



JOY FORGIVENESS FAITH RESPECT SERVICE PEACE STEWARDSHIP

# NEWSLETTER

## Thursday 9th May 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great summer term so far with Y3 continuing to have swimming lessons and impressing their swim teachers with their good manners, listening to instructions and swimming progress – well done year 3! Year 4 went to Tutbury Castle for their trip connected to their Romans topic and met Boudicca! Year 1 have been to the Space Centre and returned to school thoroughly inspired.

Y5 and Y3 are about to go on their trips. Year 3 will be going to Peak Wildlife Park on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May linked to their science topic on animals. Year 5 are going to be playing their brass instruments for us in school on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 2.45pm in the school hall, parents are invited, and they will also be taking their brass instruments to play along with the famous Hallé Symphony Orchestra in June!

### SATs (Statutory Assessment Tests)

Next week Year 6 will be completing their SATs. We wish them well and are making sure they all know just how proud we are of them and all their skills and talents, not just for the skills that are tested over the 4 days.

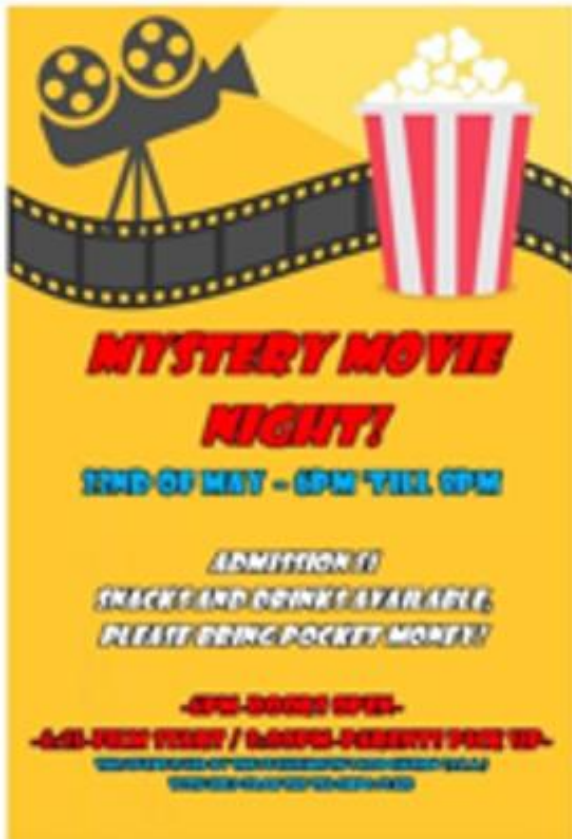
Date	Test
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: Questions Paper 2: Spelling
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	English reading
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Maths Paper 1: arithmetic Paper 2: reasoning
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Maths Paper 3: reasoning

### Pentecost celebrations

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May we are celebrating Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. Please allow your child to wear “party” clothes for this day. The school lunch menu will also have birthday cake on the menu. Our Celebration of the Word on a Friday is always linked to achievements, and we give out certificates, but on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> each class will share some of their work on Pentecost to start the assembly. It begins at 2.45pm in the hall and you are welcome to join us.

### SEA events

Movie night is on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, see poster for details. Please do not arrive earlier than 6pm as KidZone will be using the school hall and we will need to set up for the movie night. Admission is £1, but please bring pocket money for snacks and drinks. Collection time for parents is 8pm.



**Cake sale** – SEA cake sale for all pupils is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, please send your donations for this event into the school hall from 8.45am Friday morning. The children will all be able to visit the cake sale with their pocket money and make a purchase with their class. After the brass performance the SEA will have the cake sale set up for families to make purchases on the school playground from approximately 3.20pm, we hope you can join us!

### Sports Day

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June is our annual school Sports Day. We open the gate to parents at 1.05pm and will be closing the gate to ensure the grounds are secured at 1.20pm, anyone wishing to join us after that time please go to the school office. The Pingle Lane gate will be opened at 1pm for anyone walking (highly recommended).

Weather permitting, we will start at 1.15 pm. All children will be split into mixed age house teams. Throughout the afternoon children will rotate around various activities, ending with class sprints, on the running track. All children will be actively involved in all events and will accumulate points for their house. At the end of the afternoon the house with the highest points will be announced. Siblings will be in the same team.

There will be a seating area next to each event. Parents can move freely and use the chairs provided, please make sure there is a clear path for the change over every few minutes and that the games arena is not entered. The children will be provided with a drink and an ice cream during the activities. To help cover the cost of the ice creams and drinks we ask for a voluntary contribution of £1 per child which should be given to your child's class teacher.

Children are to wear their PE kits (their active uniform) and a sun hat. Sun cream is recommended. This should be a fun afternoon with an emphasis on staying healthy and active.

Parking will be available on the top playground and in the car park on the bend of the school drive, as all know our site has limited parking and if you can walk to this event, it would be much appreciated. Please do not park/ block any area of the school drive as the 2 school buses will need to turn and park.

### **Midday Supervisors**

Are you interested in being part of a team of midday supervisors working from 11.45am to 1.05pm supervising dinners and encouraging play activities on the playground and field as well as looking after the children's needs during this time? If this is something you might be interested in please call the school office on 01773 822278 and have a chat with Mrs Hyde.

### **Spaces on the Ripley bus**

There are a few spaces on the Ripley bus, if you would like to consider using this service please see the route below. Places are offered on a first come, first served basis and priority is given to the Ripley/Marehay area. To enquire about a place, or to be added to future waiting lists please call the school office on 01773 822278.

