

# St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

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**Spring 1 Virtue & Value Focus: Curious and Active - Curious about everything; and Active in their engagement with the world, changing what they can for the better.**

**This weeks school attendance: 94.8% School target attendance 97% This weeks winning class is: Y3 94.6% Rec: 87.5% Year 1: 88.1% Year 2: 89.6% Year 3: 94.6% Year 4: 91.4% Year 5: 84.3% Year 6: 83%**

## Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

A very warm welcome to our Spring term, we've had a wonderful first week back in school! It has been great to re—start our school routines and to see our children returning and so happy to get back to school. Enormous thanks for all of the kind gifts, cards and best wishes our school staff received before Christmas.

As forecast, we will continue to experience cold, wet weather over the next few weeks. If we experience snow, school will open as normal unless we are forced to close—this will be communicated on the school website and on Class Dojo.

## Jubilee Year Closes

On Tuesday, the Solemnity of the Epiphany, we celebrated our first school mass of the term. This mass coincided with Pope Leo XIV closing the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica, bringing the Jubilee Year to an end — a time of grace that invited all to conversion, reconciliation and hope. As Pope Leo stated: "With thankful hearts we now prepare to close this Holy Door, crossed by a multitude of faithful, certain that the Good Shepherd always keeps the door of his heart open to welcome us whenever we feel weary and oppressed," With these words, Pope Leo emphasized that even though the jubilee has ended, God's mercy remains ever open.

We continue to pledge... **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.*



## Expectation Reminders

The standards of our children's behaviour, our wonderful academic performance and the continued happiness of our children in school owes so much to the excellent partnership we have between school and home; thank you for this partnership, working together truly makes an enormous difference to your child's growth, development and progress. As we begin a new term please be reminded..... We remain a no earrings school, this has been a long standing safeguarding policy of the school, no children should be wearing any type of earrings to school. If you wish for your child to wear earrings this will need to be outside of school time. Please also be reminded that hair cuts should be appropriate for school e.g no 'tram' lines, or designs in boys haircuts. Uniform expectations are noted below:

**School Jumper/Cardigan  
Black/dark grey trousers/skirts**

**White shirt/blouse with school tie  
School PE Kit—Hoodie/PE tshirt/Joggers**

We now look forward to the remaining weeks of this half term and thank God for the blessings and opportunities that He provides for us all.

Wednesday Words for this week are.... **New Start**



Dear Lord Jesus, please help me to be always ready to make a new start with you and with each other as we start this new Year. Amen.

**Winter Warmer Menu Thursday 15th January 2026**

**Meat:** Chicken or Beef burger in a bun with chips & beans or sweetcorn

**Vegetarian:** Veggie burger in a bun with chips & beans or sweetcorn

Jacket Potato with cheese or beans or tuna

Ham, cheese or tuna sandwich

**Pudding:** Jelly, fruit or yoghurt



**Green Non-Uniform Day**

We are having a 'wear green' (or something green) day on Monday 26th January. This school 'Care for Creation' day will focus on our growing understanding of our stewardship of creation, a central pillar of our Catholic Social Teaching. The day also coincides with International Clean Energy Day and we will strive to reduce our use of electricity throughout the day and be a 'low power green school.'

**Special Invitation...**

Our school community has been invited to attend the Sunday Eucharist Service at Coventry Cathedral this Sunday at 10.30am.

During the service, our Cross of Nails award will be blessed in preparation for next Tuesday's award presentation assembly.

If you would like to attend the service on Sunday please be at the Cathedral for 10.30am. All are very welcome!!



**20+C+M+B+26**

As we begin our new year and new term we shared a special blessing with our children and their classrooms. Each classroom door has a sign of '20+C+M+B+26' the sign symbols representing 2026 for our new year, C for Caspar, M for Melchior and B for Balthazar— the three wise men. C, M and B are also abbreviations for Christus Mansionem Benedicat, meaning 'May Christ Bless this House.'

May God bless us all throughout this new year of 2026.

**Golden Certificates for this week**

Nursery: Whole Class

Reception: Gold & Annabella

Year 1: Chimdi & Wilfred

Year 2: Iyi & Abdul Hanan

Year 3: Ogenna & Rishan

Year 4: Anays & Ini

Year 5: Kyro & Arya

Year 6: Whole Class

Mr Doyle: Nitya Y2, Saint I D Y1 & Saint C Rec

Mrs Miles: Ioana y1

**Diary Dates:**

**After School Clubs—3.15—4.15pm** Clubs will start next week from **Monday 12th January.**

Monday - Cricket Y3/4

Tuesday - No after school club

Wednesday - Boys Football Y5/6

Girls Football Y5/6

Thursday— Gymnastics Y3/4

Netball Y5/6

**Your child has been notified if they have got a place in their chosen club.**