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NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 15th October 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Bishop Patrick visited St Elizabeth's on Monday 7th October, it was the Feast Day of our Lady of the Rosary. He met with our Chaplaincy Team and Joe, our Chaplain. Part of his time at St Elizabeth's was live streamed not just to every classroom at our school, but to all schools in the Nottingham Diocese! Please take a look at the prayers that were said by clicking on this link. [click here for live stream](#)

Parent Consultation Evenings (including SEND) The app opened for bookings on 14.10.24

We hold these meetings via the School Cloud App and they are booked online, each meeting lasting 10 minutes. If you have any concerns about accessing these meetings, please contact the school office for advice with connecting or booking appointments.

The dates are Wednesday 23rd October and Thursday 24th October. The app will be opened for booking appointments at 4pm on Monday 14th October.

For children with any SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) we hold an additional night to discuss the targets on the child's APDR (Assess, Plan, Do and Review), this is 20 minutes, still booked via School Cloud but during the booking process parents can decide if they would prefer online or face to face meetings. The date of the SEND review night is Wednesday 6th November, the booking for this will be done on the School Cloud App and also open on Monday 14th October.

As a result of the most common requests in the parent survey we have continued to keep the School Cloud app – you asked- we responded!

Harvest Festival



We will be celebrating Harvest festival on Thursday 17th October in the school hall at 2.45pm. At the request of our parents there will be groups of children taking turns to perform songs or a poem, and yes, there will be "Cauliflowers Fluffy" making a return. You asked – we responded!

Any donations for harvest can be sent into school, classes are already making their own class displays, before all the produce comes down to the hall for the festival. Afterwards, the produce will be donated to Hope For Belper, which is a food bank. Please consider donating meals in a tin (eg chilli, big breakfast), tea, coffee, toiletries, nappies etc (the food bank are ok for baked beans at present).

TT Rockstars Day – Friday 18th October

You may be aware that we use an app called "Times Tables Rock Stars", this encourages children to learn their times tables and helps them to prepare for the Statutory Multiplication Test that Y4 complete later this year. In order to re-launch the importance of learning times tables (both in school and at home), we are

having a dress as a rockstar day on Friday 18th October. All fancy dress is allowed – in the past this has ranged from wigs, bandanas, t-shirts, jeans and even blow-up guitar/microphones accessories! Please don't think you need to buy anything new for this day it is simply a lot of fun whilst we re-emphasise with everyone about learning numbers, repeating patterns and that these sequences will help with times tables. In KS1 there is a focus on learning numbers, number sequences and spotting repeating patterns which leads into learning the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. KS2 is the focus for the rest of the times tables and we have found that children who are confident with their times tables are confident with learning maths in school, any support you can give to learning times tables at home would be of benefit.

Funky Parent & Carer Webpage for TTRockStars

ttrackstars.com/parents/

What's included?

- Importance of times tables
- TTRS intro video
- Parent guide PDF
- FAQs answered
- Free downloadable materials to support you at home

The First Holy Communion Programme

The parish preparation programme for First Holy Communion is for children aged 7-8yrs (starting Year 3 in September of the following year) or older. The programme starts on 10th November and runs until May of the following year. Classes take place in Our Lady's church, Belper at 10am before Sunday Mass at 11am. Application forms are available, and the closing date is 31st October 2024 for further information please contact the parish office on office@catholic-ambervalley.uk

Applications for secondary school for children in Y6

Is your child in Y6 (born between 1.09.2013 and 31.08.2014)?

If so, you must apply by midnight on 31.10.2024 to get them a place at secondary school. Applications are made online at [Apply for a school place - Derbyshire County Council](#)

Applications for primary school

If you know anyone who is looking for a place for reception class for September- 2025, please ask them to book in for a tour of our school. We know that recommendations from parents is held in high regard by potential new parents, so please let any friends or relatives know about our school! The time to make applications will be opening at 9am on 11th November 2024. The application process is quick and easy and you can also find information about how to choose a school in Derbyshire County Council's [parents guide to primary admissions](#).

Family workshops

There are 4 workshops being advertised and run by Umbrella, a group which gives advice and support to families. Please take a look at the adverts below...



Nurturing a healthy relationship with food Workshop

Monday 21st October 2024

7pm - 8:30pm

**Annie's Place
Bedford Close
Derby
DE22 3HQ**

£2 per person

Booking available via our website

Parent and Carer Workshop

St Margaret Clitherow | Hall Farm Road | Duffield | DE56 4FS

Thursday 14th November

10am

ADHD Information Workshop

Delivered by First Look SEN

Booking available via our website.



Sleep Workshop

Delivered by SEN-FIT CIC

Annie's Place | Bedford Close | Derby | DE22 3HQ

Wednesday 6th November

10am - 12pm

Please book via our website



Christmas SHOPPING TRIP

27TH NOVEMBER

We are heading to Meadow Hall Shopping Centre for our annual Parent and Carers Christmas shopping trip.

This year you can meet us at Derby Train station for the 9:31am train or you can meet us there at 10:30am outside Marks and Spencer's. We will be returning to Derby Train station for 2:30pm.

Booking and payment of train tickets must be done independently. Please do let us know if you are attending.

Please contact the Family Support Team for further information or advice on travel.
Familysupport@umbrella.uk.net / 01332 521229 ext 226

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, the Parish of the Epiphany, Amber Valley 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.

Mrs Clemens.
Headteacher.

