



JOY FORGIVENESS FAITH RESPECT SERVICE PEACE STEWARDSHIP

# NEWSLETTER

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December  
2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

## Welcome to Advent at St Elizabeth's!

It seems to be a busy time of year, both in homes and at school, so here is a quick reminder of the events in school over the next 3 weeks.

Our Jesse tree assemblies began yesterday, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December, telling the stories of Jesus and his family back to the beginning. The timings for each daily Jesse Tree are on the calendar of events attached to this newsletter (please scroll down). Parents and families are welcome to join us for any or all of these assemblies.

There is a Christmas gift sale for the children on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, this is about giving the children an opportunity to buy a small gift, "in secret" to give as a gift to an adult at home.

Our Christmas disco will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December from 6pm (not earlier due to KidZone using the hall) until 7.30pm, there will be dancing, music (probably fairly loud) and games as well as a sweets/drinks stall so pocket money is a good idea! Please do not feel your child has to attend this – it is an optional event.

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December there is a non-uniform day in exchange for anything in a bottle (eg shampoo, wine, fruit shoots, etc). These days are to support the Christmas Fayre stalls.

KS1 Nativity Show, "Lights, Camels, Action 2. The Sequin!" is being performed to the school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec, to parents and families at 2pm on Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Dec and again at 6.30pm on Weds 10<sup>th</sup> Dec.

The Christmas Fayre is on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December starting at 2pm for the children and then 2.30pm open to parents. Please note this is not a leave school early day. When you arrive at school you will be able to go to your child's classroom to sign them out of their teacher's care in order to go "shopping" and visit Santa together.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec is the day for our Christmas jumpers (or any preferred Christmas outfits!) with the children's Christmas dinner and the panto.

Choir will be singing for the elderly people at Osmaston Grange Care Home on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 10am.

Advent Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10am in the school hall.



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Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec we **break up for the Christmas holidays** with a special party food menu for the children and **Carols Around the Tree** at 2.30pm.

### **Applications for primary school**

Applications for joining St Elizabeth's in September 2026 for reception class are now open! The deadline for applications is Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at midnight. Please ensure you apply for your child's place on time via the online application service with Derbyshire. You can apply online at [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions)

This is for all children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022.

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 to 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/>

### **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**

	<b>Calendar for 2025-26</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> 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
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Feast Day of St Ralph Sherwin.	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	1.30-2.30pm Advent Pilgrimage (incorporating the Jesse Tree stories)	All pupils
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	SEA Christmas gift sale	For all pupils in order to buy a "secret" gift for a loved one at home
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	SEA Christmas disco 6pm until 7.30pm	All pupils welcome.
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> to Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	3pm Jesse Tree Advent celebration	All pupils and parents are welcome to join for any or all of these
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Non uniform day in exchange for anything in a bottle – in support for the SEA's Christmas Fayre.	All pupils.
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	10.25am Jesse Tree Advent celebration	All pupils and parents are welcome to join for any or all of these
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity performance for the school	For all pupils.
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	10.25am Jesse Tree Advent celebration	All pupils and parents are welcome to join for any or all of these
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm Nativity performance for parents (please see letter from KS1 about getting tickets)	Parents

Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	3pm Jesse Tree Advent celebration	All pupils and parents are welcome to join for any or all of these
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30pm Nativity performance for parents (please see letter from KS1 about getting tickets)	Parents
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fayre – opens to parents at 2pm	All pupils and parents are welcome (this is not an early finish day)
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Children's Christmas dinner, Christmas jumper day and pantomime in the afternoon.	For all pupils.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	10.25am Jesse Tree Advent celebration	All pupils and parents are welcome to join for any or all of these
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	3pm Jesse Tree Advent celebration	All pupils and parents are welcome to join for any or all of these
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> December	10am Advent Mass our Jesse Tree stories will be included in this celebration of Mass.	All pupils, parents and parish welcome.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30pm Carols around the Tree	All pupils and parents welcome.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas holidays	All pupils.
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December until Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026	Christmas Holidays	School closed to all pupils.
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Return to school	All pupils.
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	2.30pm Mass for Epiphany	All pupils, parents and parish welcome.
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Admissions for all new starters in reception September 2026 closes at midnight today.	New reception class starters for September 2026.
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	1.30pm Class Mass for Y2 and Y4.	All pupils in Y2 and Y4.
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes.	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	APDR meetings, meetings for parents of children with SEND.	Parents of SEND pupils.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Y4 residential to Lea Green.	Y4 pupils.
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for half term holiday.	All pupils.
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term holiday. Ash Wednesday is during this holiday.	School closed to all pupils.
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	INSET	School closed to all pupils.
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Back to school for all pupils.	All pupils.
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Bike Ability.	9-10.30am Y5 pupils. 10.45-12noon Y5 pupils. 1-3pm Y3 pupils
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Bike Ability.	Y5 pupils
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Bike Ability.	Y5 pupils
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	10am Lent Mass in school hall.	All pupils, parents and parish welcome.
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	CAFOD speaker in school to introduce the Big Lent Walk and discuss how and who we support.	All pupils.
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – come to school dressed as your favourite characters, bring the book along (if you have it).	All pupils.

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultation Evenings, via School Cloud.	Parents of all pupils.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultation Evenings, via School Cloud.	Parents of all pupils.
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	INSET	School closed to all pupils
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 trip to Nottingham Halls of Justice – focus on cyber bullying.	Y6 pupils.
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y3/4 Easter play performed to whole school.	All pupils.
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	2pm Y3/4 Easter play performed to parents.	Y3/4 parents and families.
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	6.30pm Y3/4 Easter play performed to parents.	Y3/4 parents and families.
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Big Lent Walk.	All pupils.
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	10.15am Ping Pong ball race followed by the Easter hat parade.	All Pupils.
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Break up for Easter holidays.	All Pupils.
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays.	School closed.
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school.	All Pupils.
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	10am St George's Day Mass.	All pupils, parents and parish welcome.
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday.	School closed.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs week.	Y6 pupils.
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	1.30pm Class Mass for Y5 and EYFS.	All pupils in Y5 and EYFS.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Non uniform day for all.	All pupils.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 rainforest art sale.	Y6 pupils.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> May	Y6 trip to Cadbury's world.	Y6 pupils.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Break up for half term	All pupils.
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term	School closed
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Return to school.	All pupils.
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Sports Day	All pupils.
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	New starters meeting for September 2026 in EYFS.	Parents of new starters.
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30pm Y3 First Holy Communion celebration, party afterwards (parents invited to the party too).	Parents and pupils in Y3.
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	New starters afternoon in EYFS for Sept 2026.	EYFS new starters.
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	New starters afternoon in EYFS for Sept 2026.	EYFS new starters.
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET	School closed.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Summer Fayre and picnic day.	All welcome to this school event.
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole school transition day. The whole school moves up a year to their new	All pupils.

	classroom and with their new teacher in readiness for next academic year.	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports for Rec to Y5 go out to parents.	Rec to Y5 reports out.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	SEA outdoor disco.	All pupils welcome.
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	2pm Y5/6 Performance to the whole school.	All pupils.
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	2pm Y5/6 Performance to the whole school.	Parents of Y5/6
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	6.30pm Y5/6 Performance to the whole school.	Parents of Y5/6
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	2pm Y6 Leaver's Mass and tree planting.	Pupils and Parents of Y6.
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	2.30pm Y6 leaver's assembly.	All pupils and parents of Y6.
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Break up for summer holidays.	All pupils.
	<b>Calendar for 2026-27</b>	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2026	INSET	School closed to all pupils.
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2026	Term begins for all pupils.	All pupils.