

St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

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Spring 1 Virtue & Value Focus: Intentional and Prophetic—Intentional in the way they live and use resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and Prophetic in the example they set to others.

This weeks school attendance: 95.8% School target attendance 97% This weeks winning class is: **Y4 99.2%**
Rec: 90% Year 1: 90.6% Year 2: 89.3% Year 3: 98.6% Year 4: 99.2% Year 5: 98.8% Year 6: 98.6%



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please keep in your prayers our Year 3 children who are continuing to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Wednesday 18th March, 6.00pm** and their First Holy Communion on **Sunday 7th June at 9.15am.**



Staffing News

We are delighted to share the news that we have appointed Mrs. Carlin as a Deputy Headteacher for St. Elizabeth's, effective from September 2026. Mrs. Carlin will be leaving her post as Assistant Headteacher at St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School in the summer term and brings a wealth of experience and expertise that will support our continued focus on improving the teaching, learning and educational experiences of all of our children. Congratulations to Mrs. Carlin and we look forward to officially welcoming her to our school family in September 2026!

World Book Day & Year of Reading

Enormous thanks to the children and families who created a 'Book in a Box' for our world book day celebrations today. The imagination and creativity of their creations was truly wonderful, please see Class Dojo for a snapshot of photos. All participating children received a small thank you gift, with a class winner receiving a book prize. Well done and thank you again for the amazing entries! Today, all of our children also have received a gift book/multiple books to take home and read as part of our focus on World Book Day during this Year of Reading. Enjoy your books children!

World Book Day



Blue Day Non—Uniform

We are holding a special 'wear blue/ something blue' non—uniform on **Friday 20th March** as we focus upon World Water Day. During the day, our children will be invited to write water based poetry as we reflect on our role as stewards of creation as we strive to live more sustainably. We will have a special fundraising activity on the day as part of our Lenten almsgiving.... Details to follow!

WaterAid

As part of our Catholic Social teaching, our children enjoyed an assembly from representatives from WaterAid on Monday with Year 4 participating in a follow up workshop after assembly. The assembly provided multiple reminders of how fortunate we are to have clean drinking water available for us each and every day when so many people across the world do not have this luxury! As we continue to 'Live Simply' please ensure you reduce water waste at home, some ideas how to...



Turning off a running tap when brushing your teeth.
Shower instead of a bath.
Only use a dishwasher or washing machine when full.
Save rain water to water house plants.
Use a watering can instead of a hose pipe.



Dear Lord Jesus, please help our family to grow in your **love** and to share your **love** with others through the way we live our lives. Amen.

Breakfast Club

Please be reminded that we no longer accept cash for breakfast club, payment can be made on the Arbor app or by card in the school office.

Year 3 Lunt Fort Trip

Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Roman Lunt Fort yesterday. The children did lots of activities including how to be a Roman soldier, had a battle with swords & shields and one dressed up in Roman armour!

Year 5 Safeside Birmingham

Year 5 visited Safeside the West Midlands Fire Service Headquarters, today. They discussed how to stay safe in a variety of scenarios both indoors and when out on the street; vital information to prepare them for Years 6 and 7 and beyond!

Parents Evenings

Please be reminded to book a time for your child's Spring term parent teacher consultation. Dates available are Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th March. You can book on Arbor app or in the school office.

3rd Sunday of Lent—CAFOD Fast Focus

In this weekend's Gospel, when Jesus talks to Samaritan woman at the well, Jesus shatters every social barrier: gender, ethnicity and reputation. The Samaritan woman goes to the well in the scorching heat to avoid everyone yet, Jesus engages with her and reveals himself as the Messiah. Let us all learn from this Gospel that love and acceptance are true paths to God.

Class Lenten Prayer Services

Lenten Prayer Service dates

Year 1—Monday 16th March, **Year 2**—Wednesday 18th March,
Year 3—Thursday 12th March, **Year 4**—Thursday 19th March,
Year 5—Tuesday 24th March, **Year 6**—Tuesday 17th March

Prayer services start at 3pm in your child's classroom.

One Life Lent Livestream

Today, our classes enjoyed a special One Life livestream as part of our continuing Lenten preparations; please continue to observe this special time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.



Golden Certificates for this week

Nursery: Jude K & Lois
Reception: Duaa & Israel
Year 1: Aayrah & Amir
Year 2: Diana & Agam
Year 3: Urwa & Nathaniel
Year 4: Berlin & Iqra
Year 5: Gabriella & Eisa
Year 6: Valentino & Hartlyn
Mr Doyle: Berlin Y4 & Meghan Y6
Mrs Miles: Cherish Y4

Diary Dates:

Monday 16th March— Y2&Y6 Music Performance 3pm
Thursday 12th March—Y3 Gurdwara Temple trip
Wednesday 18th March—Y3 Reconciliation **6.00pm**
Tuesday 24th & Thursday 26th March—
Parent Consultations
After School Clubs—3.15—4.15pm
Monday - Cricket club has finished
Tuesday - No after school club
Wednesday - Boys Football Y5/6 &
Girls Football Y5/6
Thursday— Gymnastics Y3/4 & Netball Y5/6