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# NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move to much chillier weather, please can we remind parents to send all children into school with a coat that has their name in it. If the weather turns to snow, you would be welcome to send gloves, a hat, a scarf and wellies with a bag to keep anything that gets wet in (all labelled with names please). If there is snow and school has to close, we will send text messages out to all families, please keep your contact details up to date with the school office. We will endeavour to stay open, however if you feel your journey is not safe due to adverse weather then please phone in to school. (01773 822278).

## 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 are always held in high regard by potential new parents, so please let any friends or relatives know about our school! If you would like a leaflet/poster to let others know about our school, please come and collect a few from the school office.

The window for applications is now open, application closing date is midnight on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. The application process is quick and easy, the application website is [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions)

## Christmas Competition – Decorate A Bauble

The SEA are organising a “Decorate A Bauble” competition for the children this year. The baubles will be provided, and the children will be able to proudly hang them on their tree at home for Christmas. They are flat and wooden, nothing breakable!

If your child would like to take part, they will be able to collect a bauble from their class teacher from Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. They should bring it home and decorate one side using paint, colouring pens, glitter, etc – whatever they wish! Please ensure that they write their name and year group on the other side. All entries need to be handed to class teachers by Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December and will be included in a big display that we will put up in the school hall for the week of the Nativity Play and Christmas Fair.

There will be a lovely prize for the best bauble in each year group, so let's get creative!

## 🎨 Parent & Carer Webpage for TT Rock Stars 🎨

Children need to know all of their times tables and this a requirement by year 4. Please ensure that you practice a little each night on learning number patterns and sequences with your child to support their learning and aid their memory - maths and problem solving becomes so much easier if children are supported with reminders on times tables. If you need any support from school, please don't hesitate to ask your child's class teacher or speak to Miss Fitzpatrick in Y5 who is the maths subject coordinator.

For your further support, please click on the link below to see what is included in the resource called Times Table Rock Stars which is used in school.

[ttrackstars.com/parents/](http://ttrackstars.com/parents/)



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**St Ralph  
Sherwin**  
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

What's included? Importance of times tables, TTRS introduction video, parent guide, FAQs answered, free downloadable materials to support you at home

### **Jesse Tree Celebrations for Advent**

Last year we held a 30-minute celebration of the word each afternoon around the school Christmas tree in the hall for all classes to attend, and this is a new tradition which we will continue this year. The children will be thinking about the themes of advent – hope, peace and joy - on the lead up to Christmas. The Jesse Tree stories retell the story of Jesus’ ancestors, and we have a mixture of staff, pupil groups and chaplains leading these times of prayer.

### **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.

Please also take the time to open the messages from the St Elizabeth's Association so that you are aware of events such as discos, Christmas fayre, gift sales and competitions.

Thank you all for your continued support and God Bless.

Mrs Clemens.  
Headteacher.

### **Calendar of Events for St Elizabeth's**

	<b>Calendar for 2024-2025</b>	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Police in school to speak with Y6 about knife crime	Y6 pupils
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Feast Day of St Elizabeth of Hungary	All pupils
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Collect a bauble to decorate, return to school by 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec in order for your bauble to be on display and maybe win a prize!	All pupils
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Non-uniform day to support the SEA Christmas Fayre, please donate anything chocolate	All pupils
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET	School closed to all pupils
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	SEA gift sale for children to be able to buy a present in "secret" for family members. All gifts £2.50 each (max of 2 presents per child)	All pupils
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Decorated baubles to be returned to school	All pupils
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	School disco 6pm drop off at the school hall, collection at 7.30pm entry £1 per child, there will be a sale of items in the tuck shop	All pupils

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity to the whole school	KS1 perform for KS2 pupils
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm KS1 Nativity to parents/carers	KS1 parents welcome
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30pm KS1 Nativity to parents/carers	KS1 parents welcome
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fayre 2.30pm-4.30pm	Afternoon, all welcome
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas jumper day, Christmas dinner day and Panto!	All pupils
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	10am Advent Mass in school	All pupils and parish welcome
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 16 <sup>th</sup> January	3pm Y5 Celebration of the Word and class assembly	Whole school and parents of Y5 pupils
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	3pm Y6 Celebration of the Word and class assembly	Whole school and parents of Y6 pupils
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	3pm Y4 Celebration of the Word and class assembly	Whole school and parents of Y4 pupils
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	3pm Y3 Celebration of the Word and class assembly	Whole school and parents of Y3 pupils
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Our Lady of Lourdes – Mary Pilgrimage led by Faith In action group	All pupils
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	3pm Y2 Celebration of the Word and class assembly	Whole school and parents of Y2 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
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	3pm Y1 Celebration of the Word and class assembly	Whole school and parents of Y1 pupils
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Shrove Tuesday	Pancakes on the dinner menu
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Ash Wednesday	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> March	Science week begins	All pupils
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	3pm Reception Class Celebration of the Word and class assembly	Whole school and parents of Reception Class pupils
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Big Lent Walk	All pupils, wear active uniform and appropriate footwear
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Y3/4 Easter Performance at 2pm in the school hall	All invited
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Y3/4 Easter Performance at 6.30pm in the school hall	All invited
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
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs week	All Y6 pupils

Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <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
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	3pm Corpus Christi Celebration of the Word led by Joe and the Chaplaincy Team with Adoration	All invited
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET	School closed to all pupils
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	3pm St Peter and Paul Celebration of the Word, Chaplaincy team leading.	All invited
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	2pm Y5/6 Performance	Parents invited
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	6.30pm Y5/6 Performance	Parents invited
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	10.15am Y6 Leaver's Assembly	Y6 parents invited
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