



JOY FORGIVENESS RESPECT SERVICE PEACE STEWARDSHIP

NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 11th March
2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent Consultation Evenings

Parent Consultations Evenings are Weds 11th and Thurs 12th March, on SchoolCloud.

Any problems with booking please contact Mrs Hyde or Mrs Plastow in the school office and, as always, they will endeavour to help. School phone number 01772 822278.

INSET

Please remember we have staff INSET on Friday 13th March so school will be closed to all children.

KidZone will be available should you need their support. You can contact Marie from KidZone on 07738 353094.

Parent Profiles

Arbor is used as our system in school to keep all contact information secure, but also readily available should we need to contact you. Please pop onto your Arbor profile and check your contact details are up to date. If you would like any support with this, please contact the office on 01773 822278.

Compass Coffee morning

On Tuesday 17th March we are hosting a coffee morning from drop off time (8.45am) in the Sunshine Room. Please feel free to join us for a cuppa and a chat from 8.45am until 10.15am. Compass will be there so that you can hear about services they offer. Please come into school via the office door and you will be warmly welcomed.

World Book Day

What a wonderful day of celebrating reading! The children loved the escape rooms, guessing the masked reader, taking part in our morning assembly with the reading ambassadors and parading their costume and even decorating potatoes – but most of all reading! Our reading survey is now live; to take part please click on the link below (it only takes 1 min 30 sec to complete). As always, your views are important to us so that we can continue to offer the best for our children.

[Reading Survey 2026 - Fill in form](#)

SEA Family Bingo Night

Please join us for the SEA Family Bingo Night on Friday 20th March from 6pm. It is a pre-ticket booking system so that we can order Bingo cards and jacket potatoes for the “meal deal” on offer. Use the QR codes below to book.



Bingo only tickets



Bingo Meal Deal tickets



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Reminder - Big Lent Walk and Read-a-thon

We will be taking part in the Big Lent Walk as a school on the afternoon of Thursday 26th March starting at 2pm. This will be a course around the school field with areas of reflection on the route. Children will need to wear their active PE uniform and of course are allowed to bring coats/waterproofs/wellies/boots for the appropriate weather on the day.

Read-a-thon - this fund raising is for school. Our Sponsored Read-a-Thon is a fun and exciting way for children to celebrate reading while helping our school library grow! Pupils will spend time reading books they enjoy, both at school and at home, and can ask family and friends to sponsor them for their reading efforts – for example, by donating a small amount for simply taking part or for the number of minutes, pages or books they read. All money raised will go directly towards replenishing and updating our school library, helping us buy new books and resources that inspire a love of reading for every child. By taking part, pupils are not only building their reading skills, but also helping create a library full of fresh, exciting stories for everyone to enjoy.

Please reassure children that there is no pressure to raise lots of money for both, they may want to select one to focus upon or divide sponsors between the charities.

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!

In order to help us know how to share our strengths with other families please could you take 2 minutes to complete the survey below – thank you for the lovely comments we have received so far!

[Parent Questionnaire Feb 2026 – Fill in form](#)

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

Calendar for 2025-26		
Tuesday 10 th March	Police led workshop on Digital Footprints for Y5 and Y6.	Pupils in Y5 and Y6.



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Wednesday 11 th March	Parent Consultation Evenings, via School Cloud.	Parents of all pupils.
Thursday 12 th March	Y2 trip to Belper Fire Station	Y2 pupils
Thursday 12 th March	3pm Reception class leading the Celebration of the word.	All pupils and parents of Reception class.
Thursday 12 th March	Parent Consultation Evenings, via School Cloud.	Parents of all pupils.
Friday 13 th March	INSET	School closed to all pupils
Tuesday 17 th March	Compass coffee morning for parents from 8.45am	All parents, in the Sunshine Room (near the school office).
Thursday 19 th March	Y6 trip to Nottingham Halls of Justice – focus on cyber bullying.	Y6 pupils.
Thursday 19 th March	3pm Y1 leading Celebration of the word.	All pupils and parents of Y1 class.
Friday 20 th March	6pm-7.30pm SEA Bingo night – come and join us for a night of Bingo with the whole family!	All families welcome in the school hall from 6pm onwards.
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 at 2pm on the school field – wellies or walking boots allowed!	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 27 th April	2pm Compass talk to Y6 about SATs.	All Y6 pupils.
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	All Pupils and then Faith In Action Team.

	Chaplaincy Team then deliver these to the Elderly people in Belper.	
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	5pm New starters meeting for September 2026 in EYFS.	Parents of new starters.
Monday 8 th June	Week of phonics screening begins.	All Y1 pupils.
Saturday 13 th 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 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.
Monday 22 nd June	Compass to talk with Y6 about their transition to secondary schools.	All Y6 pupils.
Wednesday 24 th June	New starters afternoon in EYFS for Sept 2026.	EYFS new starters.
Thursday 25 th June	Book Bus coming to school 1pm until 4.45pm.	All pupils during school time, parents welcome after school.
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
Friday 17 th July	6pm Outdoor disco. Exit and entry to this is via the side pedestrian gate.	All pupils welcome.
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.