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NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Y6 completed their SATs and did so with such a level of maturity, took the tests in their strides and absolutely gave their very best on the days of the tests. We are so proud of all our Y6 children, Miss Holmes was delighted with their attitudes to the tests and their commitment to remaining calm and focused, we would like to say a huge thank you to all parents involved.

A couple of weeks ago our Y5 went on their residential to Willersley Castle to take part in PE, outward bound and adventurous activities. The children showed a huge sense of bravery to the different challenges they faced. They were resilient and encouraged each other to face challenges, their support for each other was wonderful to see first-hand. The entire group were an absolute pleasure to take away and spend time with – this was also noticed and commented upon by the instructors at Willersley Castle! Well done, Y5!

We have had Ofsted Inspectors visit earlier this week for a graded inspection of the school. The visit was rigorous and very thorough, but also very positive. The wonderful news to share at this point is how the inspectors noticed and were very impressed with how articulate the children at St Elizabeth's are and how idyllic their playtimes are. The inspectors now have 18 working days (so half term will not count) to send their draft report to school, then there is a 5-day consultation period and after that the report will be made available to staff, Governors, parents by email and put on the website. If anyone feels the need for a paper copy don't hesitate to ask by phoning the school office (01773 822278) and we can get this to you.

Sports Day

On 4th June we are holding our Sports Day which we are hoping will start just after 1.05pm. All children will be involved in sports activities around the football pitch area on the school field and then we end with sprints on the track. The Pingle Lane gate will be open for the afternoon for anyone walking to school (highly recommended due to lack of parking space). The magnetic pedestrian gate at the bottom of the school field will be open from 12.50-1.05pm, anyone arriving after that time will need to come to the school office. Children will need to wear their active uniform for this event.

Update from the SEA re Summer Fair Donations

Firstly, thank you to everyone for all the wonderful jolly bags which the children brought back to school for our Summer Fair; they are fantastic!

After half term, we will be collecting donations of other items such as school uniform, toys and gifts which you may be happy to pass on. This will be a staggered process this year as we work around storage limitations, but we will give regular updates and guidance. The first opportunity to bring in donations will



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be on Sports Day, when we will be very grateful for any **school uniform and soft toys**. Please see attached a flyer with more details.



May half term holidays

The May half term holiday is from Monday 26th May and we return to school on Monday 2nd June. KidZone will be open during the holidays should you need their support; you can contact Marie Mason on 07738 353094.

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. Please continue to check this throughout the school year.

Thank you all for your continued support and God Bless.

Mrs Clemens.
Headteacher.

Calendar of Events for St Elizabeth's – 2024-5

| | Calendar for 2024-2025 | |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Friday 23 rd May | Y6 trip to Cadbury World | Y6 pupils |
| 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 |

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| Monday 2 nd June | Y4 start their Statutory Multiplication Checks | Y4 pupils |
| Wednesday 4 th June | Sports Day (pm only) | All pupils and families welcome to support |
| Thursday 5 th June | Y5 leading Celebration of the word, 3pm in the school hall | All pupils and parents of Y5 invited |
| Thursday 5 th June | Induction meeting for new starters in reception for September 2025 held in Reception classroom at 4pm. | Parents of new starters in Sept 2025 |
| Monday 9 th June | Phonics screening assessments for Y1 pupils | Y1 pupils |
| Wednesday 11 th June | Y3 trip to Peak Wildlife | Y3 pupils |
| Wednesday 11 th June | SEA Father's Day Gift Sale | All pupils |
| Thursday 12 th June | Reception Class trip to Carsington | EYFS pupils |
| Thursday 12 th June | Y3 leading Celebration of the word, 3pm in the school hall | All pupils and parents of Y3 invited |
| Friday 20 th June | 3pm Corpus Christi Celebration of the Word led by Joe and the Chaplaincy Team with Adoration | All invited |
| Friday 20 th June | World Refugee Day | |
| Thursday 26 th June | Y2 leading Celebration of the word, 3pm in the school hall | All pupils and parents of Y2 invited |
| Thursday 26 th June | School is visited 1pm-4.45pm by the "Book Bus" for the afternoon, all children will be allowed to see the books and have the option to make a purchase. | All pupils during school time, parents invited after 3.30pm for any further browsing or purchases. |
| 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 |
| Thursday 3 rd July | Y1 leading Celebration of the word, 3pm in the school hall | All pupils and parents of Y1 invited |
| Friday 4 th July | St Elizabeth's Summer Fayre (pm only) | All pupils, family and friends welcome |
| Tuesday 8 th July | 2pm Y5/6 Performance | Parents invited |
| Wednesday 9 th July | 6.30pm Y5/6 Performance | Parents invited |
| Wednesday 9 th July | St Elizabeth's Transition Day | All children spend the day with their new teacher in the classroom they will be in next year |
| Thursday 10 th July | Rec leading Celebration of the word, 3pm in the school hall | All pupils and parents of Rec invited |
| Friday 11 th July | Y2 trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park | Year 2 pupils. |
| Friday 11 th July | Reports go out to Reception to Year 5 parents | Rec, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 pupils reports |
| Friday 11 th July | Outdoor disco 6-7.30pm on the school playground and field | All pupils |
| Tuesday 22 nd July | 2pm Y6 Leaver's Mass followed by tree planting | Y6 parents invited |
| Thursday 24 th July | 2.30pm Y6 Leaver's Assembly | All pupils and parents of Y6 |
| 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 |
| Thursday 25 th September | Open Evening at St Benedict's | Parents and Pupils in Y5 and 6 are welcome to attend |
| Wednesday 8 th October | Individual photos | All pupils |

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