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NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th September
2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new academic year at St Elizabeth's. We have welcomed 20 new pupils into our reception class, had 3 pupils return from other schools in Years 3, 5 and 6 as well as 2 children new to the school in years 2 and 4. Welcome to everyone!

We have already held our Meet the Teacher event, thank you for popping into school to see the teachers and classrooms. Please don't hesitate to give us a call if there's anything further you would like to discuss, school's number is 01773 822278.

Open afternoon and Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

On Friday 19th September we will be hosting an Open Afternoon. We will be asking for **cake donations** as we would like to use this opportunity to help the charity Macmillan Cancer Support both with the sale of cake and raffle ticket (£1 each or £5 for a full strip). It is a wonderful opportunity to come into school, see the areas that were closed due to RAAC and if you would like to visit all the classrooms, our year 6 pupils will be available to lead you on a tour. The cake sale will be available to all children and parents, please send donations to the porch door where you will be greeted on Friday morning. You will be able to **meet the SEA (St Elizabeth's Association)** and find out more about the events they run throughout the year, their vital fundraising for school and about becoming a volunteer.

Our wonderful **SENDCo**, Miss Hickling, will be available after dismissing her class at 3.30pm and she can support with any queries regarding Special educational Needs and Disabilities. There will be information available and on display for the afternoon.

Our School Council will be holding a coat swap/sale donation as they want all children to be able to have a warm coat for winter, please feel free to join in with this by donating old coats that no longer fit, swapping a coat or donating. There will be a stall with second hand uniform for sale and an area with registration forms for KidZone who offer breakfast, afterschool and holiday clubs all based at St Elizabeth's.

Please bring friends and family to this event, our whole parish community is welcomed. We also welcome anyone looking for a school place - please feel free to let your friends or neighbours know about us!

The entrance to school for this event between 2pm and 4pm will be via the porch door to the hall and there will be pedestrian access via the Pingle Lane gate which will be open from 1.45pm.

The cake sale will be open to all children at the following times:

1.30pm Y5 2pm Y4 2.15pm Y3 2.30pm Rec 2.45pm Y1 3pm Y2 3.15pm Y6

The afternoon will start with Y5 brass and singing at 2.10pm followed by the choir, music from the children who play stringed instruments and singing from Iona class. The raffle will be drawn at approximately 3.15pm.

Dinner money

The price of a school dinner is £3.38. Parent Pay is the way dinner money is sent to school (as a cashless system), this works by keeping your account in credit. If anyone needs any support with the app ParentPay



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or support applying for free school meals please see our wonderful office staff, Mrs Hyde and Mrs Plastow, who will be happy to help. Please can we ask that you do not let your account go into arrears.

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/>

A message from the Parish for families wanting their children to start preparation for First Holy Communion:

First Holy Communion preparation for Belper & Ripley 2026 begins on Sunday 5th October 2025.

Application forms to be handed to Fr Neil at Mass with your child's Baptism Certificate.

Children must be in Year 3 or above to join this year's programme.

Preparation sessions (for children & parents) will be held on first Sunday of each month:

10am Belper

After 9am Mass Ripley

Any queries to Monica, Parish Office Manager or Brenda Davies 07980 763942

Calendar of events

Please remember to scroll down and see the calendar of events. Please continue to check this throughout the school year as things will change – but hopefully it gives you a thorough picture of the activities that will be happening throughout the year.

Thank you all for your continued support and God Bless. The whole staff team and I wish you a wonderful summer break, enjoy the time with your families and see you for the start of another great year in September. We return to school on Monday 8th September.

Mrs Clemens.
Headteacher.

