

St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter 02

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Our Birmingham Diocesan Vision:

*Forming Christ—centred pilgrims of hope with kind hearts, questioning minds,
a thirst for knowledge and a hunger for justice.*



This weeks school attendance: 95.9% School target attendance 97% This weeks winning class: Y6 99.3%
Rec: 96.1% Year 1: 86.2% Year 2: 97.1% Year 3: 96.7% Year 4: 97.2% Year 5: 91% Year 6: 99.3%

This Sunday is Education Sunday!

This Sunday is Education Sunday, a special day in our school and Church calendar. Established by the Bishops in 1848, Education Sunday is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in the liturgical calendar of England and Wales. It is a day we celebrate the Catholic education our children receive and give thanks to all involved in making our Catholic schools places of enlightenment.

The success of Catholic education is, of course, dependent on many thousands of teachers, lecturers, academics, support staff, leaders, governors, directors, advisers and others who have found their vocation in Catholic education, and without whom this would be impossible. We give thanks for the St Elizabeth's school team and the essential support and guidance we receive from Fr Moses, Fr Robert and Sr Joan.

To celebrate, please join us for a special school mass with our sister school, Good Shepherd, this **Sunday at 9.00am**. During this mass we will also be enrolling our Year 6 Confirmandi as they begin preparations to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation later in the year.



Screen Time Safeguarding

Each year we remind parents and carers of the risks and potential dangers of screen time, whether on computers, game machines or phones. Excessive screen time and early exposure to social media can disrupt a child's development by **displacing crucial sleep, physical activity, and real-world social skills**.

During these primary years, our children's developing brains are highly vulnerable to digital algorithms that can shorten attention spans, increase anxiety, and trigger harmful habits of social comparison. All parents and carers should also note that almost all major social media platforms—including TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat, and WhatsApp—have a minimum age restriction of 13; **therefore no children at St. Elizabeth's should have access to these apps**. Our primary school children lack the emotional maturity to navigate these online spaces, so introducing them prematurely regardless of reason, exposes them to potential friction with classmates and friends potential cyberbullying. Children will always be inquisitive so we must also protect them from accessing inappropriate content and coming into contact with unknown people before they have the coping mechanisms to handle them.

Y3 Communion Meeting

Father Moses is inviting all parents and carers of children in Year 3, who are wishing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, to a meeting on **Thursday 1st October at 3.20pm**. The meeting will be held in the Year 3 classroom after the dismissal of the children.

If you cannot attend this important meeting, please make your apologies directly to Father Moses. We will be celebrating a special Year 3 Enrolment Mass on Sunday 22nd November, 9.00am.



Autumn 1 Virtue & Value Focus: Compassionate & Loving
Compassionate towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate;
and loving by their just actions and **forgiving** words.



Wednesday Word for this week is... **Forgiveness**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.



Governor Vacancies

We have vacancies for a Foundation Governor and a Parent Governor. Governors meet once per term, usually at 4.30pm, to examine and discuss our school's progress and development. Further opportunities can also then be arranged to meet school staff and examine a particular aspect or subject area. Being a school governor is a vital role in the school's development as Governors shape the strategic vision and our schools processes that directly impact on our children's education. Can you support us as a Governor? If so, you will be supporting our children, our staff team and our drive to give our children the highest standards of learning and teaching, where they can all fulfil their potential as we reveal who God wants them to be.

Please see Mr. Doyle for further details.

Allergy Aware: Peanuts !!

An important reminder that we are an 'allergy aware school'.

We **do not allow nuts** or products containing nuts onto the school site at any time.



Golden Certificates **for this week**

Nursery: Whole Class

Reception: Whole Class

Year 1: Gabriel & Duaa

Year 2: Vihana & Theo

Year 3: Rishi & Ivy

Year 4: Janojan & Amelia

Year 5: Anays & Berlin

Year 6: Michael & Jaden

Mr Doyle: Shivanya & Rehan Y6

Diary Dates for September/October

Year 6 Confirmation Enrolment Mass—Sunday 13th September at 9.00am.

Cardinal Wiseman Open Evening—Wednesday 16th September

School Mass—9.00am Thursday 17th September

Bishop Ullathorne Open Evening—Thursday 24th September

School Mass at 9.00am Thursday 1st October

St. John Henry Newman School Open Evening—Wednesday 7th October

Parents Evening #1—Thursday 8th October
(booking opening soon)

Individual Photographs Day—Monday 12th October

Parents Evening #2—Thursday 15th October
(booking opening soon)

School Mass at 9.00am Thursday 15th October

Break for half term—Friday 23rd October

Return to School—Monday 2nd October