

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: 95.9% School target attendance 97% This weeks winning class is: Y5 98.6% Rec: 92.4% Year 1: 95.3% Year 2: 94.4% Year 3: 94% Year 4: 98.5% Year 5: 98.6% Year 6: 95.1%



Easter Preparations and Happy Easter!

Yesterday, we enjoyed a wonderful end of Spring term mass with Good Shepherd Primary school, a beautiful way to celebrate the term together and turn our attention towards Holy Week which starts on Sunday with Palm Sunday. This week, all of our classes have enjoyed participating in our Holy Week walk through! We created a number of physical Stations of the Cross for our children to encounter, adding another level of experience and understanding in Christ's Passion. Please see Class Dojo for pictures of the stations.

As our term concludes, we continue to thank God for the blessings we receive, the love he shares with us and the living language of faith and discipleship his son Jesus gives to us.



We wish you all a very happy, holy and restful Easter and look forward to welcoming our children back to school on Monday 13th April at our normal school times, when we look forward to an exciting summer term and the opportunity to continue to build God's kingdom together.

Staffing Update

We have a number of staffing updates to be aware of..... We are looking forward to welcoming back Miss Wright as our Reception Class Teacher from the start of the summer term, following her maternity leave. Miss Tandi will return to her post as Nursery Class Teacher, and we sincerely thank Miss Tandi for stepping into the Reception class teacher position during this time. Sadly, Mrs Sahota, who has been leading Nursery in Miss Tandi's absence, will be leaving us on Friday 17th April. Mrs Sahota has done an incredible job for our Nursery children, alongside our Nursery team, and will be very sadly missed. We are ensuring a smooth staffing transition takes place, with as little disruption to our children as possible.

Moving on... Mrs Holcroft is leaving us after 19 year's service. During this time, she has impacted positively upon the lives of hundreds of our children in a variety of roles. Most recently, Mrs Holcroft acted as a Teaching Assistant for our junior classes, she has supported administration of SEND, led our Breakfast Club provision and led and supported extra-curricular sport. Mrs Holcroft is now looking forward to spending more time with her grandson.

Mrs. Miles Retirement

Also, We are very excited to announce, whilst at the same time bitterly disappointed to be saying goodbye to Mrs Miles, as she has announced her retirement at the end of the school year in July. Mrs. Miles has been an enormous influence and factor in our schools success and the nurture and care of our children and families over the last 17 and a half years.

We will have time at the end of the year to mark Mrs. Miles retirement so we are certainly not saying goodbye just yet and look forward to celebrating the extraordinary role she has played within our school community and family later in the year.

Earth Hour 2026

Earth Hour takes place on Saturday 28th March 8.30-9.30pm. It is an initiative which invites millions worldwide to turn off non-essential lights and "Give an Hour" to do something positive for the planet. Organized by the World Wildlife Fund, this global event unites individuals and iconic landmarks to combat climate change and biodiversity loss.

Earth Hour will be marked across the world so please look out for news items about this good news event.

Please raise your child's awareness of this event by marking it at home and switching off for an hour, maybe spending time before bed reading and talking and considering what else we can do to protect God's creation.

Wednesday Words for this week are.... Holy Week
Dear Lord Jesus, as **Holy Week** approaches, we thank you for giving your life for us, so that one day we too may know the joys of heaven. Amen.



Sports Report

This morning a group of our Year 3&4 children were invited to a basketball event at Broad Heath Primary school. They showed great teamwork and sportsmanship. Well done to all!

On Monday our girls played Christ the King in a friendly football match. It was a great game with some great goals, the girls showed great leadership and sportsmanship. Well done girls.!

Charity Roadshow Success

Thank you to all our children who enjoyed Wednesday's Lenten Charity Roadshow! The roadshow, prepared by and run by students from Cardinal Newman, helped to add to our Lenten fundraising collection for Father Hudson's Caritas. Thank you again for your generosity!

Cake Sale Fundraising

Thank you very much for your wonderful generosity for today's cake and biscuit sale. Thank you for all the contributions and all the money we collected for our Lenten almsgiving focus, Father Hudson's Caritas. We will count up our collection money and share our total raised after Easter.

Thank you.



Planting for Spring

Over these spring term weeks, our classes have been planting for Spring—either seeds in class or bulbs and plants outside. We plan to increase the amount of colour and plants we have in and around school as part of our 'Wilder Schools' programme and our continuing focus on stewardship within Catholic Social Teaching. Maybe you can join in at home and plant some seeds or a small plant for your child to nurture and grow? If you do, we would love to see and hear what you do!



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Prayer Services

Thank you for supporting our Lenten Class prayer services. Your involvement in the prayer life and faith of our school makes such a special partnership that our children enjoy and value.



Mousike Ensemble Y1 & Y5

Over the last two weeks our Y1 and Y5 children have sung, danced and performed in our Coventry Catholic Schools 'Music Ensemble' gatherings. Our children were truly wonderful in both performances and thoroughly enjoyed performing for other children and schools. Well done to every single child!

Golden Certificates for this week

Nursery: Whole Class
Reception: Ronnie & Gabriel
Year 1: Aadam & Saint
Year 2: Gia & Marshall
Year 3: Kavin & Caitlyn
Year 4: Natasha & Jivan
Year 5: Whole Class
Year 6: Oluchukwu & Giana
Mr Doyle: Kevin & Shayleigh Y5
Mrs Miles: Sajiska Rec
Mr Garrately: Sharon Y6

Diary Dates:

Y4 Parent Consultations Tuesday 14th April

After School Clubs—3.15—4.15pm

Monday - No after school club

Tuesday - Dodgeball Y3/4

Wednesday - Athletics Y5/6 &

Cricket Y4/5

Thursday— Dance Y1/2 & Multi skills Y2/3

There will be no clubs the first week back after Easter holiday. After School clubs start again on Monday 20th April, your child will be notified the first week back if they have been selected for the club of their choice.