Calendar of Events for St Elizabeth's

	Calendar for 2024-2025	
Monday 14 th October (week beginning)	Science Road Show in school hall	For Y2 upwards
Monday 14 th October	Booking for Parent Consultation Evening and SEND review meetings open on School Cloud	School Cloud bookings open for parent meetings
Tuesday 15 th October	SEA AGM at 7.30pm Link to this meeting has been sent out in a separate email	
Wednesday 16 th October	World Food Day	
Thursday 17 th October	Harvest Festival - 2.45pm in school hall, produce (meals in a tin eg curry/chilli, household goods eg toilet rolls, soap and toothpaste) can be brought into school from Monday 7 th October and will be displayed in classrooms.	All invited. All produce will be sent to the Hope for Belper, Food Bank.
Friday 18 th October	TT Rockstars Day, working on Times Tables	All pupils – dress as a rockstar
Wednesday 23 rd October	Parent Consultation Evenings	Via School Cloud, all classes
Thursday 24 th October	Parent Consultation Evenings	Via School Cloud, all classes
Friday 25 th October	Break up for half term	All pupils
Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November	Half term holiday	School closed to all pupils
Monday 4 th November	Back to school	All pupils
Wednesday 13 th -Friday 15 th November	Y6 Residential Trip to Willersley Castle	Y6 pupils
Monday 18 th November	Police in school to speak with Y6 about knife crime	Y6 pupils
Tuesday 19 th November	Feast Day of St Elizabeth of Hungary	
Thursday 28 th November	Non-uniform day to support the SEA Christmas Fayre, please donate chocolate items	All pupils
Friday 29 th November	INSET	School closed to all pupils
Friday 6 th December	Non-uniform day to support the SEA Christmas Fayre, please donate anything in a bottle eg bubble bath, juice, wine etc	All pupils
Monday 9 th December	KS1 Nativity to the whole school	KS1 perform for KS2 pupils
Tuesday 10 th December	2pm KS1 Nativity to parents/carers	KS1 parents welcome
Wednesday 11 th December	6.30pm KS1 Nativity to parents/carers	KS1 parents welcome
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Fayre	Afternoon, all welcome
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas jumper day, Christmas dinner day and Panto!	All pupils
Thursday 19 th December	10am Advent Mass in school	All pupils and parish welcome
Friday 20 th December	Break up for Christmas holidays	All pupils
Monday 23 rd December -Friday 3 rd January	Christmas holidays	School closed to all pupils
Monday 6 th January	Back to school	All pupils
Thursday 16 th January	3pm Y5 Celebration of the Word and class assembly	Whole school and parents of Y5 pupils
Thursday 23 rd January	3pm Y6 Celebration of the Word and class assembly	Whole school and parents of Y6 pupils

Thursday 30 th January	3pm Y4 Celebration of the Word and class assembly	Whole school and parents of Y4 pupils
Thursday 6 th February	3pm Y3 Celebration of the Word and class assembly	Whole school and parents of Y3 pupils
Tuesday 11 th February	Our Lady of Lourdes – Mary Pilgrimage led by Faith In action group	All pupils
Thursday 13 th February	3pm Y2 Celebration of the Word and class assembly	Whole school and parents of Y2 pupils
Thursday 13 th February	Break up for half term	All pupils
Friday 14 th February	INSET	School closed to all pupils
Monday 17 th February -Friday 21 st February	Half term holiday	School closed to all pupils
Monday 24 th February	INSET	School closed to all pupils
Tuesday 25 th February	Back to school	All pupils
Thursday 27 th February	3pm Y1 Celebration of the Word and class assembly	Whole school and parents of Y1 pupils
Tuesday 4 th March	Shrove Tuesday	Pancakes on the dinner menu
Wednesday 5 th March	Ash Wednesday	
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day At 9.15am there is World Book Day Assembly in the hall, all invited, including a parade of all costumes	All pupils dress up as their favourite book character
Monday 10 th March	Science week begins	All pupils
Thursday 13 th March	3pm Reception Class Celebration of the Word and class assembly	Whole school and parents of Reception Class pupils
Tuesday 25 th March	Big Lent Walk	All pupils, wear active uniform and appropriate footwear
Tuesday 1 st April	Y3/4 Easter Performance at 2pm in the school hall	All invited
Wednesday 2 nd April	Y3/4 Easter Performance at 6.30pm in the school hall	All invited
Friday 4 th April	Break up for Easter holidays	All pupils
Monday 7 th April – Monday 21 st April	Easter holidays	School closed to all pupils
Tuesday 22 nd April	Back to school	All pupils
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday	School closed to all pupils
Monday 12 th May	Y6 SATs week	All Y6 pupils
Thursday 22 nd May	1.15pm Marian Celebration of the Word in school hall, afterwards all donations of flowers will be delivered on King Street, Belper	1.15pm Marian Celebration of the Word, all welcome
Friday 23 rd May	Break up for May half term	All pupils
Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May	Half term holiday	School closed to all pupils
Monday 2 nd June	Back to school	All pupils
Friday 20 th June	3pm Corpus Christi Celebration of the Word led by Joe and the Chaplaincy Team with Adoration	All invited
Monday 30 th June	INSET	School closed to all pupils
Tuesday 1 st July	3pm St Peter and Paul Celebration of the Word, Chaplaincy team leading.	All invited
Tuesday 8 th July	2pm Y5/6 Performance	Parents invited
Wednesday 9 th July	6.30pm Y5/6 Performance	Parents invited
Thursday 24 th July	10.15am Y6 Leaver's Assembly	Y6 parents invited
Thursday 24 th July	Break up for summer holidays	All pupils

Friday 25 th July until 4 th September	Summer holidays	School closed to all pupils
Thursday 4 th and Friday 5 th September 2025	INSET days	School closed to all pupils
Monday 8 th September 2025	Back to school	All pupils