



JOY FORGIVENESS FAITH RESPECT SERVICE PEACE STEWARDSHIP

NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 5th
November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our new half term, we hope you had a good break. Thank you to all who supported our Harvest Festival, the donations were kindly delivered to the Food bank in Belper before we broke up from school by Mr Brooks – thank you!

As we come back to school, we have our Y6 going on their residential (Y5 had theirs before half term and were amazing). We also have Masses planned and non-uniform days to support the SEA with the Christmas Fayre. It won't be long until we are hearing the Jesse Tree stories around our Advent candle wreath and watching the nativity show – it's going to be an action packed half term! All dates can be found on the school calendar – please scroll to the end of this newsletter to see more.

APDR SEND parent meetings

Our parent evenings, for children on a SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) support plan, also called an APDR (Assess, Plan, Do and Review), will be held on Tuesday 11th November for year 4 and reception class, Wednesday 12th November for years 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. Bookings open at 9am on Wednesday 5th November. Please use the app School Cloud to book and then you can decide if you would like an online meeting or to come into school for your appointment (please select this when you book with School Cloud). Meetings last for 20 minutes and are timed by the School Cloud app. If you have any difficulty accessing the app, please contact the school office (01773 822278) who will be happy to support you.

School Office contact details

Our school number is 01773 822278. The email for the office is enquiries@eli.srscmat.co.uk. It is important to use this email address and not a named person for all correspondence with the office, this includes pupil absences.

Applications for primary school

Applications for joining St Elizabeth's in September 2026 for reception class open on Monday 10th November and the deadline for applications is Thursday 15th January 2026 at midnight. Please ensure you apply for your child's place on time via the online application service with Derbyshire.

If you have friends, relatives or neighbours who may be interested in joining our school please pass on our details – recommendations from parents are always the best way to learn about a school. If you attend a toddler club or a group that might be interested in knowing more about us, please feel free to call in the office and take a few leaflets to pass around. We would really appreciate your support!

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/>



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Calendar of events

Remember to scroll down and see the calendar of events. Please continue to check this throughout the school year as things may change .

Mrs Clemens.
Headteacher.

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

	Calendar for 2025-26	
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
Tuesday 9 th December	KS1 Nativity 'Lights, Camel Action 2 The Sequin'	2.00pm-3.00pm performance to parents' ticket information to follow.
Wednesday 10 th December	KS1 Nativity 'Lights, Camel Action 2 The Sequin'	6.30pm-7.30pm performance to parents' ticket information to follow. Children to arrive at school for 6.00pm ready for curtain up at 6.30pm.
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	INSET	School closed to all pupils.
Tuesday 24 th February	Back to school for all pupils.	All pupils.
Tuesday 24 th February	Bike Ability.	9-10.30am Y5 pupils. 10.45-12noon Y5 pupils. 1-3pm Y3 pupils
Wednesday 25 th February	Bike Ability.	Y5 pupils
Thursday 26 th February	Bike Ability.	Y5 pupils
Thursday 26 th February	10am Lent Mass in school hall.	All pupils, parents and parish welcome.
Monday 2 nd March	CAFOD speaker in school to introduce the Big Lent Walk and discuss how and who we support.	All pupils.
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.
Friday 13 th March	INSET	School closed to 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 25 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 24 th June	New starters afternoon in EYFS for Sept 2026.	EYFS new starters.
Monday 29 th June	INSET	School closed.
Friday 3 rd July	Summer Fayre and picnic day.	All welcome to this school event.
Wednesday 8 th July	Whole school transition day. The whole school moves up a year to their new classroom and with their new teacher in readiness for next academic year.	All pupils.
Friday 10 th July	Reports for Rec to Y5 go out to parents.	Rec to Y5 reports out.
Friday 10 th July	SEA outdoor disco.	All pupils welcome.
Monday 13 th July	2pm Y5/6 Performance to the whole school.	All pupils.
Tuesday 14 th July	2pm Y5/6 Performance to the whole school.	Parents of Y5/6
Wednesday 15 th July	6.30pm Y5/6 Performance to the whole school.	Parents of Y5/6
Tuesday 21 st July	2pm Y6 Leaver's Mass and tree planting.	Pupils and Parents of Y6.
Thursday 23 rd July	2.30pm Y6 leaver's assembly.	All pupils and parents of Y6.
Thursday 23 rd July	Break up for summer holidays.	All pupils.
	Calendar for 2026-27	
Friday 4 th September 2026	INSET	School closed to all pupils.
Monday 7 th September 2026	Term begins for all pupils.	All pupils.