Calendar of Events for St Elizabeth's – 2025-6

	Calendar for 2025-26	
Thursday 4 th and Friday 5 th September 2025	INSET days	School closed to all pupils
Friday 19 th September	Open afternoon. You are welcome to come and visit our new KS1 classrooms, peek in KS2 as well! Join our MacMillan Coffee afternoon in the hall, meet the SEA, meet the SENCo, be part of the School Council's coat swap and be entertained with a selection of music from strings, guitar and choir.	All parents invited to visit from 2-4pm. All parents of new starters considering our school in the future also welcome – please tell your friends!
Wednesday 24 th September	10am Start of year Mass in the school hall.	All pupils, parents and parish welcome.
Thursday 25 th September	Open Evening at St Benedict's.	Y5/6 pupils and their families.
Friday 26 th September	Non-uniform day, in exchange for donations to support the St Francis Creche and Pre-School in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa (this school was founded and is still supported by the Franciscan Sisters who started our school and also supported by St Elizabeth's, they	All pupils, please send in donations.

	would like the money to pay from central heating for the classrooms for the youngest children).	
Monday 29 th September	Start the Harvest Festival Collection of food/goods to support Hope for Belper food bank.	All pupils.
Friday 3 rd October	Feast Day for St Francis of Assisi being celebrated in school.	All pupils.
Friday 3 rd October	1.30pm Class Mass for Y1 and Y6 as prayer buddies.	Y1 and Y6 pupils.
Wednesday 8 th October	Tempest Individual Photos.	All pupils (if this is your class PE day please wear normal uniform, bring your PE kit and get changed in school).
Tuesday 14 th October	Parent Consultation Evening	Bookings made on School Cloud for an online appointment for all children.
Wednesday 15 th October	Parent Consultation Evening	Bookings made on School Cloud for an online appointment for all children.
Thursday 16 th October	World Food Day. 3pm Harvest Festival.	All pupils, parents welcome to attend 3pm Harvest festival celebration in school hall.
Friday 17 th October	IT Rockstars Day. All children invited to dress like a rockstar – be ready to impress with your number patterns and times tables knowledge!	All pupils.
Wednesday 22 nd -Friday 24 th October	Y5 Residential to Willersley Castle.	Y5 pupils.
Friday 24 th October	Break up for half term.	All pupils.
Monday 27 th until Friday 31 st October	Half term holiday.	School closed to all pupils.
Monday 3 rd November	Return to school.	All pupils.
Wednesday 5 th -7 th November	Y6 residential to Lea Green.	Y6 pupils.
Thursday 6 th November	10am Mass for All Saints.	All pupils, parents and parish welcome.
Monday 10 th to Friday 14 th November	Anti-Bullying week begins.	All pupils.
Friday 28 th November	Non uniform day in exchange for anything chocolate – in support for the SEA's Christmas Fayre.	All pupils.
Wednesday 19 th November	Feast day of St Elizabeth of Hungary. 10am Mass for the Feast Day of St Elizabeth of Hungary	All pupils, parents and parish welcome.
Monday 1 st December	3pm Jesse Tree Advent celebrations start daily (apart from tomorrow!)	All pupils and parents are welcome to join for any or all of these
Tuesday 2 nd December	1.30-2.30pm Advent Pilgrimage (incorporating the Jesse Tree stories)	All pupils
Wednesday 3 rd to Friday 5 th December	3pm Jesse Tree Advent celebration	All pupils and parents are welcome to join for any or all of these
Friday 5 th December	Non uniform day in exchange for anything in a bottle – in support for the SEA's Christmas Fayre.	All pupils.
Monday 8 th to Friday 12 th December	3pm Jesse Tree Advent celebration	All pupils and parents are welcome to join for any or all of these
Monday 15 th December	Children's Christmas dinner, Christmas jumper day and pantomime in the afternoon.	For all pupils.
Monday 15 th to Wednesday 17 th December	3pm Jesse Tree Advent celebration	All pupils and parents are welcome to join for any or all of these

