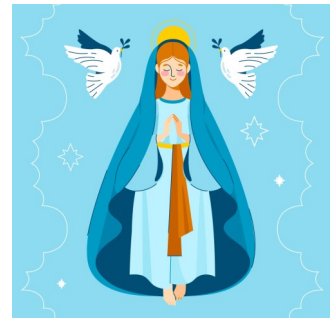
Virtue & Value Focus: **Learned and Wise—Learned, finding God in all things; and wise in the ways they use their learning for the common good.**

This weeks school attendance: 95.9% School target attendance 97% This weeks winning classes are: Y4 & Y5
Rec: 86.6% Year 1: 97.6% Year 2: 92.6% Year 3: 96.6% Year 4: 99.3% Year 5: 99.3% Year 6: 95.3%

St. Elizabeth's Day and Jubilee Celebration

On Monday, we celebrated mass for the Feast of St. Elizabeth, our patron saint and a source of inspiration for our school and parish. The celebrations continued today as we spent time in our classes reflecting upon the life and story of St. Elizabeth and her legacy, whilst also celebrating our Papal Jubilee Year. For the Jubilee Year celebration, we joined in prayer and song with thousands of other primary and secondary children across the Diocese as one Diocesan family, reflecting upon our jubilee journey and successes as Pilgrims of Hope. We also pledged to continue to be 'Pilgrims of Hope,' valuing everyone within and beyond our school community, as we strive to bring the Gospel to life with **kind hearts, questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge and a hunger for justice.**

Today is the Memorial of the **Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** It celebrates when Mary, as a young child, was presented to God at the Temple by her parents, Saints Joachim and Anne. Though this the presentation of Mary is not found in the Bible, it comes from ancient Church tradition. This feast is important because it shows Mary's life was dedicated to God from the very beginning. From her conception, she was chosen to be the Mother of Jesus. The Presentation reminds us that Mary's whole life was set apart for a special purpose. In the Church calendar, this feast takes place on November 21. It has been celebrated for many centuries. By honouring this moment in Mary's life, the Church also invites us to think about our own dedication to God. Let us continue to find inspiration in Mary. Mary, Queen of Saints...Pray for us.



Advent Charity Appeal 2025—Starting Monday 24th November

This Advent, we are taking part in a 'Reverse Advent Calendar' for Father Hudson's Caritas. Throughout Advent, every child, young person and member of staff in a Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Birmingham is invited to show their love and support for those in need by contributing at least one item to the diocesan Reverse Advent Calendar.

So, we are collecting non—perishable food items the week before and during Advent, which will be donated to Father Hudson's Caritas to support people living on the streets or those arriving in the country as asylum seekers or refugees. Father Hudson's Caritas is desperately in need of the following items:

dried pasta and rice, tinned foods, biscuits and packets of sauces and soups (no glass)

Please add an item to your shop during Advent and add it to your child's class Reverse Advent Calendar box which will be in class from Monday 24th November. Thank you in advance for your wonderful generosity!

"Never tire of working for a more just world, marked by greater solidarity." Pope Francis.

Please ensure all donations are in school by Thursday 11th December, thank you!



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.

Dates for Parent Prayer Services

Y6—Thursday 4th December, **Y5**—Tuesday 9th December, **Y4**—Thursday 11th December,
Y3—Monday 1st December, **Y2**—Monday 8th December,
Y1—Wednesday 10th December,
All prayer services will be held in your child’s class at 3pm.



“Mary, Our Mother, Sustain us in moments of darkness, difficulty and apparent defeat.” Pope Francis

Alton Castle and Dol y Moch

A gentle reminder to our Y5 and Y6 parents to keep up payments for the Y5 Alton Castle and Y6 Dol y Moch residential next year. Thank you.

Youth Sunday—Christ the King

Father Moses is inviting all children to celebrate mass this weekend for the Feast of Christ the King, which is a special focus for the youth of the Church.

December Dates:

2nd Dec—KS2 Panto Dick Whittington

3rd—KS1 play The Tiger Who Came to Tea

12th—Non—Uniform £1.00 donation for charity

16th—KS1 Nativity Play 9.30am & 2.30pm

17th—Christmas Jumper Day,

KS2 Christmas Carol Service 2pm & Christmas dinner day

18th—End of term mass 9.30am & Christmas Party day

19th—Break up for Christmas holiday

Return back to School— Monday 5th January 2026

Wilder Schools Nature Programme

Warwickshire Wildlife Trust staff visited school this week to train our staff on their Wilder Schools Programme. The programme will extend our children’s experience and appreciation of nature over the next three years. An aspect of the training we are introducing to our children is ‘3 Good Things in Nature’ (3GTiN) - we are asking our children to notice nature around them, whether at home, on their journey to/from school or on our schoolgrounds, noticing 3 eye catching aspects of nature—e.g clouds, a spider, sunlight, a leaf, it can be anything! Our children’s noticing will encourage them to spot that nature’s ‘good things’ are everywhere and noticing can spark appreciation and wonder.

Their noticing will also serve as a reminder that our connection with nature doesn't require wilderness—just attention to nature and to life around us. Maybe your journey to/from school or something during a weekend, will be one of the 3 Good Things in Nature your child shares in school?



Golden Certificates for this week

Nursery: Raelynn & Muftah Reception: Daria & Elaeya
Year 1: Amir & Aayrah Year 2: Ayushan & Grace
Year 3: Evie—Rae & Nathaniel Year 4: Milana & Berlin
Year 5: Harley & Inaaya Year 6: Oluchukwu & Maclan
Mr Doyle: Marshall Y2 & Onanefe Y3
Mrs Miles: Miral Rec

After School Clubs—3.15—4.15pm

Monday - Choir Y3,Y4,Y5

Tuesday - No after school club

Wednesday - Boys Football Y5/6

Girls Football Y5/6

Thursday—Gymnastics Y3/4

Netball Y5/6

