



Joy FORGIVENESS FAITH RESPECT SERVICE PEACE STEWARDSHIP

ST ELIZABETH'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

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Meet the Teacher

Thursday 11th September 2025



Who's Who in Year Three?



Miss Evans



Miss Shally



Miss Peynado



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Communication, Reporting and Assessments

Parents' Consultation Evening –

Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th October.

Please look out for details from the school office about booking appointments via School Cloud.

- Informal communication (end of the school day, appointments made via the school office, newsletters, class web pages).
- Feedback Policy – How we'll be giving your children feedback.
- Assessments – NFER tests in the autumn, spring and summer term.

Advent 1 Curriculum Overview

RE
TBC

Science

Forces and magnets.

Art

Joseph Wright
of Derby

English

Grammar, list poetry and
traditional tales.

History

Local history

Computing

Digital Literacy

Mathematics

Daily arithmetic
White Rose: Place Value and
Addition and Subtraction

Geography

Describing maps
of the world.

Spanish

Phonetics.

PE

Net and wall & gymnastics.

Music

Singing and learning
to play the recorder.

RSHE

Class rules and British
values.

Advent 2 Curriculum Overview

RE
TBC

English

Action and non-chronological
report.

Mathematics

Daily arithmetic
White Rose: Addition and
Subtraction

History

Local history

DT
Bridges

Computing

Information Technology

PE

Basketball and dance.

Science

Light

RSHE
TBC

Music

Singing and learning to
play the recorder.

Spanish

I am learning Spanish
and Musical
instruments.

A day in the life of a Year 3 pupil...

8:55-9:05	Registration and Prayers Morning Task – Daily Arithmetic
09:05 – 09:20	Spellings
09:20 – 09:45	Talk 4 Reading
09:45 – 10:00	Guided Reading
10:00 – 10.45	Maths
10:45 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:00	Talk 4 Writing
12:00 – 13:05	Lunch
13:05 – 14:20	RE
14:20 – 14:35	Break
14:35 – 15:00	Music
15:00 – 15:30	Celebration of the Word

Uniform and PE Kit

Smart and ready to learn

Saint Elizabeth's was founded by the nuns of the Franciscan order in 1936 . Our uniform is gold and brown to reflect the colour of the clothes worn by Saint Francis. St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School uniform identifies us to the wider community, while wearing it instils a sense of belonging and equality amongst the children.

Our school winter uniform is white shirt (Collared shirt in KS2), brown and gold tie, brown jumper or cardigan, brown skirt or pinafore dress, black trousers or shorts, black shoes, black, grey, brown or white socks. Any items for hair should remain within these colours of white, black, brown or yellow. Any items for hair should remain within these colours of white, black, brown or yellow.

Our active uniform – which is often referred to as PE kit – is worn to school on PE or sports days. The active uniform is yellow polo shirt, yellow sweatshirt with school logo (optional), unbranded black shorts or black joggers. Trainers or pumps with black, grey or white socks.

Our PE lessons are on the following days:

Advent 1 – **Monday and Wednesday**

School coats can be any colour!

School bags can be any appropriate bag, however we do request a small size due to storage in school cloakroom areas.

School book bags are available to purchase from the school office.

Please ensure that all items of uniform are permanently labelled with your child's name. This ensures that we can get items back to their rightful owner if they go astray

Year 3 Reading

Accelerated Reader!

Accelerated Reader is an online programme used to motivate students to increase their reading and vocabulary comprehension. Children are able to complete a quiz after finishing a book and can also access a variety of non-fiction articles to read! A parent introduction letter will be making its way home soon – please keep a look out for this!

Children are given bookmarks, on which they are to write down any words that they are unfamiliar with or have struggled to pronounce. We encourage a minimum of 10 minutes home-reading every day; the more often, the better! This could be independently, to a grown-up or to a sibling.

Your child will also now have their own 'Reading Journal', in which they can make notes and drawings about what they have read to help assist them when taking their end of book quiz. This is for both home and school use, so please ensure that it is returned to their school bag once used.

Your child is expected to bring their home-reading book into school once a week, on a set day (which the children are aware of). This is so that teachers and teaching assistants can listen to them read and track their progress. If your child fails to bring their book two weeks in a row, you will receive a letter making you aware of this.

Year 3 Reading Expectations

- At least **10 minutes** reading everyday – the more the better! This could be reading to an adult or sibling or reading independently.
- Children should be recording unfamiliar words onto their bookmark throughout their reading session. Adults are encouraged to record words on these too!
- Fostering a love of reading also means that we should be reading to the children regularly too. Audiobooks and Youtube 'read throughs' are another great way to hook more reluctant readers! Help to develop a love of reading through exposure to a variety of books, comics, graphic novels, recipes etc.

THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINS EACH DAY

Regular reading impacts a child's success at school.
If not addressed early the educational gap widens...

Child A



Reads 20 minutes
per day

3,600 minutes
per school year

1,800,000 words
per school year



Scores in the
90th percentile

Child B



Reads 5 minutes
per day

900 minutes
per school year

282,000 words
per school year



Scores in the
50th percentile

Child C



Reads 1 minute
per day

180 minutes
per school year

8,000 words
per school year



Scores in the
10th percentile



Standardised Test Scores

By the end of grade 6, Child A will have read the equivalent of 60 school days, Child B will have read for 12 school days and Child C will have read for 3 days. Nagy and Herman, 1987.

Spelling

Our KS2 spelling scheme – Read, Write, Inc. Spelling, continues on from our KS1 phonics scheme to allow for cohesive and consistent progression and development.

Assessment throughout a unit is ongoing and children will be logging spellings that they find difficult in their 'Spelling Logs'.

These words will be personalised to each child, as the children choose the words they wish to 'log', based on which words they have found difficult throughout the week.

Therefore there is no 'set' spelling list each week. Due to the 3-day cycle of the scheme, the day of the week that these words will be recorded will change.

These words are then tested in partners (in a low-stakes manner) at the start of the following unit.

You can help support your child by practising the words in your child's spelling log each night at home, and by revisiting words learnt in previous weeks.



Mathematics



White Rose is a carefully structured programme that helps children build a deep understanding of maths concepts, step by step. It follows the national curriculum and is designed to help children become confident, independent problem-solvers.

The scheme uses a “small steps” approach, meaning new learning is broken down into manageable chunks. It also encourages children to explain their thinking and explore different methods, helping to build fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills.

Children will use a variety of visual aids and practical resources to support their understanding, and learning will be regularly revisited.

Add money

1 Complete the part-whole models.

a)

b)

The amounts have been partitioned into notes and coins.
How else could the amounts have been partitioned to help work out the totals?

2 Dora buys two birthday cards.

Complete the sentences to show how much money Dora spends.

£ + £ = £

p + p = p

Dora spends £ and p.

3 Complete the number sentences.

a) £3 and 12p + £5 and 20p = £ and p

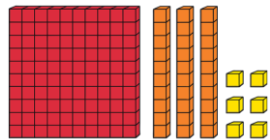
b) £6 and 30p + £1 and 41p = £ and p

c) £2 and 50p + £7 and 50p = £ and p

d) £4 and 50p + £5 and 75p = £ and p

e) £10 and 90p + £3 and 64p = £ and p

f) 99p + £8 and 25p = £ and p



Pictorial



Concrete

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Abstract

Dates for your diary...

Dates For Your Diary		
19.09.25	14:00 – 16:00	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon You are invited to join other parents and members of the school community to nibble, natter and raise funds for the amazing work done by Macmillan Cancer Support. The children are invited to bring in cakes on this day to be sold and money to spend at the cake sale. We'll be holding a raffle too!
24.09.25	10:00	Start of year Mass in school hall. All pupils, parents and parish welcome.
26.09.25	All Day	Non-uniform day. In exchange for donations to support the St Francis Crèche and Pre-school in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.
29.09.25	On Going	Start the Harvest Festival Collection of food / goods to support Hope for Belper food bank.
03.10.25	All Day	Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi being celebrated in school.
08.10.25	All Day	Tempest Individual Photos Please wear normal uniform and bring PE kit to get changed into after lunch.
14.10.25 15.10.25		Parents' Consultation Evening Please look out for details from the school office about booking appointments via School Cloud.

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16.10.25	15:00	World Food Day – Harvest Festival All pupils and parents welcome to attend the Harvest festival in the school hall.
17.10.25	All Day	TT Rockstars Day All children invited to dress like a rockstar – be ready to impress with your number patterns and times tables knowledge!
W.C.24.10.25	HALF TERM	

Other helpful information

Break time:

At break times our pupils are only allowed to consume fruit or vegetables. It helps us to limit litter & control the environment to make it safe for pupils with a nut allergy.

Water is encouraged at breaks as well as in the classroom. This is to ensure that pupils return to the classroom prepared & refreshed for learning.

Homework:

Children have been given a homework folder. They will use this throughout KS2 and hand it back in at the end of Year 6.

Children will be given one week to complete any homework set.

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.



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