



JOY CORTENESS ..... RESPECT SERVICE PEACE STEWARDSHIP

# NEWSLETTER

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January  
2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have made a wonderful start back to January and I can happily say well-being, nurture and promoting resilience is something we are sharing with the children.

Our local PCSO has been in to see Year 1 and Year 3 classes to discuss "Stranger danger and online safety". Year 5 and Year 6 will be having their talk on their "Digital footprint and its impact" in early February.

Compass – another outside agency - have been into school to deliver an assembly on resilience and will return not only to promote "Well-being warriors" in another assembly, but also to hold a coffee morning for parents (March 17<sup>th</sup> from 8.45am in the Sunshine Room, near the school office).

Please let us know if there is something in particular you would like us to focus on for parents, and we will try our best to deliver!

### Applications for Sept 2026

Applications have now closed for this round of admissions for the academic year of 2026-27. However, it is always good to know that we have just a handful of places left for anyone new to the area – please spread the word!

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!

### APDRs

Our parent evening for parents with pupils of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) children is on 11<sup>th</sup> February. Appointments for this can be booked online via School Cloud at [SchoolCloud - St Elizabeth's Catholic Voluntary Academy](#). Bookings will go live on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February at 1pm. When booking you can decide if you would like an online or a face-to-face meeting, this is selected by you at the time of booking – just click to show your preference.

### 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.

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

Calendar for 2025-26		
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Assembly for Y2, 3, 4, 5 with Compass on “Well-being warriors”.	All pupils in years 2, 3, 4 and 5.
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Special menu from the canteen on a winter Olympics theme.	All pupils.
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Y4 leading Celebration of the Word at 3pm.	All pupils and parents/carers of Y4.
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	The start of internet Safety Week and also Children's Mental health Week.	
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> February	Y6 talk from Police on Cyber bullying and internet safety.	Y6 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.

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Compass leading “Colour Monster” workshops for Reception, Year 1 and 2 to help children understand feelings.	Pupils in Reception, Y1 and Y2.
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	Y2 trip to Belper Fire Station	Y2 pupils
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	3pm Reception class leading the Celebration of the word.	All pupils and parents of Reception class.
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
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Compass coffee morning for parents from 8.45am	All parents, in the Sunshine Room (near the school office).
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 trip to Nottingham Halls of Justice – focus on cyber bullying.	Y6 pupils.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	3pm Y1 leading Celebration of the word.	All pupils and parents of Y1 class.
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 at 2pm on the school field – wellies or walking boots allowed!	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 27 <sup>th</sup> April	2pm Compass talk to Y6 about SATs.	All Y6 pupils.
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 Chaplaincy 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 25th 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	5pm New starters meeting for September 2026 in EYFS.	Parents of new starters.
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Week of phonics screening begins.	All Y1 pupils.
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	First Holy Communion celebration in school all for children in the Belper Parish making their FHC.	Pupils and families of children making their FHC.
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.
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Compass to talk with Y6 about their transition to secondary schools.	All Y6 pupils.
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	New starters afternoon in EYFS for Sept 2026.	EYFS new starters.
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Book Bus coming to school 1pm until 4.45pm.	All pupils during school time, parents welcome after school.
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 classroom and with their new teacher in readiness for next academic year.	All pupils.
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

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	6pm Outdoor disco. Exit and entry to this is via the side pedestrian gate.	All pupils welcome.
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.