Tuesday 16 th December	During the afternoon Fr Neil will be in school offering the Sacrament of reconciliation for any pupils who may wish to take part.	Pupils.
Thursday 18 th December	10am Advent Mass	All pupils, parents and parish welcome.
Friday 19 th December	2.30pm Carols around the Tree	All pupils and parents welcome.
Friday 19 th December	Break up for Christmas holidays	All pupils.
Monday 22 nd December until Friday 2 nd January 2026	Christmas Holidays	School closed to all pupils.
Monday 5 th January 2026	Return to school	All pupils.
Tuesday 6 th January	2.30pm Mass for Epiphany	All pupils, parents and parish welcome.
Thursday 15 th January	Admissions for all new starters in reception September 2026 closes at midnight today.	New reception class starters for September 2026.
Tuesday 10 th February	1.30pm Class Mass for Y2 and Y4.	All pupils in Y2 and Y4.
Wednesday 11 th February	Feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes.	
Wednesday 11 th February	APDR meetings, meetings for parents of children with SEND.	Parents of SEND pupils.
Thursday 12 th – Friday 13 th February	Y4 residential to Lea Green.	Y4 pupils.
Friday 13 th February	Break up for half term holiday.	All pupils.
Monday 16 th to Friday 20 th February	Half term holiday. Ash Wednesday is during this holiday.	School closed to all pupils.
Monday 23 rd February	CAFOD Introducing the Big Lent Walk – sponsorship starts.	All pupils.
Thursday 26 th February	10am Lent Mass in school hall.	All pupils, parents and parish welcome.
Wednesday 4 th March	Y6 SATs meetings in Y6 classroom at 3.45-4.15pm and then repeated at 4.30-5pm.	Parents of Y6 pupils.
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day – come to school dressed as your favourite characters, bring the book along (if you have it).	All pupils.
Tuesday 10 th March	During the afternoon Fr Neil will be in school offering the Sacrament of reconciliation for any pupils who may wish to take part.	Pupils.
Wednesday 11 th March	Parent Consultation Evenings, via School Cloud.	Parents of all pupils.
Thursday 12 th March	Parent Consultation Evenings, via School Cloud.	Parents of all pupils.
Thursday 19 th March	Y6 trip to Nottingham Halls of Justice – focus on cyber bullying.	Y6 pupils.
Monday 23 rd March	Y3/4 Easter play performed to whole school.	All pupils.
Tuesday 24 th March	2pm Y3/4 Easter play performed to parents.	Y3/4 parents and families.
Wednesday 25 th March	6.30pm Y3/4 Easter play performed to parents.	Y3/4 parents and families.
Thursday 26 th March	Big Lent Walk.	All pupils.
Friday 27 th March	10.15am Ping Pong ball race followed by the Easter hat parade.	All Pupils.
Friday 27 th March	Break up for Easter holidays.	All Pupils.
Monday 30 th March to Friday 10 th April	Easter Holidays.	School closed.
Monday 13 th April	Return to school.	All Pupils.

Monday 23 rd April	10am St George's Day Mass.	All pupils, parents and parish welcome.
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday.	School closed.
Monday 11 th May	Y6 SATs week.	Y6 pupils.
Thursday 14 th May	1.30pm Class Mass for Y5 and EYFS.	All pupils in Y5 and EYFS.
Friday 15 th May	Non uniform day for all.	All pupils.
Friday 15 th May	Y6 rainforest art sale.	Y6 pupils.
Thursday 21 st May	1.30-2.30pm Marian Procession, bring flowers for Mary. The Faith In Action Team then deliver these to the Elderly people in Belper.	All Pupils and then Faith In Action Team.
Friday 22 nd May	Y6 trip to Cadbury's world.	Y6 pupils.
Friday 22 nd May	Break up for half term	All pupils.
Monday 2 th May to Friday 29 th May	Half term	School closed
Monday 1 st June	Return to school.	All pupils.
Wednesday 3 rd June	Sports Day	All pupils.
Thursday 4 th June	New starters meeting for September 2026 in EYFS.	Parents of new starters.
Tuesday 16 th June	1.30pm Y3 First Holy Communion celebration, party afterwards (parents invited to the party too).	Parents and pupils in Y3.
Wednesday 17 th June	New starters afternoon in EYFS for Sept 2026.	EYFS new starters.
Wednesday 25 th June	New starters afternoon in EYFS for Sept 2026.	EYFS new starters.
Monday 29 th June	INSET	School closed.