#### **Arriving at school (mornings):**

Peacocks on the Ripley Market Place	- 8.00am
Elms Avenue bus stop, Derby Rd, Ripley	- 8.03am
Marehay Welfare	- 8.06am
Surgery bus stop on Peasehill, Waingroves	- 8.11am
Denby Equestrian and Livery Services, Codnor Lane, Denby	- 8.21am
Damstead Farm bus stop, Ripley Rd, Heage	- 8.33am
Eagle Tavern, Heage	- 8.34am
St Elizabeth's	- 8.42am

#### **Departing school (afternoons):**

St Elizabeth's	- 3.40pm
Eagle Tavern, Heage	- 3.48pm
Damstead Farm bus stop, Ripley Rd, Heage	- 3.52pm
Peacocks on the Ripley Market Place	- 4.00pm
Elms Avenue bus stop, Derby Rd, Ripley	- 4.02pm
Marehay Welfare	- 4.05pm
Surgery bus stop on Peasehill, Waingroves	- 4.08pm
Denby Equestrian and Livery Services, Codnor Lane, Denby	- 4.15pm

### **Our Parish News**

The link to our Parish website for updates of times and services at Our Lady's on Gibfield Lane, Belper or St Joseph's, Ripley or St Margaret's, Duffield is <https://catholic-ambervalley.uk/parish/belper/>

### **Calendar of events**

Please remember to scroll down and see the calendar of events, this does get updated regularly and some dates may change so please continue to check this throughout the school year. Please note that dates for the academic year 2024-25 have begun to be added.

Thank you all for your continued support and God Bless,



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### **Calendar of Events for St Elizabeth's – 2023-24**

	<b>2023/2024</b>	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Group Photos	Pupils with PE to come in uniform but bring PE/Active Uniform to change into for their session.
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs	Y6
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Pentecost celebrations in school – Dinner menu – party menu with birthday cake 2.45pm school hall to share work done during the day and hold our achievement assembly	All pupils wear party clothes to celebrate the birthday of the Church. 2.45pm All welcome to join us in the school hall
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Pentecost celebrations	All pupils
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Y3 Celebration of the Word and class assembly	Parents and carers of Y3 children
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for half term and SEA cake sale	All pupils
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half term holiday	School closed to all pupils
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Back to school	All pupils
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	World environment Day	All pupils revisiting stewardship pledges
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Sport's Day	All pupils, parents and carers welcome
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	First Holy Communion Mass for Y3 pupils 10am at Our Lady's Church, Gibfield Lane, Belper	Y3 pupils making FHC and their families invited
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Tough Runner Event active uniform needed	All pupils
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	3pm in school hall - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, for all pupils led by Joe	Parents and carers welcome
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	SEA Father's Day Sale	All pupils
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 Celebration of the Word and class assembly	Parents and carers of Y5 children
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 Bike Ability (final group)	Y5 group
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	3pm Celebration of the word for World Refugee Day Led by Chaplaincy Team and Joe	Parents and carers welcome
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	SEA movie night	All pupils
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 transition to secondary school work with Compass	Y6 pupils
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 children trip to play alongside and listen to the famous Hallé Orchestra	Y5 pupils to Derby
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	3pm Introducing our new Chaplaincy team	All welcome

Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET	School closed to all pupils
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Rodsley Pilgrimage with Bishop Patrick in Rodsley, Derbyshire (further details to follow)	Everyone welcome to visit Rodsley with their families to take part in this pilgrimage
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Transition Day	All children move to next class
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fayre	All welcome
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	First Holy Communion Mass for Y3 pupils 10am at Our Lady's Church, Gibfield Lane, Belper	Y3 pupils making FHC and their families invited
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Performance	All pupils
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Performance starting at 2pm	Parents welcome - tickets
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Performance starting at 6.30pm	Parents welcome - tickets
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	3pm EYFS Celebration of the Word and Class assembly	Parents and carers of EYFS welcome
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception to Y5 reports to parents	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer outdoor disco	All pupils
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Lamda exams	Lamda pupils
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Opportunity for parents to discuss reports	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	3pm FHC reflection for Y3 (party earlier in the afternoon)	Y3 pupils and their families
Monsday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Leaver's Mass (details TBC as we are awaiting a Parish Priest) and tree planting	Y6 pupils and their families
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Leaver's Assembly at 10am in the school hall	Whole school and Y6 parents
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Break up for summer	Last day for all pupils
<b>Calendar for 2024-2025</b>		
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET	School closed to all pupils
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Back to school	All pupils
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Break up for half term	All pupils
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Half term holiday	School closed to all pupils
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Back to school	All pupils
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET	School closed to all pupils
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas holidays	All pupils
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December - Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Christmas holidays	School closed to all pupils
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Back to school	All pupils
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for half term	All pupils
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET	School closed to all pupils
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February -Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half term holiday	School closed to all pupils
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET	School closed to all pupils
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Back to school	All pupils
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for Easter holidays	All pupils
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April – Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter holidays	School closed to all pupils
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Back to school	All pupils
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday	School closed to all pupils
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Break up for May half term	All pupils
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term holiday	School closed to all pupils
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Back to school	All pupils

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET	School closed to all pupils
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Break up for summer holidays	All pupils
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> July until 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Summer holidays	School closed to all pupils
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	INSET days	School closed to all pupils
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Back to school	All pupils